



STALLION FOAL INCENTIVE

Rules, Policies & Procedures

The Stallion Foal Incentive Program is designed to engage and benefit cutting horses, their breeders, owners, trainers, and exhibitors alike by boosting the lucrative awards and event purse at the NCHA Super Stakes. For a horse to be eligible to compete at the NCHA Super Stakes as a 4-, 5- and 6-year-old, they must be sired by a subscribed stallion and nominated to the NCHA Stallion Foal Incentive program.

Stallion owners subscribe each foal crop year individually. Foal owners pay a one-time nomination fee for their foals sired by subscribed stallions. All funds generated through stallion subscriptions and foal nominations directly fund the NCHA Super Stakes added money and special awards.

The program's funds are divided into three rewarding buckets:

- **Foal Awards:** A percentage is distributed to the nominators of the foals who earn top placings in the 4-year-old divisions, the Derby.
- **Sire Awards:** A percentage is distributed to the subscribers of the stallions who sired the foals who earn top placings in the 4-year-old divisions, the Derby.
- **Super Stakes Added Money:** The remaining funds are added to the event purse, benefiting competitors across all divisions; 4-year-old Derby and 5- and 6-year-old Classic.

This structure rewards every level of participation, from stallion promotion and breeding programs to foal development, showcasing the results of investing in elite performance horse bloodlines.

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A. ELIGIBILITY

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2. Stallions
 - a. Stallions must be subscribed as outlined in section B.
3. Foals
 - a. Foals must be nominated as outlined in section D.
4. Stallion subscribers and foal nominators must be current NCHA members at the time of submitting the subscription and/or nomination.
5. Any payments received by the NCHA with a postmark after the due date will be deemed untimely and subject to the enhanced payment provisions contained in the sections B and D below.

B. STALLION SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. A stallion subscription fee is required for each breeding year for which the stallion is being subscribed.
2. There will be no substitutions or refunds for any stallion subscription.
 - a. It is strongly recommended that subscribers test the quality and breeding soundness of the stallion prior to submitting any subscription application and fee.
3. Stallions must be subscribed by November 30th of the year immediately prior to each breeding year, to avoid the enhanced payment schedule.
4. 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 reduced subscription fee of \$1,600.00 so long as the subscription application and payment are received by July 31 of the first breeding year to be subscribed to the NCHA Stallion Foal Incentive program.
5. Stallion subscription application and fee of \$2,600.00 is due on or before November 30th of the year immediately prior to the beginning of the breeding season for each year the stallion is to be bred. For late subscriptions, the enhanced payment schedule is as follows:



- a. If the subscription application and fee are received after November 30th of the year immediately prior to 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 the subscription application and fee are 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 the subscription application and fee are 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.
 - d. If the subscription application and fee are received by December 31 of the two-year-old year following the breeding season for which the stallion is being subscribed, the fee is \$7,500.00.
 - e. If the subscription application and fee are received by December 31 of the three-year-old year following the breeding season for which the stallion is being subscribed or later, the fee is \$10,000.00.
6. All fees collected for the stallion subscriptions will have \$100.00 allocated to the Stallion Reserve Fund.
- a. In the event the sire of an incoming foal nomination is not subscribed, but the sire was advertised as subscribing, the Stallion Reserve Fund will issue a check for the \$2,500.00 for the subscription of the stallion to the program. The owner of the stallion will be billed \$5,000.00. See marketing section C below.
 - i. If the \$5,000.00 is not paid within 15 days of the billing date, the stallion owner will be suspended until the amount is paid in full.
 - ii. When the \$5,000.00 is paid in full, the entire amount will be credited to the Stallion Reserve fund.



7. Remaining stallion reserve funds from each subscription/breeding year will be added to the purse for the corresponding 4-year-old show year and paid out at that NCHA Super Stakes. Example: if there are Stallion Reserve Funds remaining for the 2020 subscription/breeding year, those funds will be added to the purse for the 2025 NCHA Super Stakes (the 4-year-old year for progeny from mares bred to subscribed stallions.)
8. Fees collected for the stallion subscriptions will be used for the NCHA Super Stakes added money for the show associated with the breeding crop's 4-year-old year.
9. STALLION SUBSCRIPTION FEE & DEADLINE SCHEDULE
 - a. Payments are due with a postmark of the due date.

<u>On Time</u>	First Time Subscriber: July 31 of the breeding year	\$1,600.00
	Renewal: Prior to November 30 of <u>the year immediately preceding the</u> breeding year	\$2,600.00
<u>Late Subscriptions (Enhanced payment schedule)</u>	Renewal: December 1 of the prior breeding year through December 31 of the breeding year	\$3,600.00
	Renewal: January 1 through December 31 of the weanling year	\$4,600.00
	Renewal: January 1 through December 31 of the yearling year	\$6,000.00
	Renewal: January 1 through December 31 of the two-year-old year	\$7,500.00
	Renewal: January 1 through December 31 of the three-year-old year and older	\$10,000.00



C. SUBSCRIBED STALLION ADVERTISING AND MARKETING

1. Subscribed Stallion Owners are encouraged to advertise the subscription of their stallions to the NCHA Stallion Foal Incentive program after subscription application and fees have been submitted to the NCHA for a given breeding season. Subscribed Stallion Owners are encouraged to utilize the NCHA Stallion Foal Incentive program logo/seal shown below.

