



2009 VQHA BREEDERS INCENTIVE PROGRAM RULES & REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL RULES

This Program is established solely for the purpose of promoting the Quarter Horse Breeding Industry of Virginia, and is to function in conjunction with the Virginia Quarter Horse Association, Inc. (VQHA) Futurity Show.

All monies and records for said program shall be kept separate from VQHA Futurity monies and records. Funds for this program shall be derived from the VQHA Breeders' Incentive Program (as herein described), private or corporate sponsorships, Breeders' Incentive Program (BIP) entry fees (including late fees) and/or other promotional events as designated by the VQHA Breeder's Incentive Committee.

The General Rules can only be amended by the VQHA Breeders Incentive Program Committee and are amended in the best interest of VQHA.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Eligibility for Futurity BIP is determined by stallions sold in that year's Stallion Service sale.
- i. The 2009 BIP Futurity classes are open to all offspring of stallions whose services have been sold in the BIP Stallion Service Sale in accordance with the 2009 Stallion Service Sale.
- b. Any stallion not sold for any given breeding year may become eligible by paying a fee by show date equal to 60% of the advertised stud fee for the stated breeding season. Any person paying this fee will not be entitled to any breeding connected with the Stallion Service Sale.
- c. Get of a deceased stallion may be kept eligible for the BIP classes by a payment of 60% of the last advertised stud fee by August 1st of the year the Futurity is held. This option is only for 2 years after the date of death.
- d. All owners of record and exhibitors of BIP eligible horses must be members of VQHA in good standing by either joining as a regular VQHA member or the special Futurity VQHA membership to participate in the BIP Futurity classes.
- e. All owners of record and exhibitors must adhere to AQHA show rules.
- f. All eligible get sired by eligible stallions may enter the BIP classes.

III. STALLION SERVICE SALE

- a. The Stallion Service Sale will begin at 8:00 AM on the first Monday of November for each year.

b. All mare and stallion owners will be bound by these rules at the time of donation or purchase at the VQHA BIP Stallion Service Sale.

c. The VQHA BIP shall have the right to sell and assign the breeding service at its Annual Stallion Service Sale and the proceeds there from belong to the VQHA BIP.

d. The owner of a mare who shall have purchased such breeding service shall pay to the VQHA BIP, the bid price in full at the time of purchase. No stallion breeding will be considered sold until bid price is paid in full and a selected breeding will continue to be offered for sale until payment is received in full. Payment shall be by cash, check or credit card, but if by check no rights shall accrue to the mare owner until the bank honors the check.

e. Upon payment of the purchase price in full, the following rights, duties and obligations accrue

i. The mare owner shall have the right to have the stallion service the mare to produce one live foal. If the mare cannot be bred, dies or is vet certified as breeding unsound before birth of a foal, the owner shall be entitled to a return privilege the following year for that mare or a substitute mare, in which case no live foal is warranted. A foal is live if it stands and suckles.

ii. If the stallion dies or becomes unfit for service before service of the mare occurs, the purchase price shall be refunded in full.

iii. If the stallion dies or becomes unfit for service after service of the mare occurs and no live foal results, then the mare owner shall receive credit for the purchase price at the next succeeding stallion sale. If not so used, said purchase price shall become forfeited and no refund shall be due. If no succeeding sale is held, the purchase price shall be refunded in full. If the mare is returned to race or performance training after pronounced in foal, the live foal guarantee becomes null and void and all return privileges are canceled.

Mare owner acknowledges that payment submitted and delivery of mare for breeding constitutes in and of itself acceptance of all terms and conditions of this agreement

f. The stallion owner will not be responsible for any disease, accident, sickness and/or death of mare or foal, and similarly mare owner will not be responsible for any disease, accident, sickness or death of the stallion.

g. VQHA shall not be held liable for accident, sickness or death to any stallion, mare or foal or to any party involved in the breeding of any mare or stallion.

h. The mare, in order to qualify for this breeding service, must be halter broken.

i. Board will be charged to the mare owner at the regular rates for the year in which the breeding occurs. All veterinarian bills for the mare are the responsibility of the mare owner.

