



- I. THE NEW NCHA SUPER STAKES PROGRAM GOES INTO EFFECT THIS YEAR
- II. ALL 2011 FOALS MUST BE NOMINATED BY PAYING 1 FEE OF \$200 DUE December 31, 2011 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NCHA SUPER STAKES AS 4 YR.OLDS, 5 YR. OLDS AND 6 YR. OLDS
- III. SUBSTANTIAL PENALTIES ARE ASSESSED FOR LATE FOAL NOMINATIONS

Dear Mare Owner,

- I. A. The new program of stallion **and foal nominations** starts this year! It promises to bring dramatic increases in the NCHA Super Stakes purses in the years to come and also will eliminate the problems associated with the old program.
 - B. In years past foal owners had to depend on stallion owners to uphold their commitment to subscribe the stallion when your foal reached 4 yrs of age in order to be able to show at the Super Stakes. And also the stallion owners had to subscribe the stallion again the following two years so your foal could compete as a 5 yo and as a 6 yo.
 - C. A number of stallions were advertised during the breeding year as “will be subscribed to all major events as foals become of age to compete.”
 - D. Four years later some of those stallion owners failed to pay their stallion up and as a result, the foals were not eligible to compete.
 - E. The new program will require stallion owners to pay their stallion up **prior to the breeding year** so every mare owner knows exactly which stallions are subscribed when they are making their breeding plans for the year.
 - F. The new program is modeled after long standing very successful stallion/foal nomination incentive programs in other equine disciplines.
 - G. The new program in its maturity will pay 10% of the total stallion added money for the show as breeder awards to the Stallion Subscriber and the Foal Nominator. The top 20 finishers in the Open and Non Pro and the top 10 in the Amateur will receive Breeders Premiums.

- II. A. All 2011 foals **must also** be nominated to the NCHA Super Stakes by paying a onetime fee of \$200 during their weanling year in order to be eligible to compete in the 3 years of Super Stakes competition as a 4 yo, 5yo, 6yo.
 - B. The deadline for Foal nominations is **December 31, 2011. As a result of the transition rules, 2011 and 2012 foals can be nominated without their stallion being subscribed.**
 - C. It is assumed that the individual mare owners have the first right to nominate their foals. However, the nominator of the foal can be whoever chooses to do so.
- III. Substantial penalties are assessed for late nominations of foals.
1. Weanling deadline due December 31, 2011 = \$200
 2. Yearling deadline due December 31, 2012 = \$1250
 3. Two year old deadline due December 31, 2013 = \$7500
 4. Three year old or older = \$10,000

Transitions are always a challenge. NCHA along with the Stallion Owners Committee is working hard to make this transition as painless as possible by focusing on only what needs to occur in 2011 and you can help us plan the next step by indicating your plans regarding nominating your 2011 foals.

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YOUR NAME / RANCH NAME _____

() I HAVE _____ FOALS BORN IN 2011.

() YES, I PLAN TO NOMINATE ___ FOALS BY December 31,2011.

() NO, I DO NOT PLAN TO NOMINATE ANY 2011 FOALS TO THE NCHA SUPER STAKES PROGRAM.

NCHA has created a new website to promote the new Super Stakes Program and give the industry up to date access on what stallions and foals are eligible for the Super Stakes. This will be an excellent tool for stallion owners and breeders for years to come. There is also a great FAQ section to answer questions on the program. Visit www.nchasuperstakes.com

If you have further questions, please contact Janna Robinson in the NCHA office 817-244-6188. One of the committee members will be glad to assist you in explaining this new program. We look forward to working with the stallion owners and mare owners to create a New and Better Super Stakes for all who participate.