



**ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE RACING  
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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PROGRAM CRITERIA**

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## **About This Guide**

**This booklet presents the 2015 participation and reward criteria for the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program. This guide also informs participants of changes to Program criteria scheduled for future years, which may affect breeding and broodmare management decisions in 2015.**

**It is important that those intending to participate in the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program read and understand the Program criteria as outlined in this guide, as some participation requirements have changed.**

**This booklet will be updated annually to inform Program participants of requirements that must be met in order to receive Program benefits.**

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*The Ontario Racing Commission, at its sole discretion, may from time to time make changes to the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program criteria of any nature and kind whatsoever. Program participants agree to be bound by such changes.*



*This Program Criteria Guide outlines the requirements for three elements of the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program (the Program) – the Breeding Program, Racing Program, and Industry Development Program.*

### **WHAT'S NEW IN 2015**

#### **Industry Development Program Third-Start Bonus**

A bonus of \$1,000 will be paid to the trainer of record following the third start for a quarter horse racing at Ajax Downs in 2015 that has never made a start in Ontario.

Trainers must submit a 2015 *Third-Start Bonus Application* form for each eligible horse to the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) along with documented proof of the horse's three starts.

Should a horse be scratched prior to or not finish a race, that race will not be bonus-eligible. Cheques will be issued in July, September and November.

Forms may be downloaded from the Quarter Horse section in "Breeding Programs" at [www.ontariohorseracing.ca](http://www.ontariohorseracing.ca).



## IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR 2015

To be eligible for 2015 Program benefits, horses must be recorded with the Program Registry by the following deadlines:

### January 15<sup>th</sup>

- Deadline to apply to accredit an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION for the 2015 breeding season. The stallion must be accredited to the Program before he breeds his first mare of the season. By application to the Program Administrator, a stallion may be accepted into the Program after the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, PROVIDED that the stallion has not bred any mares in the current year prior to date of application.

### March 1<sup>st</sup>

- Deadline for owners and lessees to enrol with the Program Registry.

### Before Date-of-Foaling

- A 2015 *Application to Accredit an Ontario Broodmare* form must be received by the Program Registry before Date-of-Foaling (in Ontario) in order for her foal to be considered ONTARIO BRED.

### Before Time of Entry

- A horse must be recorded in the Program Registry before entry into a race to be eligible to receive Program purse bonuses.

### 15 Days after Last Day of Racing

- All people and horses must be enrolled or recorded with the Program Registry no later than 15 days after the Last Day of Racing for the season, in order to receive Program benefits for the current racing year.

### November 30<sup>th</sup>

- Deadline for an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION to provide a Stallion Breeding Report to the Program for the current breeding season.

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***It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate that all the requirements of the Program have been met to the satisfaction of the Program Administrator. The Program Administrator reserves the right to amend, cancel or alter the Program and/or make changes to the terms, conditions, and benefits of any nature and kind whatsoever and, Program participants hereby agree to be bound by such changes.***



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For additional information, and all required Program application forms, please reference the Ontario Horse Racing (OHR) website at [www.ontariohorseracing.ca](http://www.ontariohorseracing.ca).



### 1. THE PROGRAM

The Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program (the Program) was built on the framework outlined in the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Plan. The Plan is a multi-year strategy to build a strong, sustainable Quarter Horse racing and breeding industry in Ontario, and has four key objectives:

- To upgrade Quarter Horse racing programs and facilities in Ontario
- To build confidence in the viability of the industry by encouraging participation
- To maximize the audience for live Quarter Horse racing in Ontario
- To develop and expand distribution channels for the live racing product.

This booklet outlines the 2015 Eligibility Requirements and Criteria for the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program.

#### 1.1 Elements of the Program

The suite of incentives and program elements that have been developed (and are continuing to be developed) as part of the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program are targeted to meet the identified goals and objectives of the Plan. In very general terms, elements of the Program include:

- **Breeding Program:** Programs and incentives to support the Ontario Quarter Horse breeding sector.
- **Racing Program:** Purses, purse bonuses and added money for the racing program in Ontario to encourage participation in Quarter Horse racing in Ontario.
- **Industry Development Program:** Industry development and support programs to encourage increased participation in the industry by trainers, grooms, jockeys, and industry support staff.

#### Breeding Program

A strong local breeding sector is essential for a sustainable Quarter Horse racing industry in Ontario. The incentives included in the Breeding Program are designed to meet the following objectives:

- To maintain current Ontario breeding programs and encourage expanded breeding operations in Ontario
- To encourage the breeding of quality American Quarter Horse racing stock in Ontario
- To encourage Ontario owners/breeders to acquire quality fillies intended to become future ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES
- To prove stallions standing in Ontario



- To encourage growth in new ownership and investment in racing and breeding stock
- To achieve international recognition for Ontario horses and to promote ONTARIO BRED horses.

### **Racing Program**

The incentives included in the Racing Program have been structured to meet the following objectives:

- To maximize participation in Ontario Quarter Horse racing through encouraging Ontario ownership
- To ensure a balance of racing opportunities between overnight races and stakes racing programs
- To develop a stakes race(s), of sufficient caliber to qualify as AQHA graded stakes
- To ensure a balance of restricted and open stake racing opportunities
- To place Ontario on the international map.

### **Industry Development Program**

The Quarter Horse Racing Industry is positioned to provide leadership and innovation to support participation and employment through Program funding for:

- Expanded post-racing sales markets for horses
- Group insurance benefits

## **1.2 Program Requirements**

Eligibility to receive benefits under the Program will be through a two-step process:

1. Enrolling the people eligible to receive payments from the Program fund (breeders, owners, lessees, etc.), AND
2. Accrediting and/or recording the horses that meet the Program eligibility criteria.

### **Program Administration**

Ontario Horse Racing (OHR), a division of the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) is the Program Administrator for Ontario's Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program. The work of the Program Administrator is supported by the Quarter Horse Advisory Group, a group of Quarter Horse and industry representatives, who provide input and recommendations on implementation and policy development for the Program.

OHR, as Program Administrator, reserves the right to alter the conditions of all or part of the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program as OHR in its sole discretion, determines to ensure fairness and equality to all participants.



### **Rules Interpretation**

Each individual, partnership or corporation enrolled with the Program agrees to be bound by the rules of the ORC, the rules of the Program, and the rules of the American Quarter Horse Association, as they relate to elements of the Program. If there is a conflict in the rules, then the rules of the Program shall prevail, and shall be enforced by the ORC.

All individual, corporate, partnership or syndicate owners, breeders, and lessees enrolling in the Program (and receiving benefits from the Program) shall be required to be licensed by the ORC.

