

Ohio Breeder's Award Program Complete Rules

(A.) A portion of the discretionary funds that are paid to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (the "OHHA") by the Standardbred permit holders from the video lottery terminal wagering will be used to pay breeder's awards to the owners of the dams of Standardbred horses that were born in 2013 and thereafter and are sired by a stallion that was registered as a Standardbred stallion with the Ohio State Racing Commission for the applicable breeding season. Breeder's awards will be paid beginning with the 2016 racing season. No Later than December 31 of each year beginning in 2016, the OHHA will establish the total sum that will be paid as breeder's awards with respect to races conducted during the next succeeding calendar year. "Breeder" is defined as any person(s), entity or entities listed as the Breeder on the registration certificate.

(B.) All horses born in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 that meet the requirements of subsection (A) will be eligible to earn breeder's awards for the Breeder(s) of the foals without their dams being registered pursuant to subsection (C).

(C.) For mares bred in 2018 with foals of 2019 and thereafter, in addition to the requirements of subsection (A), the following eligibility requirements will apply:

1. The horse must be born in the State of Ohio and the dam must reside in the State of Ohio during the year of foaling for a continuous period that is not less than one hundred eighty-seven (187) days. Continuous residency is subject to exceptions for acts of God, medical emergency, or participation in an out-of-state public sale for a period of up to fourteen days. Valid exceptions must be reported on an Exception Waiver Form to the OHHA no later than 48 hours after moving the mare out-of-state and must provide full details for the exception to apply.
2. The dam of the horse must be registered with the breeder's award program with the OHHA between September 1st and November 30th of the year of breeding. All forms necessary will be provided by the OHHA by request and will be available for download from the OHHA website. Beginning with mares bred in 2018 and thereafter, the breeder(s) of each horse must be members of the OHHA in the year of foaling. Validly executed Assignments of Interest for Breeders Awards are accepted if signed by the Breeder(s) and only if the Breeders Award and the Breeder(s) are in good standing, with active Memberships at the time of Assignment on the Interest.
3. The information that is provided at the time of registration of the mare shall include the name and tattoo number of the mare, the name of the Ohio-registered stallion that the mare was bred to, the location in the State of Ohio where the mare resides or will reside during the year of foaling, the date when the mare began residency or is expected to begin residency in the State of Ohio, and the names and addresses of the Breeder(s) of the mare at the time of registration with the program. The form shall include a sworn verification-certifying residency pursuant to Paragraph 1, for the mare. At the time of registration of the mare the Breeder(s) shall also provide a completed I.R.S. W9 Form and Full Waiver and Consent to enter onto the resident mare's property for residency verification purposes.

(D.) For mares bred in 2019 with foals of 2020 and thereafter, the dam of the horse must be registered with the breeder's award program with the OHHA between September 1st and November 30th of the year of breeding. Any mare registration received at the OHHA office from December 1st to midnight December 31st shall include an additional \$100 late-registration fee per mare. If not automatically accompanied by the late-registration fee you will be invoiced, non-payment of the late registration fee will result in a failure to register the mare for that year's Breeder's Awards program. All mare registrations and fees must be received by the OHHA office by midnight December 31st. All forms necessary will be provided by the OHHA by request and will be available for download from the OHHA website.

1. A registration fee of \$20.00 per mare will be charged, payable to the OHHA at the time of registration, together with the OHHA membership fee if not previously paid, and any late-registration fee.

(E.) Ohio breeder's awards shall be paid only for two and three-year-olds racing in 2016 forward. Breeder's awards will be payable for the following eight categories:

- (1) 2-year-old trotting fillies
- (2) 2-year-old trotting colts.
- (3) 2-year-old pacing fillies
- (4) 2-year-old pacing colts
- (5) 3-year-old trotting fillies
- (6) 3-year-old trotting colts
- (7) 3-year-old pacing fillies
- (8) 3-year-old pacing colts

1. The Ohio stake races that will be counted in calculating breeder's awards consist of:
 - (a) Standardbred Development Fund Races the, "Ohio Sires Stake" races.

- (b) The “Buckeye Stallion Series” races
- (c) The Ohio State Fair Stake races
- (d) The “Ohio Fair Championship” races
- (e) The “Ohio Breeders Championship” Stake races
- (f) Any other Ohio Breeder’s stake races
- (g) All stake races conducted by county agricultural societies and independent agricultural societies with purse money provided in whole or in part by the Ohio Fair Funds
- (h) Any other Ohio stake races that are approved by the OHHA no later than December 31st of each year beginning in 2016 for foals born the following year.

2. The award earned by each horse will be based on the purse dollars earned by that horse in Ohio stakes races each year compared to the total purse dollars earned by all of the horses in its category in Ohio stake races that year that are eligible to earn breeder’s awards, expressed as a percentage. The OHHA Board will establish the total amount of breeder’s awards for each category each year by December 31st. That percentage will be multiplied by the total dollars that are allocated to breeder’s awards for the horses in that category, with the result rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Any breeder’s award that calculates to less than \$50.00 will be treated as \$0 earned and not be paid. If there are multiple Breeders, the Breeder’s Award check will be issued to the Breeder listed first on the Registration. If any or a portion of the Breeder’s Award remains unpaid due to the failure of the Breeder to supply all information requested by the OHHA upon request or the OHHA is unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the Breeder or his Beneficiary after sending a certified letter, return receipt requested to the last known address, and further diligent effort to ascertain the Breeder or his Beneficiary’s whereabouts, 1 year from the date the Breeder’s Award was payable, the Award shall be forfeited in its entirety and revert-back to the Administrative Account used for the administrative expense of the program.

(F.) For mares that are registered with the breeder’s award program as described in subsection (C), the OHHA shall be entitled to visit the farm where a mare was reported to reside on one or more occasions to confirm the mare’s residency at that location during the year of foaling. If access to the farm or mare is denied, or if the mare is not residing at that farm and is not otherwise confirmed as residing in or has not resided in the State of Ohio during that time, the foal that is delivered by that mare with respect to that year of registration will not be eligible to the breeder’s award program.