ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT IS NEW FOR 2026.

- Sweepstakes Classes at the Youth/Mid-Summer Nationals are now restricted to horses that are enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.

  This includes the following:

  - ABS Arabian Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure AAOTR
  - ABS HA/AA Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure AAOTR
  - ABS Arabian Ranch Riding AAOTR
  - ABS HA/AA Ranch Riding AAOTR

  Each class will be allocated $10,000 each and will be paid out as follows:

  - Champion - $2,500
  - Reserve Champion - $1,500
  - Top Ten - $750

  Payout will be based on the 50% rule. These classes are restricted to horses that are enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.

- The US National Jackpot Classes have been changed.

  Six (6) Elite AAOTR Rider classes will now be offered:
  ABS Arabian Country English Pl AAOTR Elite Rider Jackpot
  ABS Arabian Western Pl AAOTR Elite Rider Jackpot
  ABS Arabian Hunter Pl AAOTR Elite Rider Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA Country English Pl AAOTR Elite Rider Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA Western Pl AAOTR Elite Rider Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA Hunter Pl AAOTR Elite Rider Jackpot

  Each competitor will contribute a nonrefundable $500 to a prize money jackpot, and the Sweepstakes Program will add $15,000 to each of the six purses. These classes are for horses that 6 years old and older and that are enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.

  Six (6) Choice AAOTR classes will be offered:
  ABS Arabian Country English Pl AAOTR Choice Rider Jackpot
  ABS Arabian Western Pl AAOTR Choice Rider Jackpot
  ABS Arabian Hunter Pl AAOTR Choice Rider Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA Country English Pl AAOTR Choice Rider Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA Western Pl AAOTR Choice Rider Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA Hunter Pl AAOTR Choice Rider Jackpot

  Each competitor will contribute a nonrefundable $250 to a prize money jackpot, and the Sweepstakes Program will add $10,000 to each of the six purses. These classes are for horses that 6 years old and older and that are enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.

  Exhibitors shall not be allowed to "level-up" in any Sweepstakes Jackpot classes and must only show in their National qualified level for that competition year.

  No changes were made to the following classes:
  ABS Arabian English Pl AAOTR Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA English Pl AAOTR Jackpot
  ABS Reining Horse AAOTR Jackpot
  ABS HA/AA Reining Horse AAOTR Jackpot

- Horses that were not enrolled in-utero as a Breeding Entry can now be enrolled as an Original Entry and potentially earn Sweepstakes prize money in Sweepstakes designated events.

  To be eligible to enroll a horse as an Original Entry, the horse must be out of a Nominated Dam or by a Nominated Sire.
  The enrollment fee will be based on the age of the horse as follows:
  - Weanling/Yearling - $2,500
  - 2-Year-Old - $5,000
  - 3-Year-Old - $7,500
  - 4-Year-Old - $10,000
  - 5-Year-Old and Over - $12,500

  - Only horses enrolled as a Breeding Entry are allowed to be shown in the ABS Yearling Classes at Regional and National Shows.
  - Enrollments can be paid in full or placed on a Deferred Billing Agreement as it currently exists.
  - All rules and Regulations pertaining to the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program will apply to the Original Entry.

Q. WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE SWEEPSTAKES PROGRAM?

- Boost the level of participation in the program as well as create an incentive to increase breeding and showing participation
- Increase the value and stimulate the marketability of Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses
- Expand interest and participation from those who compete at the Regional level to those striving to breed a National Champion
- Reward breeders, who are at the core of our industry
- Ensure funds for future payouts and long-term viability

Q. WHAT ARE THE INCENTIVES FOR A BREEDING ENTRY?

A. A Breeding Entry is entitled to receive allocated money at the Regional and National level in designated Sweepstakes Events (provided all Sweepstakes requirements are met) for the life of the horse.

Q. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO ENROLL MY IN-UTERO FOAL?