All declarations signed on Program application forms are legally binding statements. Any individual or corporate entity enrolled in the Program who violates the conditions or intent of the Program, will be subject to investigation, judicial review and potential sanctions and disciplinary action, as may be deemed appropriate by the ORC.

### **Program Registry**

OHR has an established Program Registry, responsible for the administration of program elements, and the required data tracking services. People must enrol with the Program Registry, and update their enrolment information on an annual basis in order to receive benefit payments from the Program.

Eligibility for horses to receive benefits from the Program will be confirmed through their records within the Program Registry database system.

### **Who Must Enrol in the Program Registry**

- Breeders potentially eligible for Breeders' Awards
- Stallion owners/lessees potentially eligible for Stallion Awards
- Owners (or lessees) of ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES
- Owners (or lessees) of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS
- Agents or guardians of minors (under 18-years-of-age) who qualify as any of the above.





## 2. PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

**Special conditions apply to foals born in 2007 and earlier years, as outlined in Section 2.1 of this chapter.**

The following definitions will apply for the Breeding Program and the Racing Program for foals of 2015:

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**AQHA** - American Quarter Horse Association

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**ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE** - Means a mare that is registered with the AQHA and recorded with the Program Registry that has resided in the province of Ontario for no less than 270 “consecutive” and clear days surrounding the date of foaling out in Ontario. Exemptions for the requirement for “consecutive” days of residency may be recognized by application to the Program Registry. As an owner or lessee you have to enrol yourself with the Program Registry, and “renew” the accreditation of your mares with the Program Registry for the 2015 foal year. The mare must reside in Ontario 270 “consecutive” days surrounding foaling in Ontario. The date the application is received by the Program Registry is considered Day One of the residency period. The 270-day residency period for one foal cannot overlap the residency period if you breed back the mare in 2016.

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**ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION** - Means a stallion registered with the AQHA and recorded with the Program Registry, owned or leased by an ONTARIO RESIDENT, standing in the Province of Ontario for the entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON of the year of accreditation.

A stallion will lose its ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION status if:

- He is sold (or leased) to a non-Ontario resident, or
- He stands for service in a province (or state) other than the Province of Ontario during the NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON of the current year.

Should an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION lose its accreditation status during any breeding season, foals conceived prior to the loss of accreditation shall be eligible for ONTARIO SIRE status, subject to confirmation based on breeding records.

For the purposes of recognition as an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION, a stallion is considered to be owned (or leased) by an ONTARIO RESIDENT, if 100% ownership (100% lessee interests) of the stallion is by ONTARIO RESIDENT(S),

*OR*

Where the ownership/lessee is a registered stable, farm, corporation, limited partnership or syndicate, the ownership/lessee entity is under the control of partners, members, shareholders or other owners who are ONTARIO RESIDENTS.

An Entity shall be deemed to be controlled by another person or by two or more Entities if, but only if:

- a) Voting authority over the first-mentioned Entity carrying more than 50 per cent of the votes required to elect directors or such personnel as may be equivalent to directors are held, other than by way of secured debt obligation



only, by or for the benefit of such other person or by or for the benefit of such other Entities; and

- b) The votes carried by any securities are sufficient, if exercised, to elect a majority of the directors or such personnel as may be equivalent to directors of the first-mentioned Entity.

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**ONTARIO SIRE** - Means a foal whose sire was an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION in the foal's conception year.

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**ONTARIO FOALED** - Means a foal, recorded in the Program Registry, born in the Province of Ontario out of a mare that is its dam. The mare must have been recorded with the Program Registry prior to Date-of-Foaling in Ontario. Any foal not born from its dam does not qualify as ONTARIO FOALED.

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**ONTARIO BRED** - Means a foal born in the Province of Ontario, out of an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE. Only one foal per ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE may be declared to the Program Registry for each birth year.

### ***Foals of 2015***

***To clarify the status of foals born in Ontario in 2015, the following conditions apply:***

- Foals born in Ontario in 2015 out of a 2014 ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE will be eligible to be recorded as ONTARIO BRED (provided the foal meets all other eligibility criteria to be recorded in the Program Registry).
- Foals born in Ontario in 2015 out of a mare that was recorded with the Program Registry prior to Date-of-Foaling, but was not a 2014 ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE, will be eligible to be recorded as ONTARIO FOALED (provided the foal meets all other eligibility criteria to be recorded in the Program Registry).

### ***Offspring Resulting from Embryo Transfer Procedures***

Offspring of embryo transfer procedures will qualify for ONTARIO BRED status if the following conditions apply:

- Donor Mare must be earning ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE status and enrolled with the Program Registry at the time of transfer and implantation.
- Both the Donor Mare and the Recipient Mare must serve the residency period in the Province of Ontario through foaling for a total of 270 days (in Ontario).
- Exemptions for the requirement for "consecutive" days of residency for the Donor Mare may be recognized by application to the Program Registry.
- If a foal is born out of the dam (Donor Mare), such foal is the ONLY foal that can be recognized by the Program Registry for the calendar year.
- Only ONE FOAL per dam per birth year will be allowed in the Program Registry. Where there is more than one offspring per dam in a given birth year, a foal out of the dam would take precedence, followed by the oldest foal born out of surrogate mares in the same birth year that qualifies for the Program, as verified by date of



birth recorded on AQHA Certificate(s) of Registration for all registered offspring of the dam.

- The current registered owner or lessee of the Donor Mare is the only person who can register a foal to the Program Registry.

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**ONTARIO RESIDENT** - A person whose permanent home or principal home is in Ontario and who resides at that home for no less than 182 days in a calendar year. A Registered stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership, registered with the AQHA as an ownership group, will be considered an ONTARIO RESIDENT, IF:

- The stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership is registered with the AQHA,
- The primary business location for the stable, farm, or limited partnership — or the registered head office for the corporation — is in the Province of Ontario, AND
- At least one member of the registered stable, farm, corporation, limited partnership or syndicate is an ONTARIO RESIDENT.

The Corresponding Officer (or designated representative) for a Registered stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership will be required to sign a declaration with the Program Registry which reports the percentage of the ownership group that are ONTARIO RESIDENT(S). Should any dispute or disagreement arise, the person (or entity) bears the onus of proving that they fall within the meaning of ONTARIO RESIDENT.

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**ONTARIO RESIDENT LESSEE** - A lessee as defined by AQHA Rule #225 - *Handbook of Rules & Regulations* - that is an ONTARIO RESIDENT.

