

BREED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (BIP)

“Foaled in Alberta” Bonuses & Incentives

TO PROMOTE AND CHAMPION “ALBERTA-BRED” RACE HORSES

QH Program Rules - 2026

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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 full (single or family) 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; only foal crops of stallions that were nominated to the Alberta Stallion Stakes program are eligible. The nominated stallion must have stood the entire breeding season in the province of Alberta for each year’s crop to be eligible and the eligible progeny must be approved as Accredited Alberta Breds by the AQHRA. Based on eligible progeny earnings (placing 1, 2, 3 in all eligible races in Alberta) the Stallion bonus will be paid proportionately to the Stallion Owners and is subject to membership requirements.

3.1 Death of a Stallion: Following the year of the stallion’s death, the stallion owner will continue to receive bonus monies for eligible crops for no more than 5 years; subject to membership requirements. Owner must notify the office of the death.

In the event stallion owner continued enrollment with frozen semen service, the stallion owner will continue to receive bonus monies for all eligible crops for no more than 5 years following the stallion’s last year of eligible enrollment into the program; subject to membership requirements.

3.2 If the Nominated Stallion is sold within or out of the province and the stallion remains enrolled in the program then the bonus monies for eligible crops move to the new Owner for the calendar year following the sale of the stallion subject to membership requirements.

If the stallion is not enrolled into the program, the bonus monies for eligible crops remain with the last owner-of-record with the Alberta Stallion Stakes program but for no more than 5 years following the sale of the stallion subject to membership requirements.

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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:

- a) race is carded in QH distances (yards) and
- b) races with TB participation; if the race is carded in yards all Accredited Alberta Breds QH participation is eligible for bonus payment

4.1 Death of Owner/Breeder - bonuses cease December 31st of the year of 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 recorded into general revenue. The AQHRA shall have no liability for unclaimed BIP incentives and bonuses.

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