A. The foal must be by a Nominated Sire or out of a Nominated Dam. The AHA In-Utero Foal Application must be submitted by December 31st of the year the mare was bred. *Payment in full or the first payment with an executed Deferred Billing Agreement must accompany the AHA In-Utero Foal Application(s)*. Current AHA membership is required in order to participate in the Sweepstakes Program.

Q. HOW DO I ENROLL MY IN-UTERO FOAL?

A. The AHA In-Utero Foal Application must be completed and submitted to the AHA office (or processed on-line) by December 31 of the year the mare is bred. The completed form can be sent with payment to the AHA office via mail, fax or email (must be in pdf format – no pictures will be accepted). Members can also enroll on-line by logging on to the member section of the AHA website. Enrollments placed on a Deferred Billing Agreement or with a Dead Foal Credit Voucher ***cannot*** be processed on-line and must be submitted to the AHA office with the completed enrollment application, signed Deferred Billing Agreement and first payment. Either the sire or dam must be enrolled as a Nominated Sire or a Nominated Dam in order for the foal to be eligible to be enrolled as a Breeding Entry.

Q. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NOMINATED DAM, NOMINATED SIRE, BREEDING ENTRY AND AN ORIGINAL ENTRY?

A. The offspring of a Nominated Dam or Nominated Sire are eligible to be enrolled in-utero as a Breeding Entry. Horses enrolled as a Nominated Dam or Nominated Sire category only, are not eligible to earn prize money. They are both lifetime enrollments. A Breeding Entry is enrolled in-utero and is eligible to earn prize money in Sweepstakes designated events for the life of the horse. An Original Entry is for a horse that is already born and can be enrolled to be eligible to earn prize money in Sweepstakes designated events for the life of the horse. The Breeding Entry and Original Entry must be out of a Nominated Dam or by a Nominated Sire.

Q. WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO ENROLLING MY MARE AS A NOMINATED DAM?

A. If you breed your Arabian Nominated Dam to an Arabian or non-Arabian Stallion or Non-Arabian Nominated Dam to an Arabian that is not enrolled as a Nominated Sire, the foal is eligible to be enrolled as a Breeding Entry. The enrollment fee is $1,000. The entry fee can be paid in full or placed on a Deferred Billing Agreement (provided all requirements are met). The enrollment is valid for the life of the horse. Payment and any applicable late fees must be submitted with a completed AHA Horse Enrollment Application. Enrollments submitted after December 31st of the year the mare is bred will be assessed a $150 late fee.

Q. WHAT ARE THE CURRENT FEES TO NOMINATE MY STALLION AS A NOMINATED SIRE OR NON-ARABIAN NOMINATED SIRE?

A. If your stallion (Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian) is already enrolled as a Breeding Entry in the Sweepstakes Program, the cost is $1,000. The fee for all other stallions is $2,000. The entry fee can be paid in full or placed on a Deferred Billing Agreement (provided all requirements are met.) The enrollment is valid for the life of the horse. Payment and any applicable late fees must be submitted with the Enrollment. Enrollments submitted after December 31st of the year the mare is bred will be assessed a $150 late fee.

Q. IS THERE A PAYMENT OPTION FOR ME TO ENROLL MY HORSE(S) IN THE SWEEPSTAKES PROGRAM?

A. Yes. AHA offers a Deferred Billing Agreement. Payment of the entry fee due for a Breeding Entry, Original Entry, Nominated Sire or Nominated Dam may be made pursuant to a Deferred Billing Agreement. Refer to the Deferred Billing Agreement for additional information or contact a Competition Services Representative at 303-696-4500, option 1. ***The first payment and any applicable late fees must be submitted with the enrollment application(s) and signed Deferred Billing Agreement.***

Q. WHO CAN SHOW IN SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES?

A. Nominated and non-nominated horses can be shown in Sweepstakes designated events at the Regional and National Level. However, some classes are restricted only to horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry. The Regional and National Yearling Sweepstakes classes are restricted to Breeding Entries only. The ABS Ranch Rail Pl AAOTR and ABS Ranch Riding AAOTR at Youth/Mid-Summer Nationals; ABS A/HA/AA Green Working Hunter Derby, ABS A/HA/AA Dressage Prospect Incentive and ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot Classes at Sport Horse Nationals; the ABS AAO Jackpot and ABS AAO Performance Halter Classes at U.S. Nationals are restricted to horses that are enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.

