

2009 VIRGINIA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

VIRGINIA BRED PROGRAM

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Virginia Quarter Horse Association (VQHA) Virginia Bred Program (VBP) provides an opportunity for responsible Virginia mare owners to promote, market, and show their offspring, Virginia Bred offers special pay back futurity classes, which are restricted to offspring of mares, owned and bred by Virginia residents.

II. STALLION ELIGIBILITY

- A. Any stallion registered with American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Appaloosa Horse Council (ApHC), American Paint Horse Association (APHA), Palomino Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) (Stockbreed only), International Buckskin Horse Association/ American Buckskin Registry Association (IBHA/ABRA), American Pinto Horse Association (AptHA) (Stockbreed only), or Jockey Club (JC) may be nominated to the VBP with registered owner approval.
- B. A copy of the stallion's American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Appaloosa Horse Council (ApHC), American Paint Horse Association (APHA), Palomino Horse Breeders Association (PHBA), International Buckskin Horse Association/ American Buckskin Registry Association (IBHA/ABRA), American Pinto Horse Association (AptHA), or Jockey Club (JC) registration papers must be submitted at the time of nomination.
- C. Stallion nominations must be renewed for participation every year. Foals of all ages are eligible to show in VBP classes once the stallion is nominated.

III. STALLION NOMINATION FEES

- A. Nominations are made by enclosing a completed nomination form, proper registration documents, and check made payable to VQHA Virginia Bred Program, and mailed to Sandra Green, P.O. Box 95, Calverton, VA 20138. Owners of multiple stallions must nominate each stallion separately.
- B. Fees and Deadlines
 1. Nomination fee is \$300.
 2. All nomination fees must be paid in full no later than twelve hours prior to scheduled class time.
- C. Submitting a completed nomination prior to February 15 ensures appropriate and timely advertising of the stallion for the breeding season of 2009.
- D. The postmark date of the envelope is the determining date of payment.
- E. Stallion nomination fees are nonrefundable.
- F. There is a \$50 fee on returned checks. Once the check has cleared the bank, the nominated stallion will then be advertised. If a check is returned, a money order or cash must be submitted in the amount of the nomination fee, plus the \$50 return check fee.

IV. VBP SHOW

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. A stallion must be nominated and the nomination fee must be paid in full for his offspring to be eligible to be entered in VBP Futurity classes.
2. All horses one year or older must be registered with their respective breed association to be eligible for VBP. All weanlings must be eligible for their respective breed association to be eligible for VBP. If weanling papers have not been received, the weanling must be shown as unnamed.
3. A current negative Coggins test on all horses twelve months of age or older is required.
4. All futurity entries are assigned a back number, and this same number must be used all four days if showing in any corresponding AQHA classes.
5. Exhibitors and the offspring owner must be members in good standing with VQHA. If said membership is found invalid then all Futurity winnings will be held until membership is paid.

B. Futurity Entry Fees

Entry fees should be made payable to VQHA, Virginia Bred Program and mailed with completed entry forms to Sandra Green, P.O. Box 95, Calverton, VA 20138.

Fee postmarked on or before July 1	\$ 75 per class
Fee postmarked July 2 through Day of Show	\$125 per class

C. Returned Checks

There is a \$50 fee on all returned checks. If a check is returned, a money order or cash must be submitted in the amount of the nomination fee, plus the \$50 return check fee.

D. Late Payments

US Postal Service postmarks are the determining factor in accepting entries. Payment dates are adhered to without fail. Exceptions to any late payments must be made in writing to the Chairperson of the VBP Committee, giving full details as to why an exception is required. The request shall go before the VBP Committee, where full details shall appear in the minutes. Each case shall be judged on its own merits. The VBP Committee reserves the right to set a late charge on any of the requests for exception to late fee payments.

E. Refund of Entry Fees

There is no return of payment, unless the showing of the VBP is called off in any or all divisions. No entry is liable for more than the amount paid. VQHA and the VBP reserve the right to reject any entry and to bar any entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of the VBP. Under no circumstances will any part of the entry fee be refunded, unless the class is canceled.

F. Substitutions

Substitutions are allowed at the show for a fee of \$50 per horse within the original class entered, provided horse, owner, and exhibitor meet the VBP requirements.

G. Change of Ownership

The VBP Chairperson must be notified in writing of the change of ownership of an entry. A copy of the signed transfer papers or a copy of the registration papers showing the new owner must be included with the request to change ownership. The new owner must already be, or must become by Date of Show, a member of VQHA and their respective breed association, and must be a Virginia resident.

H. Drug Testing

By entering the VBP, all owners agree to submit their entries to drug testing by a licensed veterinarian at the discretion of the VQHA and/or the VBP Committee. All drug tests will be completed before any monies are paid. Any owner or handler refusing to submit their horse to testing or whose horse tests positive will be disqualified, with forfeiture of all monies and awards. (AQHA procedures for drug testing will be followed.)

- I. The VBP Committee strongly suggests that all animals brought to the futurity show have been previously inoculated with Rhino, Influenza, and Tetanus vaccines.

