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Centaur Stakes Renamed to Caesars Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Aug. 17, 2018) – Indiana Grand Racing & Casino is announcing a name change to the richest day of turf race in Indiana. The \$200,000-guaranteed race, formerly known as the Centaur Stakes, will now run under the name Caesars Stakes. The race with a Listed status draws Graded Stakes caliber three-year-olds each season. For the first time in the 13-year history of the race, it will be contested at a distance of one and one-sixteenth miles in 2018. The turf race is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 5 with a first race post time of 2:05 p.m.

The Caesars Stakes began the inaugural season of racing in 2003 as the \$40,000 Oliver Stakes. In 2013, the race was renamed to Centaur Stakes.

The Caesar's Stakes will be joined on the Wednesday, Sept. 5 racing program by the 10th running of the \$200,000-guaranteed Indiana

Grand Stakes for three-year-old fillies. Both races will be complemented with handicapping support from Peter Lurie, nationally known racing analyst and handicapper.

Nominations for both the Caesars Stakes and the Indiana Grand Stakes closed Wednesday Aug. 15. A full list of those included on this year's nomination list along with past performances may be found at www.indianagrand.com under the racing tab at the top of the homepage.

The 16th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing continues through Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 p.m. EST with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 p.m. EST. A special Thursday racing program will be held Sept. 6 with a 2:05 p.m. post time.

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, which is owned and operated by a subsidiary of Caesars Entertainment Corporation (NASDAQ: CZR), holds multiple awards for customer service, entertainment, gaming, dining, and diversity. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,200 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile dirt race course and a seven-eighths mile turf course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Winner's Circle Brewpub & OTB located on the casino floor as well as a Winner's Circle OTB located in Clarksville, Ind. For more information, please visit www.IndianaGrand.com. Must be 18 or older to wager on horse racing at racetracks and 21 or older to gamble at casinos. Know When To Stop Before You Start.® Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-9-WITH-IT (1-800-994-8448) ©2018 Caesars License Company, LLC.