j. Stallion owners will diligently try to settle the mare to the best of their abilities, and shall have the absolute discretion to determine the best method to breed each mare, including the right to retain a licensed veterinarian to assist therein. The mare owners shall pay for any veterinarian expenses incurred thereby.

k. When cooled semen is used to breed the mare, the mare owner will comply with the stallion owner's contract as required.

l. A breeder's certificate shall be furnished to the mare owner upon payment in full of all costs, by the stallion owner, including but not limited to board and veterinarian expenses owned and birth of a live foal. It shall be the responsibility of the Mare owner to notify the stallion owner of the birth of such live foal or failure to deliver a live foal.

m. Right to Assign: The mare owner may assign his, her or its rights herein only with the consent of VQHA BIP and the stallion owner.

n. As the owner of an eligible stallion or mare, you are eligible for one free entry in the VQHA BIP Futurity.

i. The stallion owner may use the free entry for up to 4 years for any get of the stallion donated, and may give this entry to anyone he/she deems for get of the stallion donated. Proper documentation must be provided for this transfer of entry. The Stallion Owner free entry will expire immediately following the futurity show occurring 4 years following the sold breeding season.

ii. The mare owner can use the free entry any time during the eligibility years of the foal resulting from that breeding season.

IV. LOCATION AND TIME

a. The VQHA Breeders Incentive classes shall be held in conjunction with the VQHA Futurity Show at such place as shall be designated by the VQHA Futurity committee.

V. VQHA BIP FUTURITY SHOW

ELIGIBILITY -All horses shown in the BIP Futurity classes must meet the eligibility requirements listed in item **II. ELIGIBILITY**, and must be registered AQHA offspring of an eligible stallion for 2009.

BIP CLASS ENTRIES

i. **ALL ENTRIES** must be accompanied by a copy of the current AQHA registration papers for each horse. In the event of a weanling not yet registered, the unregistered weanling must be shown as **UNNAMED** in accordance to AQHA rules. Foaling dates and AQHA registration eligibility may be subject to confirmation with AQHA.

ii. A copy of a Coggins certificate, issued with 12 months of the VQHA Futurity Show must be presented for each horse 12 months of age or older

iii. The social security number for the owner of record must be submitted for every entry.

iv. Lists of eligible stallions will be kept by the BIP Committee and posted with the BIP rules each year on the VQHA Web Site, www.vaquarterhorse.com.

v. All BIP entry payments must be made to the VQHA Breeders Incentive Program in accordance with payment schedules set forth.

vi. Owners not receiving a free entry must nominate their resulting foals from eligible stallions to the Breeders Incentive Program according to the following schedule for the 2009 Futurity Show:

ONE TIME ENTRY FEE AS FOLLOWS:

By August 31, 2009 \$100 per class

Do not mail pre-entries after August 31st to ensure processing time.

At the horse show \$150 per class

vii. The USPS postmark will determine the date of payment.

viii. Owners wishing to use their free entry must designate the use of that free entry at the time of class entry.

Thirteen (13) eligible classes are offered as follows:

Class #	Class Name	Class #	Class Name
501	BIP Junior Weanling Stallions	508	BIP Yearling Longe Line - Hunter
502	BIP Senior Weanling Stallions	509	BIP Yearling Longe Line - Western
503	BIP Yearling Stallions	510	BIP 2 Year Old Western Pleasure
504	BIP Junior Weanling Mares	511	BIP 3 Year Old Western Pleasure
505	BIP Senior Weanling Mares	512	BIP 2 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle
506	BIP Yearling Mares	513	BIP 3 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle
507	BIP Yearling Geldings		

Senior weanlings are foaled March 14 and before. Junior weanlings are foaled March 15 and later.

RETURNED CHECKS - Any person submitting a check returned for non-payment will be required to pay a \$35 fee.

SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed at the show for a fee of \$50 per horse within the original class entered.

e. REFUNDS - There will be no return of entry fees under any circumstances.

i. In the event, for any reason, that any or all BIP classes offered at the VQHA Futurity show are canceled, the prize money designated for that year's VQHA Breeder's Incentive Program classes will be distributed to owners of stallions whose breeding was sold and/or owners of live foals resulting from breedings purchased through the corresponding Stallion Service Sale (see section II, a, i), in a manner determined by the Breeder's Incentive Committee.

ii. The right is reserved to reject any entry, and to bar an entry from competition for failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the VQHA, AQHA, and/or the VQHA BIP Futurity without refund.

f. DRUG TESTING & HUMANE TREATMENT - VQHA will apply AQHA rules for all exhibitors and owners including those regarding the use of prohibited substances, eligibility and the humane treatment of animals regardless of the category of class entries.

VI. JUDGING SYSTEM:

Qualified judges will judge all divisions. Decisions of the judges will be final and shall be accepted in the spirit of true sportsmanship. Any complaints must be submitted in writing to futurity officials.

TIES: In event of a tie, the monies for the places involved will be totaled and divided equally among those who are tied. Ties will not be broken for awards. A duly announced tie-breaking judge will determine distribution of prizes. If there is a tie for Champion, they will be designated as Co-Champions and no Reserve Champion will be named.

Each group of judges for each class will determine winners. There will be no go-rounds. All classes will be held in their entirety as one go.

i. The overall average winners will be determined by use of a point system. The first place winner, determined by each judge in that particular class will receive ten (10) points; the second place horse will receive nine (9) points, etc. Classes with less than ten (10) horses will have the score reduced to match the number of entries in that class. At no time will a horse be awarded more points by each judge than the total of horses shown.

ii. Points from all judges will be totaled and the horses having the most number of points will be the overall winners.

iii. All other classes will be placed to 12th place. In the event that classes run concurrently, the judges will ensure that 12 places in both classes are satisfied.

VII. PAYOUTS AND PAYOUT SCHEDULE

When Breeders' Incentive Program payouts are made, the recipient designated on the entry form of winning BIP get will receive 80% of the payout. The stallion owner of record of winning get will receive 20% of the payout.

Stallion owner payouts may only be paid to persons other than the stallion owner of record, when the Futurity Chairperson has received notarized release from the owner prior to the day of the class earning payout.

All prize money will be paid by check.

All recipients of prize money must supply their social security number and corresponding information to the Futurity Chairperson by the time of entry. Failure to supply this information will result in a forfeiture of awards.

e. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

i. All funds collected from the Breeders Incentive Program remain intact, less expenses, for the sole use of the BIP. When all collectibles have been deposited, the books will be closed and

audited. All unpaid accounts will be brought before the VQHA Board of Directors for consideration of legal action.

ii. The BIP purse will be factored and paid to each class based on the total number of paid and free entries for each class. If fewer entries are shown than eligible places to be paid, the total purse will be split among the entries according to how many entries in the class. Classes will be paid as follows for all Halter and Performance classes:

Number of Horses/Places Paid Percentages

Number of Horses	Places Paid	Percentage Paid
1-2	1	100%
3-4	2	60%, 40%
5-6	3	45%, 35%, 20%
7-8	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
9-10	5	34%, 27%, 20%, 10%, 9%
11-12	6	32%, 22%, 19%, 10%, 9%, 8%
13-14	7	28%, 22%, 17%, 10%, 9%, 8%, 6%
15-16	8	26%, 22%, 14%, 10%, 9%, 8%, 6%, 5%
17-19	9	26%, 19%, 13%, 10%, 9%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%
20 or more	10	25%, 18%, 13%, 10%, 8.5%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3.5%

iv. The BIP Chairman shall deduct a maximum of 20% from the combined BIP fund purse to cover direct expenses. The Futurity Chairman’s BIP deduction from the entry fees (25%) shall be applied to VQHA operating expenses prior to the disbursement of funds. All payouts for the BIP prize money will be disbursed within 45 days.

VIII.MISCELLANEOUS: Each owner, trainer, or agent thereof participating in the show is charged with the responsibility of knowing the rules and regulations of the Futurity as set forth in the VQHA BIP Rules and Regulations, and is conclusively presumed to know such rules and regulations by his/her entry in the event.