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2. Subscribed Stallion Owners may choose to advertise/market subscription for a specific year or as a general statement without reference to a specific year.
 - a. If advertising for a specific year, the subscription and application fee for that breeding season must be submitted to the NCHA in advance of advertising or marketing in any platform (print, digital, video, social media conventional media, booth display, etc.) for that breeding season.
 - b. If advertising is made in a general manner without reference to specific year(s), then subscription application and fee must be paid for the current breeding season in advance of any advertising or marketing on any platform (print, digital, video, social media conventional media, booth display, etc.)
 - i. In the event a stallion is found to have violated the NCHA Stallion Foal marketing provisions described above, the process and penalties in article B, section 6.a. i and ii may be taken against the stallion owner.



D. FOAL NOMINATIONS

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.
2. Foal nomination application and one-time fee is due on or before December 31 of the foaling year to avoid the enhanced payment schedule.
3. The current NCHA member listed as "nominator" on the nomination application will remain the nominator.
4. All foals' ages increase one year as of January 1. The foal's recorded date of birth does not affect the nomination fee associated with the age of the foal.
5. There will be no substitutions for any foal.
6. There will be no refunds for deceased foals.
7. In the event that a duplicate foal nomination is discovered, it must be reported to the NCHA office. The first member to nominate the foal will remain the original foal nominator. The NCHA may choose, at its sole discretion, to give a refund to the nominators of the foal.
8. Foal nominations applications may be submitted with "Pending" breed registration information. Foals do not have to be registered with a breed association to be nominated.
9. When a nominator receives registration papers for a "Pending" foal nomination, those registration papers must be submitted to the NCHA office to update the foal's nomination record.
10. UNREGISTERED HORSE REQUIREMENTS
 - a. DNA test results must be submitted with the foal nomination application where registration papers for the sire or dam cannot be obtained from an equine registry. Example: Foals out of a cloned sire or dam will require DNA test results to be submitted with the nomination application.
 - b. An NCHA unregistered horse application will need to be submitted with the foal nomination application. This form can be found on the NCHA website.



11. Foal nomination application and a one-time \$250.00 fee are due on or before December 31 of the foal's weanling year, or the enhanced payment schedule will apply as follows:
 - a. If a foal nomination application is received on or before December 31 of the foal's yearling year, the fee is \$1,000.00.
 - b. If a foal nomination application is received on or before December 31 of the foal's two-year-old year, the fee is \$2,500.00.
 - c. If a foal nomination application is received on or before December 31 of the foal's three-year-old year or later, the fee is \$5,000.00.
12. Fees collected for the foal nominations will be used for the NCHA Super Stakes added money for the show associated with the foal crop's 4-year-old show year.
13. In the event a foal nomination was received, but the sire was not subscribed at the time of the nomination and was not in violation of the subscribed stallion advertising and marketing policies, the foal's nomination cannot be processed at that time. However, if the stallion becomes subscribed at a later time, the member who previously attempted to nominate their foal may re-nominate their foal at the original nomination fee, pending proper documentation proving a timely nomination was submitted. All responsibilities of re-nominating the foal lie with the nominator.
14. In the event a foal nomination application and fee are received for a 5-year-old or 6-year-old, the nomination fee will be applied to the purse for the 4-year-old show year.
15. FOAL NOMINATION FEES
 - a. Payments are due with a postmark of the due date.

On Time	Weanling year on or before December 31	\$250.00
Late Nominations (Enhanced Payment Schedule)	Yearling year on or before December 31	\$1,000.00
	Two-Year-Old year on or before December 31	\$2,500.00
	Three-Year-Old or older on or before December 31	\$5,000.00



E. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

1. SIRE AWARDS

- a. 4-year-old division only: 15% of the stallion subscription funds will be used for the sire awards. Awards will be split equally between the current nine levels (open, intermediate open, limited open, non-pro, intermediate non-pro, limited non-pro, amateur, intermediate amateur, limited amateur) and pay the subscriber of the sire for the top placing horse plus ties in each level.

2. FOAL AWARDS

- a. 4-year-old division only: 15% of the foal nomination funds will be used for the foal nominator awards. Awards will be split equally between the current nine levels (open, intermediate open, limited open, non-pro, intermediate non-pro, limited non-pro, amateur, intermediate amateur, limited amateur) and pay the nominator of the foals for the top three placing horses plus ties in each level based on the unit system.

3. ADDED MONEY

- a. After the percentage of sire and foal award monies have been allocated, the remaining funds from the stallion subscriptions and foal nominations are used to fund the added money at the NCHA Super Stakes.
- b. If the added money contributed to the NCHA Super Stakes from the program does not exceed \$600,000.00, the split will be \$50,000.00 to the 5- and 6-year-old division, and the remainder to the 4-year-old division.
- c. Once the added money contributed to the NCHA Super Stakes from the program exceeds \$600,000.00, the split will be 10% of the added money contributed to the 5- and 6-year-old (Classic) division, and the remainder to the 4-year-old (Derby) division.
- d. The split of the added money between the classes in each show will then follow current NCHA guidelines.



4. Below is a breakdown of the allocation of funds by division, for both the 4-year-old (Derby) and 5- and 6-year-old (Classic) for leveled shows:

Current	
Open	53%
Int. Open	3%
Ltd. Open	N/A
Non-Pro	33%
Int. Non-Pro	3%
Ltd. Non-Pro	N/A
Amateur	5%
Int. Amateur	3%
Ltd. Amateur	N/A