Q. HOW CAN I TELL IF A CLASS IS A SWEEPSTAKES CLASS?

A. Sweepstakes classes will have a denotation at the front of the title. Classes listed with "ABS" in the front of the title are restricted to horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry. For the complete list of Sweepstakes classes and events please refer to Sweepstakes chapter of the on-line AHA handbook. Denotation of a Sweepstakes Class does not guarantee eligibility for Sweepstakes payback.

Q. HOW DO SHOWS INCORPORATE THE SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES INTO THEIR SCHEDULES/PRIZE LISTS?

A. Shows must denote the Sweepstakes designated classes in their prize lists. Event management is notified of Sweepstakes eligible classes and changes to the prize list which need to be made in order for the class to be recognized as a Sweepstakes Class. AHA requires show management to post any changes to classes in the show office or notify all exhibitors.

Q. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE EVENT AN AAO CLASS IS SPLIT?

A. Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes AAO classes are the ***only*** Sweepstakes Classes that may be split by age of the rider at the discretion of the show management. The ages for the classes must be all inclusive. The designated Prize Money for each AAO Class will be divided equally among the age splits. It is recommended that Regional Shows ***do not*** split AAO classes as this will reduce the available prize money for each class that is split by age. Leveling AAOTR classes will receive prize money in place of regular AAOTR Classes when offered. *No other Sweepstakes designated classes can be split. If they are split, they will not be eligible for prize money (including Junior Horse Classes.)*

Q. WHAT IS THE 50% RULE AND WHY DIDN'T I GET A CHECK?

A. This rule provides prize money payout to the top 50%, rounded up, based on the number of horses shown in a class at the Regional and National Level.

Sweepstakes Allocated Prize Money earned at the Regional and National Events will be issued based on the number of horses shown/ridden in the class/ride. At the Regional Level, if fewer than 9 horses are shown/ridden in a class/ride, 50% rounded up, will be eligible for prize money. At the National Level, if fewer than 19 horses are shown/ridden in a class/ride, 50% rounded up, will be eligible for prize money.

Exemption: National Yearling Sweepstakes Classes, ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive Class, ABS Green Working Hunter Derby and ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot Classes at Sport Horse Nationals; ABS AAO Jackpot Classes and the ABS AAO Performance Halter Classes at U.S. Nationals will receive payout for a full Top Ten regardless of the number of horses shown in the class.

Q. CAN A SWEEPSTAKES CLASS EVER BE A TBA CLASS?

A. No. Sweepstakes classes must be in the schedule as regular classes. Any exempt Sweepstakes Regional Classes added as a TBA are not eligible for Sweepstakes Prize Money.

Q. WHAT IS BREEDER / NOMINATOR PAYBACK?

A. The Breeder/Nominator is the individual(s) who enrolls the foal in-utero in the Sweepstakes program as a Breeding Entry. This person will receive 20% of all allocated prize money earned by that entry at Regional and National Events provided all Sweepstakes requirements are met. Breeder/Nominator payback is for the lifetime of the horse.

The Breeder/Nominator does not have to be the recorded owner of the mare. Current AHA membership is as of December 31 required in order to receive prize money.

