

BREED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (BIP)

“Foaled in Alberta” Bonuses & Incentives

TO PROMOTE AND CHAMPION “ALBERTA-BRED” RACE HORSES

QH Program Rules - 2019

DEFINITION: “ALBERTA-BRED” means a foal born in the Province of Alberta.

It is important that those intending to participate in the Quarter Horse Racing program in Alberta, read and understand the BIP program criteria as outlined below. This document will be updated annually to inform BIP program participants of requirements that must be met in order to receive Program benefits.

1.0 MEMBERSHIP – All PARTICIPANTS must be a current member of the AQHRA to receive BIP bonuses & incentives. The membership year is January 1 – December 31. No accumulation of BIP Bonus funding will occur if the Owner/Breeder is not a member of the AQHRA. Payment of membership fee is required at the beginning of the calendar year to ensure all eligible funding is received. Up to date contact information is essential to distribute the proceeds of the BIP program efficiently and cost effectively.

2.0 AB-BRED ACCREDITATION OF ELIGIBLE HORSE – required in order to determine and confirm a horse’s eligibility to participate in AB-Bred Races and Breed Improvement Program Bonuses, Owners/Breeders are required to have their horse(s) eligibility confirmed by completing the AQHRA Alberta-Bred Declaration Form. Having “Alberta” as the location foaled on a horse’s registration certificate is not sufficient to be eligible for the Alberta-Bred programs and incentives. The accreditation form and horse’s original registration papers must be submitted to the AQHRA. Upon review and acceptance, the registration papers will be stamped “Accredited Alberta-Bred” and returned to the Owner/Breeder. For pregnant mares moving to Alberta and to be foaled in Alberta, the mare must be “Accredited Alberta-Bred” in order to be eligible for ‘foaled in Alberta’ Breeder bonuses.

Alberta Resident: A third party witness (neither a family member nor employee etc., preferably a Veterinarian) is required only if foal born in Alberta was **not sired by a resident nominated Alberta Stallion Stakes Program Sire.**

Non-Residents: Must have an **Alberta Veterinary’s certificate and signature** to verify the foal was born in Alberta to submit with the Alberta Bred Quarter Horse Declaration.

2.1 Accreditation of a Bred Mare purchased/leased out of province and foaled in Alberta – The Owner/Alberta-bred Breeder must also accredit the mare (complete section on AQHRA Alberta-Bred Declaration Form) in order to be eligible for “foaled in Alberta” Breeder bonuses on resulting foal. If

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registered, a copy of the mare’s registration papers or other identification documentation is required showing evidence of ownership/lease to document offspring resulting from Embryo Transfer Procedures (as per American Quarter Horse Association- AQHA rules).

2.2 Accreditation of eligible horse must be approved and on file with the AQHRA prior to nominating into any AB-Bred Races or prior to entry in any other race in order to have eligible earnings for BIP bonuses.

2.3 No BIP monies will be released without accreditation being filed, AQHRA membership paid and approved by the AQHRA. The onus is on the Owner/Breeder to submit the required documentation to become eligible for the incentives.

3.0 STALLIONS – to participate in the Alberta Stallion Owners Incentive funding the stallion must be a PARTICIPANT in the Alberta Stallion Stakes Program and the stallion must stand the entire breeding season in the province of Alberta. Refer to Alberta Stallion Stakes Program on the AQHRA website for program and nomination information.

3.1 Death of a Nominated Stallion - the Alberta Stallion standing in Alberta will be allowed to remain in the program for up to five years after his death (2016 initiating the program as year one). **To be eligible the Stallion must be Alberta Stallion Stakes nominated and remain Alberta Stallion Stakes nominated for each of the five years.** Clarification: If the stallion dies in 2016 then 2017 is considered year one and 2021 year five. No bonus will be payable after year five; Minimums apply, membership required and the deceased stallion must be a continuous participating member in the Alberta Stallion Stakes Program.

3.2 If the Nominated Stallion is sold within the province - and the stallion remains in the program then the bonus monies move to the new Owner for the calendar year following the sale of the stallion. If the stallion is not paid into the Alberta Stallion Stakes Program the bonuses cease the year after the sale of the stallion.

3.3 If the stallion is sold out of province the nominated stallion’s bonuses payable cease after the year following the sale of the stallion unless the horse is nominated and stands the following breeding season in Alberta.

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4.0 MINIMUM PAYOUT— a bonus payment will be paid on eligible races after the conclusion of the Alberta Racing season if the following applies and a minimum payout is met:

- a) race is carded in QH distances (yards) and
- b) races that have four (4) or less starters will not be eligible

4.1 Stallion Bonus - *Minimum payout* is \$250 per stallion. If the minimum payout is not achieved the stallion receives no payout and the excess is redistributed and prorated among all stallions receiving a bonus that calendar year.

4.2 Owner/Breeder Bonus – *Minimum payout* is \$100 per owner or breeder. If minimum payout is not achieved the Owner/Breeder receives no payout and the excess is redistributed and prorated among all the Owners/Breeders receiving a bonus that calendar year.

4.3 Death of Owner/Breeder - bonuses cease the year following the death of Owner/Breeder.

5.0 UNCLAIMED (OR UNDELIVERABLE) PAYMENTS — The Association acts as an intermediary and pays out the bonuses on behalf of Horse Racing Alberta. Any unclaimed or undeliverable payments that are not cleared by July 1st of the following year will be carried over to the subsequent year bonus allocation. The AQHRA shall have no liability for unclaimed BIP incentives and bonuses.