



**SUPER STAKES
Stallion Subscription
And
Foal Nomination
Program Rules**

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A. ELIGIBILITY:

1. Stallions
 - a. Stallions must be subscribed as outlined in section B below.
2. Foals
 - a. All foals must be nominated by December 31 of their foaling year to be eligible to compete without penalty in the NCHA Super Stakes (4 year olds) and Super Stakes Classic/Challenge (5 & 6 year olds).
3. A ten day grace period applies to the payment deadlines in these rules. Any payments received by the NCHA after that time will be deemed untimely and subject to the enhanced payment provisions contained in Sections B and C below.
4. Owner of Foal at time of Nomination will be the “Nominator” and remain the “Nominator”.
5. There will be no substitutions and/or refunds for any foal nomination.
6. Subscribers and Nominators must be current NCHA members at the time of the subscription/nomination.

B. FEES FOR STALLION SUBSCRIPTIONS (PER STALLION):

1. A stallion subscription fee is required for each breeding year for which the stallion is being subscribed. Stallions must be subscribed by October 1 prior to the breeding year.
2. **FIRST TIME SUBSCRIBER:** Any stallion that has never been subscribed to the program in any prior year, can be subscribed to the program for a subscription fee of \$1,600.00 (\$1,500.00 fee/\$100 insurance fee) so long as the nomination papers and payment are received by the deadline stated above.
3. Stallion subscription application and fee of \$2,600 is due on or before October 1 prior to the beginning of the breeding season for each year the stallion is to be breed.
 - a. If subscription application and fee is received after October 1 of the breeding season, but before December 31 for the breeding season for which the stallion is being subscribed, the fee is \$3,600.00.
 - b. If subscription application and fee is received by December 31 of the weanling year following the breeding season for which the stallion is being subscribed, the fee is \$4,600.00;
 - c. If subscription application and fee is received by December 31 of the yearling year following the breeding season for which the stallion is being subscribed, the fee is \$6,000.00; and
 - d. If subscription application and fee is received by December 31 of the two year old year following the breeding season for which the stallion is being subscribed or thereafter, the fee is \$7,500.00.

- e. If subscription application and fee is received by December 31 of the three year old for which the stallion is being subscribed or later, the fee is \$10,000.00.
4. **FRESHMAN SIRE:** First year breeding stallions will have until July 1st of the breeding year to subscribe for a subscription fee of \$1,600.00 (\$1,500.00 fee/\$100 insurance fee). Proof of first year breeder status must accompany subscription form.
5. All stallion subscription fees include a \$100.00 stallion insurance fee.
6. Fees collected for stallion subscriptions will be used for Super Stakes added money for the show associated with the breeding crop's 4-year-old year.
7. In the event the sire of a nominated foal is not subscribed but was advertised as subscribing, the stallion subscription insurance program will issue a check for \$2,500 for the subscription of the stallion to the program. The owner of the stallion will be billed \$5,000.
 - a. If the \$5,000 is not paid within 15 days of the billing date, the stallion owner will be suspended until the amount is paid in full.
 - b. When the \$5,000 is paid in full, the entire amount will be credited to the stallion subscription insurance program account.

C. FEES FOR FOAL NOMINATIONS (PER FOAL):

1. The sire of the foal must be subscribed at the time the foal is nominated. No foal nomination will be accepted if the sire is not subscribed at the time of the nomination application.
2. Unregistered Horse Requirements
 - a. DNA testing results will need to be submitted with foal nomination form where registration papers for the Sire or Dam can't be obtained from an equine registry. **EXAMPLE -Foals out of a cloned sire or dam will require DNA testing results be submitted with nomination form.**
 - b. **NCHA Unregistered Horse paperwork will need to be submitted with the foal nomination form. These forms can be found on the NCHA website.**
3. Foal nomination applications and one time \$200 nomination fee is due on or before December 31 of the foals weanling year.
 - a. If a nomination application for a foal of a subscribed stallion is received by December of that foal's yearling year, the nomination fee is \$600.00;
 - b. If a nomination application and for a foal of a subscribed stallion is received by December 31 of that foal's two year old year, the nomination fee is \$2,500.00; and

- c. If a nomination application for a foal of a subscribed stallion is received by December 31 of that foal's three year old year or later, the nomination fee is \$5,000.00.
4. Fees collected will be used for Super Stakes added money for the show associated with the breeding crop's 4-year-old year.