In the event that a horse earns prize money, and the Breeder/Nominator is deceased, or the business/farm is defunct, the prize money cannot be reissued to another individual/entity and will be retained by the Sweepstakes principal fund

Q. WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYOUT?

A. Owners must have a current base level membership to receive payout and hold a competition card if they are competing. For those horses owned by a business, a Business Membership is sufficient. For Breeder/Nominator and Nominated Sire Payback (for those eligible), a current base membership as of December 31st of the competition year is required in order for prize money to be issued. Prize money will be issued to the recorded owner of the horse at the time of the show. If a horse is sold and the transfer date is during the dates of the show, the prize money will be issued to the new recorded owner of the horse.

In the event that a horse earns prize money (including breeder/nominator payback) and the recorded owner or breeder/nominator is deceased or the business/farm is defunct, the prize money cannot be reissued to another individual/entity and will be retained by the Sweepstakes principal fund.

Q. WHO RECEIVES THE PRIZE MONEY?

A. Prize money at the National and Regional shows will be paid only to the party whose name appears on a horse's Certificate of Registration for horses registered with AHA or whose name appears on the Sweepstakes Certificate for horses registered with CAHR or CPAR during the time of the show. If a horse is sold and the transfer date is during the dates of the show, the prize money will be issued to the new recorded owner of the horse.

In the event that a horse earns prize money, and the recorded owner is deceased, or the business/farm is defunct, the prize money cannot be reissued to another individual/entity and will be retained by the Sweepstakes principal fund

Q. WHEN CAN I EXPECT TO RECEIVE MY SWEEPSTAKES CHECK?

A. Sweepstakes Prize Money at the Regional and National Level will be issued within 60 days of receipt of completed results. Breeder/Nominator and Nominated Sire Payback cannot be calculated until the end of the competition year. This payback will be issued within 60 days of receipt of completed results for the competition year.

All requirements must be met in order to receive Sweepstakes Prize Money.

Q. I WAS AWARDED A TOP FIVE/TOP TEN AT A REGIONAL/NATIONAL SHOW AND DID NOT RECEIVE PAYBACK. WHY?

A. For horses participating in Regional Events, payout will be issued up to five places based on the 50% rule. This information must be clearly stated in the Regional Prize List. For Example, if a Regional Show awards a full Top Five and your horse places 5th in a class of 5, Sweepstakes prize money will only be issued to 50% of the class, or through 3rd place.

Even though a full Top Ten is awarded at National Shows, Sweepstakes Allocated Prize Money is paid based on the 50% rule.
Exemption: ABS Yearling Classes, ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive Class, ABS Green Working Hunter Derby and ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot at Sport Horse Nationals, ABS AAO Jackpot Classes and the ABS AAO Performance Halter Classes at U.S. Nationals will receive payout for a full Top Ten.

Q. IT WAS ANNOUNCED AND/OR PRESENTED AT THE SHOW THAT I WOULD RECEIVE A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT IN A DESIGNATED SWEEPSTAKES CLASS. I RECEIVED A DIFFERENT AMOUNT. WHY?

A. The Sweepstakes Program is not responsible for incorrect announcements and/or presentations at National Shows. All rules which deal with Competitions and Sweepstakes can be found in the current AHA Handbook under Chapters 11, 12, 14 and 18.

The amount of prize money awarded can be affected by the number of horses entered and/or shown in a class. Final calculation of prize money is conducted after the National Show after placings, enrollments, etc have been verified at the AHA office.

Q. WHAT IF I NOTICE THAT MY RESULTS ARE INCORRECT IN A SWEEPSTAKES CLASS?

A. If your show or ride results are incorrect, please notify the Event Secretary of that show/ride immediately. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to verify these results and notify Event Secretaries to provide correct results or notify AHA of any discrepancies.

Q. I SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO ENROLL MY EMBRYO TRANSFER FOAL AS A BREEDING ENTRY. HOW CAN I MAKE SURE THAT THE NOMINATION IS LINKED TO THE REGISTRATION OF MY FOAL?

A. In the event there are multiple breedings by the same sire/dam cross, the first registration application(s) received for that particular cross by AHA will be linked to the in-utero record(s) unless otherwise indicated at the time the application for registration is received.