#### **AQHA RULE #225 — LEASES**

- a) For a lease of a horse to be recognized by AQHA, written notice of such lease shall be filed with AQHA, signed by both the recorded owner as lessor, and lessee. The notice shall specify the effective date of lease and may provide a term no longer than three years, at the expiration of which, the lease must be re-recorded to remain effective. If the term is intended for a shorter period, it shall also provide a termination date. Termination other than expiration of lease term may be accomplished by written notice to AQHA, specifying the termination date, signed by both lessor and lessee, or by a properly executed transfer report, which shows a change of ownership from lessor to lessee, signed by the record owner/lessor. No additional fee shall be charged for terminating the lease, whether automatic or by subsequent notice thereof.*
- b) Enforcement against the lessee of limitation on use of the horse is solely the responsibility of the lessor.*
- c) Transfer of ownership arising from recognized claiming races will terminate such lease.*
- d) During the effective term of the lease, AQHA will not record subsequent changes in ownership until the lease is terminated. Only the lessee or lessee's authorized agent is authorized to sign a breeder's certificate, stallion breeding report or registration application pertaining to the leased horses.*
- e) Proper fees must be remitted as per rule 222.*



**CANADIAN RESIDENT** - A person whose permanent home or principal home is in Canada and who resides at that home for no less than 182 days in a calendar year. A Registered stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership, registered with the AQHA as an ownership group, will be considered a CANADIAN RESIDENT, IF:

- The stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership is registered with the AQHA,
- The primary business location for the stable, farm, or limited partnership — or the registered head office for the corporation — is in Canada, AND
- At least one member of the registered stable, farm, corporation, limited partnership or syndicate is a CANADIAN RESIDENT.

The Corresponding Officer (or designated representative) for a Registered stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership will be required to sign a declaration with the Program Registry which reports the percentage of the ownership group that are CANADIAN RESIDENT(S). Should any dispute or disagreement arise, the person (or entity) bears the onus of proving that they fall within the meaning of CANADIAN RESIDENT.

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**BREEDER-OF-RECORD** - Means a breeder as defined by AQHA Rule # 211(a) —*Handbook of Rules & Regulations* — subject to accreditation rules regarding confirmation of residency of the mare.

*AQHA RULE #211(a): The breeder of a horse is the owner of the dam at the time of service, except when a mare is held under lease at time of breeding and written notification of such lease signed by the lessee and lessor is on file with AQHA at time of registration, in which event the registration certificate shall show the lessee as the breeder. When a frozen embryo permit is used to register a foal, the original purchaser of the frozen embryo permit shall show as the breeder.*

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**NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON** - That period during each calendar year, commencing when the stallion breeds his first mare situated in the Northern Hemisphere, and ending the day the stallion breeds his last mare situated in the Northern Hemisphere. During this entire period, the stallion must remain situated in Ontario to remain eligible for ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION status, and if a Dual Hemisphere Stallion, it must remain situated in Ontario for at least 170 consecutive days. For breeding stallions that are also racing or in the event of a medical emergency, the Ontario Horse Racing (OHR), in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to remain situated in Ontario.

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**RESTRICTED RACING** - For the purposes of Program funding, means a race restricted to ONTARIO FOALED, or ONTARIO BRED, or ONTARIO SIREN horses.

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**UNRESTRICTED RACING** - For the purposes of Program funding, means a race in Ontario for which entries are not restricted to ONTARIO FOALED, or ONTARIO BRED, or ONTARIO SIREN horses.

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**ALLOWANCE RACING** - For the purposes of Program funding, means a race in which eligibility is based upon amounts of money won or earned, or number of races a horse has won over a specified time.

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## 2.1 Special Conditions for Foals of 2007 and Earlier Years

A horse's status as recorded in the Program Registry is based on the criteria in effect in its birth year. This status (ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED, ONTARIO SIRE) is maintained for the horse's full racing career.

For the purposes of being recorded in the Program Registry, and eligibility for Program benefits for foals born in 2007 and earlier years, the following Special Conditions shall apply:

### Ontario Foaled Horses

For foals born in 2007 and earlier to be recorded in the Program Registry as an ONTARIO FOALED horse, they must have been foaled in Ontario. A copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration must be supplied.

### Ontario Bred Horses

For foals born in 2007 and earlier, to be recorded in the Program Registry as an ONTARIO BRED horse they must have been foaled in Ontario AND the BREEDER-OF-RECORD must have been resident in Ontario at the time of breeding. A copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration must be supplied.

*Only ONE FOAL per dam per birth year will be allowed in the Program Registry. Where there is more than one offspring per dam in a given birth year, a foal out of the dam would take precedence, followed by the oldest foal born out of surrogate mares in the same birth year that qualify for the Program.*

### Ontario Sired Horses

For foals born in 2007 and earlier to be recorded in the Program Registry as an ONTARIO SIRE horse, the following must be provided at the time of recording:

- A copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration for the foal showing an ONTARIO resident stallion as the Sire; **AND**,
- A signed declaration by the BREEDER-OF-RECORD or the owner of the foal that it was sired by a stallion that was resident in ONTARIO at the time of service.



### 3. BREEDING PROGRAM

In line with the identified goals of the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Plan, the Breeding Program includes a suite of incentives to:

- Increase the supply of available racing Quarter Horses in Ontario to support an expanded program of racing days, and
- Improve the quality of racing Quarter Horses in Ontario to support higher caliber races and enhance the competitiveness of the live racing product.

Incentives in the Breeding Program include:

- Breeders' Awards
- Stallion Awards

#### 3.1 Enrolling with the Program Registry

In order to receive incentive payments from the Breeding Program, owners (or lessees) must be enrolled with the Program. This includes:

- Breeders potentially eligible for Breeders' Awards
- Stallion owners/lessees potentially eligible for Stallion Awards
- Owners (or lessees) of Ontario Accredited Broodmares
- Owners (or lessees) of Ontario Accredited Stallions
- Agents or guardians of minors (under 18-years-of-age) who qualify as any of the above.

#### Deadlines for 2015 Enrolment

Enrolment with the Program must be completed annually, no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

- The owner or lessee of a horse eligible for benefits under the Program must be enrolled with the Program Registry by March 1, 2015.
- The owner, breeder or lessee of a horse eligible for benefits under the Program, must be enrolled with the Program Registry before records can be created for their horse(s).
- Enrolment with the Program Registry must be completed prior to payment of any benefits.