J. Judging System

1. AQHA and/or NSBA judges will judge all divisions. Decisions of the judges will be final, and nominations will be accepted only on this condition. Ties will be broken by use of the tiebreaker judge. The tiebreaker judge will be posted outside the show office the evening prior to the commencement of these classes.
2. Each group of judges for each class will determine winners. There will not be any go-rounds. All classes are held in their entirety with one go. The overall average winners are determined by using a point system. The first place winner, determined by each individual judge in that particular class will receive one point, the second place horse will receive two points, etc. Points from all judges will be totaled, and the horses having the least number of points will be the overall winners. Low score will be dropped if four judges are used. If three judges are used, no scores will be dropped. All VBP classes will be placed to a maximum of ten places.
3. *Points are awarded strictly to determine class placing. No AQHA points will be awarded.*
4. The judge's decision is final. It shall be accepted in the spirit of true sportsmanship.

K. Miscellaneous

Each owner, trainer, or agent thereof participating in the VBP is charged with the responsibility of knowing the rules and regulations of the futurity as set forth in the VBP Rules and Regulations and is conclusively presumed to know such rules and regulations by his/her entry in the event. Any grievance must be submitted to the VBP Committee Chairperson in writing.

VI. FUTURITY CLASSES

- A. The VBP Committee reserves the right to add or subtract futurity classes prior to the first deadline.
- B. Entry Fees
All entry fees shall be separated by class. A minimum of two-thirds of each entry's payment shall be applied to its class.
- C. Halter Classes
- Weanling Colts and Geldings
 - Weanling Fillies
 - Yearling Stallions
 - Yearling Mares
 - Yearling Geldings

D. Performance Classes

- Yearling Longe Line – NOTE: Maximum of four entries per exhibitor.
- 2- and 3-Year-Old Hunter Under Saddle*
- Non-Pro All-Age Hunter Under Saddle**
- 2- and 3-Year-Old Western Pleasure*
- Non-Pro All-Age Western Pleasure**
- All-Age Reining**

* Should this class have at least ten entries in BOTH the 2- and 3-year-old age groups, the class may be split.

** Should this class have at least ten entries in BOTH junior and senior age groups, the class may be split. Junior is defined as age 5 and under; Senior is defined as age 6 and over.

E. Non-Pro Rules for Virginia Bred: A Youth or Amateur may show an AQHA horse owned by someone else as long as the owner and exhibitor are members in good standing with VQHA. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or exhibitor to know how exhibiting in VBP Non-Pro classes affect their status as an amateur or youth within their respective breed organizations. The exhibitor must not have won any breed world championship within the past five years. This can only be done in a non-AQHA sanctioned class.

F. Performance classes will be run in accordance with AQHA and/or NSBA rules, except for Virginia Bred specific classes (Non-Pro, All-Age, and Longe Line).

G. Place Winners

The first place final winner of each class will be named Champion, and the second place final winner will be named Reserve Champion. In case of a tie for Champion or Reserve Champion, the tiebreaker judge will determine the ultimate winner.

H. Weanling Classes

In the case of incomplete foal nominations where sex of the foal is unknown, all fees shall be split equally between sexes. The sex and foaling date of the weanling nominations must be submitted to the Chairperson of the VBP by Day of Show. Foaling dates can be subject to confirmation with AQHA.

VII. FUTURITY PAYBACK SCHEDULE

- A. The 2009 VBP will be financially responsible for its direct expenses, including but not limited to awards for each class, any special awards, direct mailing costs, bank charges, additional tax preparation fees (if applicable), special advertising, etc. In 2009, VQHA will be reimbursed for the VBP portion of the VQHA show grounds facility cost, costs of the AQHA and/or NSBA judges for the futurity show.
- B. When VBP payouts are made, the owner/nominator of entry who places in any VBP Futurity Class is entitled to the corresponding winnings according to the payout schedule. The owner/nominator of the stallion is entitled to 20% of winnings for any offspring that places in any of VBP Futurity Class (if someone other than the stallion owner pays the nominating fee, the 20% will be paid back to the nominator of that stallion).
- C. All recipients of prize money must supply their social security number or tax ID 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.

- D. The 2009 VBP purse for the resulting payouts will be calculated as follows:
1. Stallion nomination fees for 2009
 2. Less: Total of all direct costs for the 2009 VBP show, including but not limited to class awards, direct mailing costs, bank charges, additional tax preparation fees, other special awards, special advertising, etc.
 3. Divide this amount by the number of VBP classes for class subtotal
 4. Plus: 2009 VBP entry fee multiplied by the number of entries (calculated for each class)
 5. Add class subtotal and entry fee result to arrive at the amount to be multiplied by the place percentage.

<i>Shown Entries</i>	<i>Places Paid</i>
1	1 place pays 100%
2	2 places pay 60%, 40%
3	3 places pay 50%, 30%, 20%
4	4 places pay 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
5	5 places pay 35%, 25%, 20%, 13%, 7%
6 or more	6 places pay 30%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 7%

The VBP Committee will pay all prize monies 15 business days after the Futurity. Payment will be withheld until applicable Tax ID number has been provided to the VBP Committee. All owners and exhibitors will be issued the appropriate tax forms for filing taxes for monies won and are responsible for any tax consequences resulting from monies won at the VBP.

These rules are subject to change by action of the VBP Committee and subject to the approval of the VQHA Board of Directors. The VBP reserves the right to cancel these events without notice and without liability at any time prior to the show. In this case, all nomination fees, donations, and entry fees will be refunded.

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