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The Canadian Graded Stakes Committee met on January 30, 2010 to review races eligible for grading for 2010. Thirty-five races were given graded status.

Following the meeting, Michael Byrne, Chairman of the Canadian Graded Stakes Committee, announced that five races received Grade 1 status, 9 races received Grade 2 status and 21 races were given Grade 3 status.

Two changes were made from the 2009 schedule: The Nearctic Stakes was upgraded from Grade 2 to Grade 1 and the Scotts Highlander Stakes was upgraded from Grade 3 to Grade 2.

To qualify for graded status in Canada, races must carry the following minimum purses; \$250,000 CDN - Grade 1, \$150,000 CDN - Grade 2 and \$100,000 CDN - Grade 3.

Canadian Graded Stakes for 2010

NAME OF STAKES RACE	GRADE	DISTANCE	TRACK	AGE/SEX
GRADE 1				
Canadian International (Pattison)	G1	12T	WO	3up
Woodbine Mile	G1	8T	WO	3up
E.P. Taylor Stakes	G1	10T	WO	3up f/m
Northern Dancer Turf	G1	12T	WO	3up
Nearctic Stakes	G1	6T	WO	3up
GRADE 2				
Sky Classic Stakes	G2	11T	WO	3up
Autumn Stakes	G2	8.5	WO	3up
Nijinsky Stakes	G2	10T	WO	3up
Play The King Stakes	G2	7T	WO	3up
King Edward Stakes	G2	9T	WO	3up
Nassau Stakes	G2	8.5T	WO	3up f/m
Dance Smartly Stakes	G2	9T	WO	3up f/m
Canadian Stakes	G2	9T	WO	3up f/m
Highlander Stakes	G2	6T	WO	3up
GRADE 3				
Grey Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	2yo
Summer Stakes	G3	8T	WO	2yo
Mazarine Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	2yof
Natalma Stakes	G3	8T	WO	2yof
BC Premiers Handicap	G3	11	HST	3up
Seagram Cup Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	3up

Singspiel Stakes	G3	12T	WO	3up
Dominion Day Stakes	G3	10	WO	3up
Kennedy Road Stakes	G3	6	WO	3up
Eclipse Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	3up
Durham Cup Stakes	G3	9	WO	3up
Ballerina Stakes	G3	9	HST	3up f/m
Seaway Stakes	G3	7	WO	3up f/m
Royal North Stakes	G3	6T	WO	3up f/m
Hendrie Stakes	G3	6.5	WO	3up f/m
British Columbia Derby	G3	9	HST	3yo
Canadian Derby	G3	11	NP	3yo
Selene Stakes	G3	8.5	WO	3yof
Vigil Stakes	G3	7	WO	4up
Connaught Cup Stakes	G3	8.5T	WO	4up
Whimsical Stakes	G3	6	WO	4up f/m