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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR MEET BEGINS THURSDAY;  
FOUR STAKES TO BE OFFERED DURING 12-DAY SEASON**

CYPRESS, Calif. ---The Los Angeles County Fair meet at Los Alamitos will begin Thursday, Sept. 7.

The 12-day season will continue through Sunday, Sept. 24 with racing conducted on a Thursday-Sunday basis. Post time will be 2 p.m.

The three-week meet will include four stakes worth a combined \$350,000, including a pair of races for 2-year-olds at 6 ½ furlongs.

Fillies will compete in the \$100,000 Barretts Debutante Saturday, Sept. 16, one week before colts & geldings get together in the \$100,000 Barretts Juvenile. The races are restricted to horses offered at any Barretts sale.

The first Saturday of the meet – Sept. 9 – will feature a stakes doubleheader. Three-year-old fillies will run six furlongs in the \$75,000 Beverly J. Lewis Stakes while California bred 3-year-olds & up – will contest the \$75,000 E.B. Johnston Stakes at one mile.

Track gates – including the Clubhouse and Vessels Club – will open at 9:30 a.m. General parking is free with grandstand admission \$3 (\$2 for seniors).

The wagering menu includes the Pick Six, a pair of Pick 4's – races 2-5 and the final four races – as well as the extremely popular Players' Pick 5 – a 50-cent minimum wager with a reduced 14% takeout rate which is offered on the first five races.

In addition to the Barretts Debutante and Juvenile, the Sept. 16 and Sept. 23 programs will feature a live money handicapping contest with three seats available to the 2018 National Thoroughbred Racing Association National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas.

Passes to the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, which began Friday, Sept. 1 and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 24 will be given away – one per paid admission while supplies last – at Los Alamitos on opening week of the race meet (September 7-10), plus on additional selected dates of the meet.

Closing day (Sept. 24) fans will have a chance to enter a drawing for an opportunity to win one of eight Smart HDTV's.

The eight-race opening day program attracted 64 entrants.