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**Jockey Club of Canada Graded Stakes Committee Announces
Upgrades for 2018**

The Jockey Club of Canada's Graded Stakes Committee held its annual review of the Graded and Listed Stakes in Canada and will have several upgrades for 2018.

The Graded Stakes Committee meeting was conducted by Committee Chair, Ross McKague and accompanied by all Committee Members as well as the attending race advisors, Jason Teague, Stuart Slagle, Steve Lym, Tim Lawson, Paul Ryneveld and Tom Cosgrove.

After reviewing the NARC figures for all Graded and Listed races in Canada, the Committee determined that the following races would be upgraded in 2018:

- The Summer Stakes** will be upgraded from a **G2** to **G1**
- The Highlander Stakes** will be upgraded from **G2** to **G1**
- The Royal North Stakes** will be upgraded from **G3** to **G2**
- The Trillium Stakes** will move from **Listed Status** to **G3**

Along with the upgrades, the Speed to Spare Stakes did not receive sufficient RQS numbers in 2017 and therefore will lose its Black-Type status in 2018, disqualifying it from Listed Status.

The Jockey Club of Canada Graded Stakes Committee evaluates and reviews the Graded Stakes in Canada annually and determines whether races should be upgraded, downgraded or remain the same. The Committee bases their decisions on the cumulative NARC ratings for five consecutive years.

Graded Stakes for 2018 in Canada:

Name of Stakes Race	G/L/R	Dist	Track	Age/Sex
Current G1s				
Canadian International (Pattison)	G1	12T	WO	3up
Woodbine Mile (Ricoh)	G1	8T	WO	3up
Northern Dancer Turf	G1	12T	WO	3up
E.P. Taylor Stakes	G1	10T	WO	3up f/m
Natalma Stakes	G1	8T	WO	2yof
Summer Stakes	G1	8T	WO	2yo
Highlander Stakes	G1	6T	WO	3up
Current G2s				
Sky Classic Stakes	G2	11T	WO	3up
Nijinsky Stakes	G2	10T	WO	3up
Play The King Stakes	G2	7T	WO	3up
King Edward Stakes	G2	8T	WO	3up
Autumn Stakes	G2	8.5	WO	3up
Kennedy Road Stakes	G2	6	WO	3up
Nearctic Stakes	G2	6T	WO	3up
Connaught Cup Stakes	G2	7T	WO	4up
Eclipse Stakes	G2	8.5	WO	4up
Nassau Stakes	G2	8T	WO	3up f/m
Dance Smartly Stakes	G2	10T	WO	3up f/m
Canadian Stakes	G2	9T	WO	3up f/m
Bessarabian Stakes	G2	7	WO	3up f/m
Royal North Stakes	G2	6T	WO	3up f/m
Current G3s				
Grey Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	2yo

Mazarine Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	2yof
Marine Stake	G3	8.5	WO	3yo
BC Premiers H.	G3	11	HST	3up
Seagram Cup Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	3up
Dominion Day Stakes	G3	10	WO	3up
Singspiel Stakes	G3	12T	WO	3up
Durham Cup Stakes	G3	9	WO	3up
Valedictory Stakes	G3	14	WO	3up
Bold Venture	G3	6.5	WO	3up
Vigil Stakes	G3	7	WO	4up
Ballerina Stakes	G3	9	HST	3up f/m
Ontario Fashion Stakes	G3	6	WO	3up f/m
Seaway Stakes	G3	7	WO	3up f/m
Maple Leaf Stakes	G3	10	WO	3up f/m
Ontario Matron Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	3up f/m
Whimsical Stakes	G3	6	WO	4up f/m
Hendrie Stakes	G3	6.5	WO	4up f/m
British Columbia Derby	G3	9	HST	3yo
Canadian Derby	G3	11	NP	3yo
Ontario Derby	G3	9	WO	3yo
Selene Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	3yof
Ontario Colleen Stakes	G3	8T	WO	3yof
Trillium Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	3up f/m

For complete information visit:

<http://www.jockeyclubcanada.com/2018-graded-stakes-in-canada/>

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