#### Information Required for Enrolment

At the time of enrolment, you are required to provide:

- A valid, current ORC licence number



- Current mailing address and contact information
- A Declaration of Residency (provided on the Application to Enrol form)
- Where the eligible owner/breeder/lessee is a minor (under 18 years-of-age), the guardian enrolling on behalf of the minor will be required to attest to Ontario residency if applicable
- A partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or corporation shall show the Province of Ontario as its principal place of business
- The individual enrolling on behalf of a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or corporation will be required to declare the percentage of the ownership group that meets the qualification as ONTARIO RESIDENT.

### **Fees for Enrolment**

There will be no fees required for enrolment for the 2015 season (other than fees required to acquire a valid, current ORC licence). In future years, it is expected that enrolment with the Program will include payment of fees, with payment of such fees considered a mandatory requirement to receive Program benefits.

### **3.2 Horses in the Program Registry**

In order to be eligible for Program benefits, horses are required to be “accredited” or “recorded” according to the Program Definitions.

A record will be created for each horse in the Program Registry, which will track its status for Program benefits, including points accumulated, money won, current owner (and/or lessee), BREEDER-OF-RECORD and any other information required by the Program.

The following horses will be required to be *accredited* by the Program Registry:

- Ontario resident broodmares
- Ontario resident stallions.

The following horses will be required to be *recorded* with the Program Registry:

- ONTARIO FOALED horses
- ONTARIO BRED horses
- ONTARIO SIREN horses.

### **Accredited Horses**

Both ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES and ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS will be required to be accredited each breeding year for which offspring are eligible for future Program benefits.



The process to have a mare or stallion accredited to the Program is as follows:

### 1. **Apply to Accredite the Mare or Stallion.**

The current owner or lessee will apply to the Program Registry to accredit a mare or stallion by providing a completed accreditation form which will include:

- A copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration for the horse
- A copy of the AQHA Lease Authorization form (if applicable)
- A declaration of the “home farm” in the Province of Ontario for the mare or stallion
- Thoroughbred mares recognized by AQHA or with an AQHA registration pending may apply for accreditation to the Program. In both cases, a copy of U.S. Jockey Club or CTHS registration papers (front and back) is required.

### 2. **Maintain Residency for the required period.**

Horses are required to maintain their accreditation for the breeding year through continued residency in the Province of Ontario, confirmed through the following:

- ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES and ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS may be subject to inspection on the Ontario “home farm” at any time during the breeding year.
- Owners/lessees of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS will be required to provide an annual Stallion Breeding Report by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the current breeding season.
- ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES or ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS leaving Ontario for temporary absence during the accreditation period will be required to report the dates and reason for such absence to the Program Registry, and report the return of the mare or stallion to Ontario.

### 3. **For Accreditation of Stallions**, completion of the accreditation process for the current year will include submitting a Stallion Breeding Report to the Program Registry on-or-before November 30<sup>th</sup> of the current breeding year.

### **Deadlines for Accrediting Horses in 2015**

- **Prior to Foaling** – In order for a mare to achieve ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE status for a 2015 foal, she must have been resident in Ontario for a minimum of 270 “consecutive” days surrounding her date of foaling out in Ontario. The date the application is received by the Program is considered Day One of the residency period. A 2015 Application to Accredite an Ontario Broodmare form must be received by the Program Registry before Date-of-Foaling (in Ontario) in order for her foal to be considered ONTARIO FOALD.





- **January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline to apply to accredit an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION for the 2015 breeding season. The stallion must be accredited to the Program before he breeds his first mare of the season. By application to the Program Administrator, a stallion may be accepted into the Program after the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, PROVIDED that the stallion has not bred any mares in the current year prior to date of application.
- **November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline for Ontario Accredited Stallions to provide a Stallion Breeding Report to the Program for the current breeding season.

### Recorded Horses

ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED, and ONTARIO SIREF foals and horses, will be required to be recorded with the Program Registry in order to be eligible to receive Program benefits.

Recording Ontario offspring to the Program Registry will only be required once (per foal/horse). The record for the foal/horse will indicate its status for Program benefits (ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED, ONTARIO SIREF, or a combination of ONTARIO FOALED/ONTARIO SIREF, or ONTARIO BRED/ONTARIO SIREF).

### Deadlines for Recording Horses in 2015

To be eligible for 2015 Program benefits, horses must be recorded with the Program Registry by the following deadlines:

- **Before Time of Entry** – A racing horse must be recorded in the Program Registry before entry into a race to be eligible to receive Program purse bonuses.
- **15 Days After Last Day of Racing** – All people and horses must be enrolled or recorded with the Program Registry no later than 15 days after the last day of racing for the season, in order to receive Program benefits for the current racing year.

### Fees for Accrediting or Recording Horses

There will be no fees required for accreditation of broodmares or stallions for the 2015 season (other than fees required to acquire a valid ORC licence).

There will be no fees required for recording the ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIREF status of a horse to the Program Registry in 2015. In future years, it is expected that annual enrolment and/or accreditation with the Program will include payment of fees, with receipt of such fees considered a mandatory requirement for eligibility for accreditation each year.



### **3.3 Breeding Program Incentives**

The Breeding Program has been designed to support the Ontario Quarter Horse breeding sector. For 2015, budget has been allocated to incentives for Ontario breeders and stallion owners.

- 2015 Breeders' Awards
- 2015 Stallion Awards

#### **2015 Breeders' Awards**

To be awarded at year end (close of racing season) to the BREEDER-OF-RECORD based on accumulated points in Quarter Horse racing in Ontario. The points model for eligibility for Breeders' Awards payments is as follows:

<b>HORSE IS ...</b>	<b>Win</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Show</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Ontario Sired And Ontario Bred	12	8	4	40%
Ontario Bred	9	6	3	30%
Ontario Sired And Ontario Foaled	6	4	2	20%
Ontario Foaled	3	2	1	10%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### **APPROVED AWARDS BUDGET FOR 2015: \$450,000**

1. Available budget for Breeders' Awards will be fully distributed for each racing season (year) based on the point calculations outlined above.
2. The recorded accumulation of points will be based on the Official Race Results for Quarter Horse racing in Ontario.
3. Individuals, partnerships, syndicates, or corporations eligible to receive 2015 Breeders' Awards must meet the following criteria:
  - Must be the BREEDER-OF-RECORD
  - Must enrol annually with the Program in a form acceptable to the Program Administrator, and by the published annual deadlines to be eligible for Breeders' Awards for the current year racing season.
  - Must provide current contact information, and updated contact information for the current racing year
  - Must remit any required fees for registration with the Program as published annually by the Program by the required payment deadlines.
4. The available awards budget will be shared by all eligible breeders, based on the following formula calculation:



*Total awards budget / total points = Value-per-point*

*Total points earned for the horse x Value-per-point = Award earned*

5. The Program Administrator will contact all breeders that have earned Awards benefits at the address on record with the Program Registry. Unclaimed payments (or undeliverable payments) will be returned to the Program fund. Ontario Horse Racing (OHR) as Program Administrator shall have no liability for unclaimed Program benefits.
6. The BREEDER-OF-RECORD will receive Breeders' Awards benefits earned for all horses recorded in the Program Registry, provided the horse has been recorded in the Program Registry by the 15th day following the final day of racing.