Q. I ENROLLED MY FOAL AS A BREEDING ENTRY AND THE MARE LOST THE FOAL/DID NOT HAVE A FOAL. CAN I GET A REFUND OR IS A CREDIT AVAILABILE?

A. The entry fee for a Breeding Entry is non-refundable; however, a credit voucher can be issued. A death certificate for the foal signed by an accredited veterinarian on letterhead or official documentation which identifies the mare by registered name, registration number and the year she was to foal must be submitted. If a foal is born, the date of foaling and date of death must also be provided. If all requirements are met, AHA will then issue a Dead Foal Credit in the form of a voucher. The Dead Foal Credit Voucher can be used towards any future Sweepstakes Entry. In order to enroll a future entry, a new AHA In-Utero Foal Application must be submitted with the Dead Foal Credit Voucher or signed vet statement prior to the enrollment deadline. The Dead Foal Credit does not have to be used for the same mare and/or cross. ***Dead foal credits DO NOT automatically roll over to the next year.***

Q. I HAVE A DEAD FOAL CREDIT THAT I WILL NEVER USE. CAN I GET A REFUND FOR MY ENTRY?

A. The entry fee for a Breeding Entry is non-refundable but can be transferred for any following year to any in-utero foal under the same ownership. You do have the option of selling the Dead Foal Credit to another member. AHA does not get involved with any sale disputes. AHA would then require written notification from the owner of the Dead Foal Credit that authorizes AHA to use the Dead Foal Credit for an entry listed under a different ownership. A new AHA In-Utero Foal Application or Horse Enrollment Application for a Nominated Sire or Nominated Dam and the Dead Foal Credit Voucher must be submitted prior to the enrollment deadline.

Q. WHY DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A W-9 FORM?

A. Prize money payouts are federally reportable as income. Therefore, a Tax ID must be associated with each account that receives payout. A Tax ID (TIN or Social Security Number) reported on form W-9 is required for the release of any such payment regardless of the amount. If a W-9 form for said account is not on file, the payout will be placed on hold until the form is received. ***If this information is not provided within 120 days after notification, all Sweepstakes Prize Money will be forfeited.***

Q. I PROVIDED A W-9 IN THE PAST FOR MY SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE MONEY. WHY AM I ASKED TO COMPLETE ANOTHER ONE?

A. Each unique AHA account that receives prize money must have a W-9 on file. It is possible to have two or more AHA accounts that have unique information (i.e., horse, owners, etc.) Therefore, a separate W-9 is required for each account. This is especially important for joint accounts. Payees on a joint account have the choice of which owner will assume the tax liability. The only reason a W-9 would be requested is due to the fact a Tax ID is not on file for that specific account/ownership.

Q. I DIDN'T SUBMIT A COMPLETED W-9. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE PRIZE MONEY?

A. The Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number must be on file with AHA before prize money will be released. If this information is not on file or is not provided ***within 120 days after notification, all prize money will be forfeited.***

Q. I EARNED THE PRIZE MONEY LAST YEAR BUT I AM GETTING THE CHECK IN FEBRUARY/MARCH OF THIS YEAR. WILL THIS AFFECT MY TAX RETURN FOR LAST YEAR?

Tax liability is assessed in the year the payment is made. Although the prize money was earned last year, the payment is made in the early part of this year, so it does not affect last year's taxes. Form 1099-Misc is used to report the payment to both the payee and the IRS for the tax year beginning January and ending December 31st. The 1099 will reflect only the payments made in that year, regardless of when the prize money was earned.

Q. WHERE CAN I FIND ENROLLMENT FORMS OR GET MORE INFORMATION?

A. Enrollment forms are available online at www.arabianhorses.org/Sweeps, or you can contact a Competition Services Representative at AHA at 303-696-4500, option 1, and a Competition Services Representative can assist you with forms and/or questions.

For complete rules regarding the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program, please refer to Chapter 18 of the AHA Handbook.