D. USE OF FUNDS:

2011 signaled the start of the new Stallion Subscription & Foal Nomination Program used by the NCHA today. During the transition from the old to the new program, the NCHA loaned the subscription program \$1,500,000 to be used as \$500,000 in Super Stakes added money from 2012 – 2014. The funds are scheduled to be repaid by 2023. After all borrowed funds have been repaid, the amount contributed to the added money for the Super Stakes from the program will be the amount of fees actually generated from the program.

1. SPLIT OF ADDED MONEY:
 - a. As long as the added money contributed to the Super Stakes from the program does not exceed \$600,000, the split be \$50,000 to the Super Stakes Classic and the remainder to the Super Stakes.
 - b. Once the added money contributed to the Super Stakes from the program exceeds \$600,000, the split will be 10% of the added money contributed to the Super Stakes Classic and the remainder to the Super Stakes.
 - c. The split of added money between classes in each show will follow then current NCHA guidelines.
2. SIRE AWARDS (4-year-olds only):

Starting in 2017, 15% of the Stallion Subscription funds (after any loan repayment or administration costs have been deducted) will be used for the sire award. Award split equally between Open, Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Unlimited Amateur and Amateur classes paying the Subscriber of the Sire for the top 5 placings plus ties in each class based on the unit system.
3. FOAL AWARDS (4-year-olds only):

15% of the Foal Nomination funds (after any administration costs have been deducted) will be used for the foal nominator award. Award split equally between Open, Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Unlimited Amateur and Amateur classes paying the Nominator of the Foal for the top 7 placings plus ties in each class based on the unit system.

E. ADMINISTRATION:

An administration fee of \$50,000 will be deducted from the Stallion Subscription & Foal Nomination Program as long as an NCHA staff person is dedicated to the processing and approval of subscriptions and nominations. This cost will be split with 75% being deducted from the total Foal Nomination funds and 25% being deducted from the total Stallion Subscription funds each year.

F. DEFINITIONS

Added Money – Funds from the program designated to go to the Super Stakes purse and Super Stakes Classic purse as defined above.

Administration Fee – Fee paid to NCHA to administer the Stallion / Foal Program.

Dam – Female parent of a foal

Foal – A young horse

Freshman Sire – A stallion that has never been breed before.

Nominator – An NCHA member that nominates their foal to the program

Nominator Award – Award paid to the foal nominator if foal places in the top 7 of the major classes during the Super Stakes.

Sire – male parent of a foal

Sire Award – Award paid to the Sire Owner if foal places in the top 5 of any of the major classes during the Super Stakes.

Subscriber – An NCHA member that subscribes their stallion to the program.

Yearling – Horse that is one year old.

Weinling – A horse that has just been weaned, usually between 6 months and a year old.

AQHA – American Quarter Horse Association

APHA – American Paint Horse Association

NCHA – National Cutting Horse Association

DNA - a molecule that carries the genetic instructions used in the growth, development, functioning and reproduction of all known living organisms

G. REVISION HISTORY

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H. EXHIBIT 1 (FEE TABLES)

Stallion Subscription Fees

Freshman Sire - Prior to July 1 st of Breeding Year	\$ 1,600
First Time Subscriber – Prior to October 1st of the breeding year	\$ 1,600
Prior to October 1st of the breeding year	\$ 2,600
October 12th of the prior year through December 31 st of the breeding year	\$ 3,600
January 1 st through December 31 st of foals weanling year	\$ 4,600
January 1 st through December 31 st of foals yearling year	\$ 6,000
January 1 st through December 31 st of foals two year old year	\$ 7,500
January 1 st through December 31 st of foals three year old year	\$ 10,000

* All stallion subscription fees include a \$100.00 stallion insurance fee.

** 10 day grace period applies

Foal Nomination Fees

Weanling Year on or before December 31st	\$ 200
Yearling Year on or before December 31st	\$ 600
Two Year Old Year or before December 31st	\$ 2,500
Three Year Old Year and Older or before December 31st	\$ 5,000

* 10 day grace period applies