### Special Circumstances

Awards will be distributed to eligible BREEDER(S)-OF-RECORD as listed on the actual Registration Papers of the horse, unless the Program Administrator is otherwise notified in writing by all parties listed as BREEDER(S)-OF-RECORD. If the BREEDER-OF-RECORD is deceased, the awards will be made payable to the Estate of said BREEDER, unless the Program Administrator is otherwise notified in writing by the party legally authorized to administer the BREEDER'S estate.

### 2015 Stallion Awards

To award an amount equal to 10% of total annual Breeders' Awards budget (above) to be distributed at the close of the racing season to owners of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS based on accumulated points for racing in Ontario.

The points model for eligibility for Stallion Awards payment is as follows:

HORSE IS ...	Win	Place	Show	% of total
ONTARIO SIREd and out of an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE	8	4	2	66.7%
ONTARIO SIREd and out of a Non-Accredited Broodmare	4	2	1	33.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### APPROVED AWARDS BUDGET FOR 2015: \$45,000

1. Available budget for Stallion Awards will be fully distributed for each racing season (year) based on the point calculations. For horses recorded in the Program Registry, points will be tracked and accumulated based on the Official Race Results for Quarter Horse racing in Ontario. Points are not accumulated for horses racing outside of Ontario.



2. Individuals, partnerships, syndicates, or corporations eligible to receive 2015 Stallion Awards, must meet the following criteria:
  - Must be the owner/lessee
  - Must be an ONTARIO RESIDENT (See Chapter 2: Program Definitions)
  - Must enrol themselves as stallion owner/lessee annually with the Program Registry in a form acceptable to the Program, by the published annual deadlines, including payment of all required fees
  - The stallion must have applied to be accredited with the Program Registry no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current breeding season. By application to the Program Administrator, a stallion may be accepted into the Program after the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, PROVIDED that the stallion has not bred any mares in the current year prior to date of application
  - Must register the stallion as an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION that sired horses racing in the current racing season, and provide proof of Ontario residency of the stallion for the relevant breeding year. Confirmation of Ontario residency for the stallion shall be verified through AQHA breeding records
  - Must provide current contact information, and updated contact information as required to the Program Registry for the current racing year
  - Must remit any required fees for the Program as published annually by the Program by the required payment deadlines. Failure to remit required payments will invalidate eligibility for payment of Stallion Awards for the current racing season
  - If the stallion/sire is retired or deceased, the stallion must be reported to the Program Registry as retired or deceased, and the last owner must continue to enrol annually with the Program Registry to be eligible to receive Stallion Awards.
  - The Program Administrator will contact all stallion/sires owners and lessees that have earned Awards benefits at the address-of-record with the Program Registry. Unclaimed payments (or undeliverable payments) will be returned to the Program fund. Ontario Horse Racing (OHR), as Program Administrator shall have no liability for unclaimed Program benefits.
3. The available awards budget will be shared by all eligible stallion owners, based on the following formula calculation:  
  
$$\text{Total awards budget} / \text{total points} = \text{Value-per-point}$$
$$\text{Total points earned for the horse} \times \text{Value-per-point} = \text{Award earned}$$
4. Stallion Awards are payable to the owner/lessee of the ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION who has applied for Accreditation of the stallion in the year in which the Stallion Awards are earned.



## 4. THE RACING PROGRAM

In 2015, there will be 28 days of racing at Ajax Downs. The Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) Stakes Program will offer 11 stakes races funded with added money from the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program.

### 4.1 Overnight Racing Program

#### 2015 Ontario Bred and/or Ontario Sired Purse Bonus

To increase the market value of ONTARIO BRED and/or ONTARIO SIREN horses, the 2015 Program includes an Ontario Bred and/or Ontario Sired Purse Bonus, for UNRESTRICTED RACES (overnight races and stakes trials). Only horses that are ONTARIO BRED and/or ONTARIO SIREN will be eligible to receive the Bonus in UNRESTRICTED RACES. ONTARIO FOALED horses are no longer eligible for the Bonus, unless they are foals of 2007 or earlier.

This incentive will be paid out as a percentage of the purse, for all overnight races and stakes trials that are NOT restricted by the horses' breeding, jurisdiction of earnings (or jurisdictions of previous starts) or residency of the owner.

The following races WILL NOT be eligible for the bonus:

- Overnight (non-stakes) races restricted to ONTARIO FOALED , ONTARIO BRED, or ONTARIO SIREN horses
- Stakes trials for stakes races restricted to ONTARIO FOALED , ONTARIO BRED, or ONTARIO SIREN horses
- Stakes races
- Overnight races restricted by the horses' breeding, jurisdiction of earnings (or jurisdictions of previous starts) or residency of the owner.

The Ontario Bred and/or Ontario Sired Purse Bonus will be paid as part of the purse, distributed in the same proportions as purse payments – with jockeys eligible for proportional benefit from the Bonus. The purse bonus will amount to 60% of the base purse to a maximum of \$7,000 on races that qualify. Horses must have their status as ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIREN recorded with the Program Registry prior to entry in the race in order for the Bonus to be paid.

**MAXIMUM PAYABLE PER ELIGIBLE RACE: \$7,000**

#### Restricted Racing Purse Supplement

To add further value to ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIREN horses, the Program has allocated an additional purse fund amount of \$225,000 for the full race season, to supplement purses for restricted overnight races.



There is a maximum amount payable per race. Eligible races for use of this fund include RESTRICTED overnight races or stakes trials as defined by the Program Definitions.

### TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET: \$225,000

#### 4.2 Added Money to the QROOI Stakes Program

In 2015, the Program will provide a total of \$505,000 in added money to the following stakes in the QROOI Stakes Racing Program.

