



Sire Stakes Rules

With the enactment of Act 71 (“Gaming Act”), the General Assembly provided new funding opportunities for the Standardbred racing industry by directing the Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing (“Commission”) to adopt and administer a Standardbred breeders program. Act 71 also provided additional funding to continue to nurture the existing sire stakes program for the betterment of the Standardbred racing industry.

Through the Commission, the Breeders’ Advisory Committee was established and assigned the task of creating guidelines by which Standardbred horse owners/breeders could participate in this voluntary program and to receive specific stallion, breeder and/or sired and bred awards (money) for their horse’s participation.

Below are the established procedures which the Commission has concluded must be followed by any individual who wants his/her horse to be eligible for the Standardbred breeders program and to receive the breeders’ program awards. Since the breeders’ program is a voluntary program, failure to comply with the set procedures and informational requirements could result in the horse not being eligible for the program benefits.

The established procedures are subject to change on an annual basis. Suggested modifications or revisions to the breeders and sire stakes programs can be requested by contacting the Commission and the Standardbred Breeders’ Advisory Committee in writing. The Commission and the Standardbred Breeders’ Advisory Committee will discuss and determine the necessity to adopt any changes necessary to maintain a quality program.

Stallion Registration:

All stallion registrations must be on file with the Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing by February 1st of each racing calendar year.

STALLION: Residency is defined as being present “standing” in Pennsylvania from February 15th through July 4th of the breeding year, permission to change or modify these dates must be submitted in writing prior to the start of the standing period. This includes permission to race - he may not be raced without first receiving written permission from the The Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing.

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MARE: To be considered eligible a mare must be in foal to a PA registered stallion for that breeding season and “stand” in Pennsylvania for a period of 180 contiguous days including foaling. A Breeders Fund Registration Form must be completed each breeding season the mare is in foal to a registered PA stallion and submitted to the Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing for each mare bred to be registered as a RESIDENT MARE.

The age of a horse shall be calculated from the first day of January of the year of foaling.

Yearling Nominations:

All nominations must be accompanied by a copy of the registration papers of the applicable horse.

There will be three nomination periods that must be satisfied for the yearling nomination to be considered complete:

May 15

December 31

March 15

The amount of these payments will be determined by the Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing in conjunction with the Standardbred Breeder’s Advisory Committee as established by Act 71.

The Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing will publicize through various media outlets to make these dates and payments known. However it is the responsibility of the nominating party to ensure that all the requirements have been met.

The appropriate Commission representative will verify with the United States Trotting Association to ensure that all information surrounding horses nominated are correctly recorded into the Standardbred Breeder’s Fund database and if questions arise will attempt to contact the nominating party to verify and/or change incorrect information. However, it remains the responsibility of the horse’s nominating party to ensure that the information provided to the Pennsylvania Harness Racing commission is accurate.

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A list of horses eligible for the Standardbred Sire Stakes program will be available to those having need or requesting information by June 30th of each racing calendar year.

Sustaining Payments:

Notification of sustaining payments will be sent to those horses nominated from the previous racing calendar year.

The amount of those payments will be determined by The Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing (Commission) in conjunction with the Standardbred Breeder's Advisory Committee as established by Act 71.

There will be two sustaining payments that will be due on:

March 15

May 15

The Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing shall advertise through media at its disposal dates and amounts of sustaining payments and fees.

A list of eligible horses able to participate in these racing events will be generate and provided to those having need or who may request this information each racing calendar year.

Races programed as Stallions Series events are not part of the Sire Stakes program. However, eligibility is determined by the final pari-mutuel eligibility of both 2 and 3 year old racing horses.

Purses:

No purse money will be delivered until a W-9 tax form has been received from the owner of the horse racing. It is the responsibility of the nominating individual to ensure that all documents needed so monies earned can be released in a timely manner.

When brought to the attention of the Commission representative an attempt will be made to contact the person nominating the horse to secure a W-9 tax form. However, it is not the responsibility of any Commission personnel to ensure compliance.

The Commission representative will encourage people nominating horses for the program to use the PEPP (Pennsylvania Electronic Payment Program) forms.

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