

Ohio Breeders' Award Program Rules

- (A) A portion of the discretionary funds that are paid to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association ("OHHA") by the Standardbred permit holders from video lottery terminal ("VLT") wagering will be used to pay Breeders' Awards to the owners of the dams of Standardbred horses sired by a stallion that was registered as a Standardbred stallion with the Ohio State Racing Commission ("OSRC") for the breeding season. Each year, OHHA will establish the total amount that will be paid as Breeders' Awards with respect to races conducted during the next succeeding calendar year. "Breeder" is defined as any person or entity listed as the breeder of record with the United States Trotting Association ("USTA.")
- (B) The following eligibility requirements will apply:
 - 1. The foal must be born in the State of Ohio and the dam must reside in 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. Valid exceptions must be reported to OHHA within 72 hours of moving out of state.
 - 2. All listed breeders of each horse must have OHHA membership in the year of foaling.
 - 3. The information that is provided at the time of registration of the mare shall include the name and USTA registration number of the mare, the name of the Ohio-registered stallion to which the mare was bred, the location in the State of Ohio where the mare resides or will reside during the year of foaling and contact information. Signature on the registration form confirms residency of the mare.
 - 4. Signature on the form provides consent for OHHA representation to enter onto the mare's property for residency verification purposes. If access to the farm or the mare is denied, or if the mare is not residing at that location 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 for the Breeders' Awards program.
- (C) The dam of the horse must be registered with the OHHA Breeders' Award program between September 1st and November 30th of the year of breeding. A registration fee of \$20 per mare will be due, payable to the OHHA at the time of registration, together with OHHA membership fees if not previously paid. Any mare registration received at the OHHA office from December 1st to December 31st shall include an additional \$100 late-registration fee per mare. All mare registrations and fees must be received by the OHHA office by December 31st. Registration forms will be provided by the OHHA on request and will be available on the OHHA website.
- (D) Ohio Breeders' Awards will be paid only in the eight categories raced by two- and three-year old trotting colts and fillies and two- and three-year old pacing colts and fillies.
- (E) Ohio stakes races that will be included in Breeders' Award calculations include:
 - 1. Standardbred Development Fund Ohio Sires Stakes races
 - 2. Buckeye Stallion Series races
 - 3. Ohio State Fair Stake races
 - 4. Ohio Fairs Championship races
 - 5. Ohio Breeders Championship Stake races
 - 6. Any other Ohio Breeders Stake races
 - 7. All stake races conducted by county and independent agricultural societies with purse money provided in whole or in part by the Ohio Fair Funds.
 - 8. Any other Ohio stake races that are approved by the OHHA no later than December 31st of each year.
- (F) The award earned by each horse will be based on the purse dollars earned by that horse in races designated within compared to the total purse dollars earned by all Breeders' Award eligible horses in each category in Ohio, expressed as a percentage. The OHHA Board of Directors will establish the total amount of Breeders' Awards for each category each year by December 31st. The calculated percentage will be multiplied by the total dollars allocated to Breeders' Awards for horses in each category with the result rounding to the nearest whole dollar. Any Breeders' Award that calculates to less than \$50 will be treated as \$0 earned and will not be paid. If there are multiple breeders, the Breeders' Award check will be issued to the breeder listed first on USTA records. If OHHA is unable to locate the breeder or his/her beneficiary within one year from the date the Breeders' Award was issued (after diligent effort and further sending a certified letter, return receipt requested, to the last known address), the award shall be forfeited in its entirety and revert back to OHHA's administrative account for administrative expense of the program. Validly executed assignments of interest for Breeders' Awards are accepted if signed by first-named breeder in USTA records only if the breeder is in good standing with active membership at the time of assignment.