Funding for the 2015 QROOI Stakes Program will be allocated to a balance of open and restricted stakes races. For the purposes of Program added money:

- 1) Program added money for four stakes not restricted by either residency of ownership, or jurisdiction of breeding of the racing stock. Ontario Bred and/or Ontario Sired horses will be eligible for their share of a \$15,000 purse bonus:
  - *Alex Picov Memorial Futurity*
  - *Picov Derby*
  - *Picov Maturity*
  - *Alex Picov Memorial Championship*
  
- 2) Program added money for three stakes restricted to ONTARIO SIRED horses, not restricted by residency of owner:
  - *Ontario Sires Stakes Derby*
  - *Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity*
  - *Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity*
  
- 3) Program added money for four stakes races, not restricted by either residency of ownership, or jurisdiction of breeding of the racing stock:
  - *Adequan Ajax Downs Derby Challenge*
  - *Bank of America Championship Challenge*
  - *John Deere Juvenile Challenge*
  - *Challenge Maiden*

It is intended that the Racing Program at Ajax Downs will continue to offer stakes racing opportunities for AQHA registered horses.



**Added Money Events**

ADDED MONEY EVENTS	Type	2015 Program Added Money	2015 Sponsor Added Money	Purse Bonus
<b>Two-Year-Olds</b>				
Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity	R	\$55,000		
Alex Picov Memorial Futurity	O	\$70,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
John Deere Ajax Downs Juvenile Challenge (AQHA)	O	\$10,000	\$10,000	
<b>Three-Year-Olds</b>				
Ontario Sires Stakes Derby	R	\$55,000		
Picov Derby	O	\$65,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Adequan Ajax Downs Derby Challenge (AQHA)	O	\$10,000	\$10,000	
<b>Three-Year-Olds &amp; Up</b>				
Alex Picov Memorial Championship	O	\$95,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Bank of America Championship Challenge (AQHA)	O	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Challenge Maiden Stakes (AQHA)	O	\$10,000	\$10,000	
<b>Four-Year-Olds &amp; Up</b>				
Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity	R	\$45,000		
Picov Maturity	O	\$55,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
		<b><u>\$505,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$85,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,000</u></b>

**Quarter Horse Ontario Sires Stakes**

In 2008, the Program announced the introduction of the Quarter Horse Ontario Sires Stakes (QH-OSS) to be introduced for two-year-olds of 2011 (foals of 2009).

The Quarter Horse Ontario Sires Stakes was phased in from 2011 through 2013 open to offspring of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS. Now established, the Quarter Horse Ontario Sires Stakes program includes:

- QH Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity*
- QH Ontario Sires Stakes Derby*
- QH Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity*



All ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS for the 2015 NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON will automatically be a QH-OSS nominated stallion. (i.e. the stallion accreditation process for the breeding year will be all that is required to include a stallion’s eligibility as an ONTARIO SIRE.) A list of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS is available in the Quarter Horse Program section of the OHR website at [www.ontariohorseracing.ca](http://www.ontariohorseracing.ca).

**QROOI Points**

1. Point accumulation shall accrue to the horse for Quarter Horse racing in Ontario, as outlined in the stakes conditions (published by the QROOI).
2. Point accumulation for eligibility for entry will be calculated using the formula as outlined below:

*Points Formula*

*Category 1 Races: Purses of \$50,000 or more*

*Category 2 Races: Purses of \$20,000 up to \$49,999*

*Category 3 Races: Purses under \$20,000*

Points awarded in these categories as follows:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Category 1	10	7	6	5
Category 2	7	5	4	3
Category 3	5	3	2	1

- Under no circumstances will the last place horse receive points.
- If the jockey has earned a fee, the horse will count as a participant.
- All horses in a dead heat will receive the points for the position finish and the subsequent horse or horses will receive points in accordance with the number of horses ahead of them.

**5. THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Plan that forms the foundation for the Program, is built upon a number of identified Guiding Principles, including:

- *Working towards the betterment of horse racing in general, and Quarter Horse racing in particular, and the industry that supports it*
- *Assisting the Quarter Horse sector of the Ontario racing industry in growing in a responsible and measured way*
- *Promoting Ontario-owned and bred horses by developing policies that maximize benefits to the Province of Ontario*





- *Developing Programs and strategies to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of qualified participants to meet the needs of the industry.*

Expanding participation and horse supply requires support for new markets, infrastructure, skills training, and industry benefits. In support of the identified Guiding Principles, the Program includes an Industry Development component to support the expansion of Quarter Horse racing and breeding in Ontario.

## **5.1 Group Insurance Programs for Industry Participants**

### **Accidental, Death and Dismemberment and Disability Insurance**

The Program pays 100% coverage for Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Temporary Total Disability insurance for Jockeys, Apprentice Jockeys and Exercise Riders while race riding on sanctioned race days and exercise riding on scheduled workout days at Ajax Downs. This coverage extends to licensed trainers, assistant trainers, hot walkers, and grooms.

Eligibility requirements for Insured Persons:

- They must hold a valid ORC Quarter Horse licence for the current racing season.
- They must be actively participating as a jockey or exercise rider on a sanctioned race day or scheduled workout day at Ajax Downs in 2015.
- Licensed jockeys and exercise riders are eligible for full protection including extended disability if they are an ONTARIO RESIDENT.

### **Commercial General Liability Insurance**

The Program pays 100% coverage of Commercial General Liability Insurance for eligible participants in sanctioned racing activities at Ajax Downs. This insurance provides protection to Quarter Horse licensees for legal liability as third parties for death, disease, bodily injury, personal injury and/or loss of use of property while participating in Quarter Horse racing.

Eligibility requirements for Insured Persons:

- They must hold a valid ORC Quarter Horse licence for the current racing season
- They must be actively participating in sanctioned Quarter Horse racing activities at Ajax Downs.

### **Group Benefits Program**

A group insurance program for extended health benefits is administered by the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) on behalf of all ONTARIO RESIDENTS licensed for Quarter Horse racing by the ORC.



A premium subsidy is paid by the Program on behalf of eligible recipients when they:

- Hold a valid ORC licence for Quarter Horse racing in Ontario
- Are 19 years of age or older
- Are residents of the Province of Ontario.

The Program pays Group Benefit premium subsidies for eligible recipients:

- Eligible Licensed Trainers, Eligible Licensed Breeders and Eligible Licensed Jockeys will be subsidized for 50% of the premium excluding taxes
- Licensed grooms, exercise riders and assistant trainers will be subsidized for 66.67% of the premium excluding taxes
- A recipient holding multiple licences will receive the highest subsidy for which they qualify.

Eligible licensees holding multiple licences will be subsidized at the highest rate, for example:

- Trainer/Exercise Rider – 66.67% premium subsidy
- Breeder/Assistant Trainer – 66.67% premium subsidy
- Owner/Trainer – 50% premium subsidy.

An Eligible Licensed Trainer must:

- Be enrolled with the Program Registry for the current year
- Hold a valid ORC licence as a Quarter Horse trainer for the current racing year
- Have at least one recorded start each year in Ontario

New trainers joining in the current year will be eligible in the next calendar month following their first start in Ontario.

An Eligible Licensed Breeder must:

- Hold a valid ORC licence in the Quarter Horse “Other (Breeder)” category
- Be enrolled with the Program Registry for the current year
- Must either ...
  - Be the BREEDER-OF-RECORD of at least one horse that starts in Ontario in the current racing year, OR
  - Must register at least one ONTARIO BRED foal with the Program Registry each year (based on the Program criteria for ONTARIO BRED)

Breeders joining the Program in the current year will be eligible to receive subsidized insurance premiums in the calendar month following either a first start in Ontario by a



horse they bred, OR registering an ONTARIO BRED foal with the Program Registry in the current year.

An Eligible Licensed Jockey must:

- Hold a valid ORC licence as a Quarter Horse jockey for the current racing season
- Must be listed on the “Active Roster” in Ontario
- Exceptions would be made for subsidy coverage to continue for jockeys absent for health or medical reasons.

A licensed groom, licensed exercise rider or licensed assistant trainer must:

- Hold a valid ORC Quarter Horse licence in the relevant category
- Must provide proof of employment from either an Eligible Licensed Trainer or Eligible Licensed Breeder.

### **Enrolment Process**

Enrolment will be administered through the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) and supported by the Program.

## **5.2 Marketing and Communications**

The Program supports the marketing of the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program and supports the marketing of Quarter Horse racing in the Province of Ontario. The Program remains focused on expanding participation in Quarter Horse racing and breeding and expanding the audience for live racing. In 2015, this will be achieved through:

- Trade advertising
- Industry outreach through trade shows and industry events
- Website development
- Support for special programs that highlight Quarter Horse racing and breeding in Ontario
- Cooperative marketing programs in partnership with racetracks.

## **5.3 Post Racing Incentive Program**

The Industry Development Program funds a Post Racing Incentive Program that provides added value to horses who have raced in Ontario. The Post Racing Incentive Program is intended to encourage people to buy racehorses at the end of their racing career, and to use ex-racehorses in horse sport.



There are two components to the Post Racing Incentive Program:

- An annual Post Racing Bonus for ex-racehorses competing in events hosted by recognized associations
- Industry Sponsorship for recognized associations to market and promote the Post Racing Bonus and for tracking and verifying eligible horses.

The Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program has allocated \$20,000 for bonus payments to be distributed after November 20, 2015. Eligible horses must:

- Compete in events hosted by associations recognized by the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program as eligible for the Post Racing Bonus
- Have earned points unique to the Post Racing Incentive Program (see below)
- Be a Quarter Horse that has previously raced in Ontario
- Have the original AQHA Certificate of Registration to verify the horse's identity.

Points are earned by competing in an event recognized by the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program. Each participant earns points as follows:

### Post Racing Bonus Point System

Points Earned	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Participant
Starter/Placing	3 points	2 points	1 point	1 point
<b>Total Points earned</b>	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point

The available awards budget will be shared by all eligible participants, based on the following formula calculation:

$$\text{Total awards budget} / \text{total points} = \text{Value-per-point}$$

$$\text{Total points earned} \times \text{value per point} = \text{bonus payment per horse}$$

**THE MAXIMUM PAYMENT PER HORSE IN 2015 WILL BE \$1,500**  
**TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET: \$20,000**

Claims for the Post Racing Bonus must be submitted to the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program by November 20, 2015. Application forms for the Post Racing Bonus are available from the Quarter Horse section under "Breeding Programs" at [www.ontariohorseracing.ca](http://www.ontariohorseracing.ca). Ontario Horse Racing, as Program Administrator, reserves the right to alter criteria for future years.

### 5.4 Third-Start Bonus \*NEW

A bonus of \$1,000 will be paid to the trainer of record following the third start for a quarter horse racing at Ajax Downs in 2015 that has never made a start in Ontario.



Trainers must submit a 2015 *Third-Start Bonus Application* form for each eligible horse to the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) along with documented proof of the horse's three starts.

Should a horse be scratched prior to or not finish a race, that race will not be bonus-eligible. Cheques will be issued in July, September and November.

Forms may be downloaded from the Quarter Horse section in "Breeding Programs" at [www.ontariohorseracing.ca](http://www.ontariohorseracing.ca).

## 6. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### ***How do I enrol myself with the Program Registry?***

To enrol with the Program, you must first be licensed by the ORC. You must then complete a 2015 Application to Enrol and submit it to the Program Administrator by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### ***If I'm an Ontario breeder, why do I need to get my Broodmares or Stallions accredited?***

The rules for accreditation are based on the broodmare or stallion remaining resident in Ontario for the breeding and/or foaling season. To be eligible for breeding incentives you will be required to accredit your broodmare(s) and stallion(s) each year, and confirm the home farm for the current breeding/foaling year.

### ***How do I get my Broodmare (or Stallion) accredited for 2015?***

All required application forms are available on the OHR website to download and print, with instructions on how to complete the forms. Visit [www.ontariohorseracing.ca](http://www.ontariohorseracing.ca).

### ***When do I need to have my horses recorded with the Program Registry?***

As a breeder, it is recommended that you record your foals with the Program Registry as soon as possible after you receive the AQHA Certificate of Registration to ensure your receipt of Breeders' Awards. As an owner of racing stock, your racehorses must be recorded with the Program Registry before time of entry in a race to be eligible to receive the maximum amount of purse bonuses. Racing stock needs to be recorded with the Program Registry only once.

### ***What about my horses that are racing in 2015? Are they eligible for ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIREDD races?***

If a horse meets the Breeding Program criteria for ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIREDD status, and is enrolled in the Program Registry, it is eligible for all



benefits attached to its status. (See “Special Conditions for Foals of 2007 and Earlier Years”).

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***What happens if the criteria changes for ONTARIO FOALED , ONTARIO BRED, and ONTARIO SIREDD status?***

A horse’s status as recorded in the Program Registry is based on the criteria in effect in its birth year. This status is maintained for the horse’s full racing career.

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***My racehorses were recorded with the Program in 2014. Do I have to re-register them every year?***

No. Racehorses recorded with the Program Registry retain their ONTARIO FOALED , ONTARIO BRED, and ONTARIO SIREDD status for their lifetime.

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***What about my Paints? ... Are they eligible for Breeders’ Awards or the special restricted stakes races?***

Only horses registered with the AQHA are eligible for accumulation of points for Breeders’ Awards or Stallion Awards. It is intended that application will be made for AQHA “Grading” for stakes races in future years – and it is an AQHA requirement that graded stakes are restricted to horses registered with the AQHA.

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***I own only horses that race, not breeding stock. If my horses already have ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIREDD status, is there any value for me to be enrolled in the Program in 2015?***

You do not need to be enrolled in the Program Registry to receive bonuses attached to the status of the horse that are paid with the purse.

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***I have a two year old that I am prepping to race in 2015. I bought him from an Ontario breeder. How do I find out his status in the Program?***

The Program Registry publishes a list of ONTARIO FOALED , ONTARIO BRED, and ONTARIO SIREDD horses at [www.ontarioracingcommission.ca](http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca) or you can call the Program Registry at 416-213-1820.

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***Do I have to have an ORC licence to be in the Program?***

Every individual, partnership, corporation and syndicate must have a current ORC licence to benefit from the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program racing and breeding incentives and industry support programs. Licensing details and applications can be found in the THOROUGHBRED LICENSING section on the ORC website at [www.ontarioracingcommission.ca](http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca).



***Can a non-Ontario resident benefit from the Program?***

Yes. Racing opportunities and purse bonuses attached to the status of the horse make it beneficial to own an ONTARIO FOAL, ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIRE horse. Breeders' Awards make it beneficial to own an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE.

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***When will I expect to get paid my Breeders' Awards (or Stallion Awards) payments?***

Breeders' Awards and Stallion Awards will be paid out at the end of the racing season, once all official race records are submitted and points are calculated.

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***How much will each breeder or stallion owner get at the end of the year?***

There are two steps to calculating the points for Breeders' Awards and Stallion Awards: calculating the value of the points, and then calculating the value of the payment earned.

Total awards budget / total points = Value-per-point

Total points earned for the horse x Value-per-point = Award earned

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***What happens if I sell my ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE? ... Who gets the awards and bonuses?***

Breeders' Awards are payable to the BREEDER-OF-RECORD, the owner or lessee of the mare at the time of breeding, provided the BREEDER-OF-RECORD has enrolled with the Program Registry for the year in which the awards are earned.

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***I have registered all my mares within the required deadline for 2014. Do I have to register again?***

Yes. As an owner or lessee you have to enrol yourself with the Program Registry, and "renew" the accreditation of your mares with the Program Registry for the 2015 foal year. The mare must reside in Ontario 270 "consecutive" days surrounding foaling in Ontario. The date the application is received by the Program Registry is considered Day One of the residency period. The 270-day residency period for one foal cannot overlap the residency period if you breed back the mare in 2015.

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***My mare is accredited to the Program. Do I have to register my foal both with the AQHA and with the Program?***

Yes. You will first register the foal with the AQHA, and then you must provide a copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration when you record the foal in the Program Registry.

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***Why would I bother to breed my mare in Ontario? How do I benefit as opposed to breeding to a US Stallion?***

ONTARIO SIRED foals are eligible for restricted races, and the Ontario Bred and/or Ontario Sired Purse Bonus. The Ontario Sires Stakes series includes the Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity, Ontario Sires Stakes Derby and Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity. As a breeder, you earn richer Breeders' Awards if you breed your accredited mare to an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION.

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***I have a filly that was racing in Ontario in 2014 and I want to retire her to the breeding shed. Is she an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE?***

The filly is eligible for ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE status if she applies for accreditation 270 days surrounding foaling in Ontario, and she remains in the Province of Ontario for 270 "consecutive" and clear days after her accreditation is received. If she applies more than 270 days ahead of foaling, she must remain in the Province of Ontario before foaling out. The date the application is received by the Program Registry is considered Day One of the residency period. If she applies less than 270 days ahead of foaling, then she must remain in the Province of Ontario after foaling until she has satisfied the 270-day residency requirement.

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***My mare is having a foal in 2015 but I have not applied to put her in the Program yet. She has lived in Ontario all her life. What status will her 2015 foal have?***

Her foal of 2015 will qualify for ONTARIO FOALED status if the mare applies for accreditation with the Program Registry prior to foaling out. If the mare continues to reside in Ontario for 270 days from the date of the application for accreditation, then the 2015 foal would qualify for ONTARIO BRED status. The accreditation period is 270 "consecutive" days surrounding foaling in Ontario.

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***What is the residency requirement for Embryo Transfer Recipient Mares? Do both the Donor Mare and Recipient Mare need to be registered in the Program?***

For offspring to be recognized as ONTARIO BRED, the Donor Mare must be earning ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE status and be recorded with the Program Registry at the time of transfer and implantation. Both the Donor Mare and the Recipient Mare must remain in Ontario through foaling (total 270 days). Exemptions for the requirement for "consecutive" days of residency for the Donor Mare may be recognized by application to the Program Registry.

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***I have a Thoroughbred mare; can I get her accredited in the Program?***

To apply for accreditation, Thoroughbred mares must have an AQHA registration number or have an AQHA number pending. A copy of U.S. Jockey Club or CTHS registration papers (front and back) must accompany the application form.





***I am an Ontario resident owner of a stallion that has been standing at stud in Ontario for years. How do I earn Stallion Awards?***

You must apply for accreditation for your stallion with the Program Registry by January 15<sup>th</sup> and enrol yourself in the Program no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> to benefit from Stallion Awards for any of his offspring racing in the current year.

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***What happens if I sell my Ontario Accredited Stallion during the breeding season?***

Stallion Awards are payable to the ONTARIO RESIDENT owner or lessee that recorded the stallion with the Program Registry in the year in which the awards are earned. If for example, you enrolled your stallion by January 15, 2015 and then sold him to another ONTARIO RESIDENT owner, and the stallion remains standing in Ontario for the entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON, you are still eligible for 2015 Stallion Awards as the owner (or lessee) that recorded the stallion with the Program Registry at the beginning of the season.

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***What happens if offspring racing in 2015 are from a retired or deceased Ontario stallion?***

If horses racing in 2015 (and future years) were sired by an Ontario-resident stallion that is now deceased or retired from breeding, the last owner-of-record for the stallion can apply for ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION status (recorded as deceased or retired). The owner who records the stallion with the Program Registry is eligible for Stallion Awards.

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***How will I know which stallions are Ontario Accredited?***

All ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS are listed on the Program website and this list is updated periodically. Visit [www.ontariohorseracing.ca](http://www.ontariohorseracing.ca)

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***What if I miss one of the Program's deadlines?***

It is the responsibility of the horse owner to be familiar with the QHRIDP Program incentives and criteria in order to benefit from them. A list of important deadlines is published in this booklet. Exceptions and appeals can be made in writing to the Program Administrator.

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