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The Ontario Racing Commission is the Program Administrator for the *Standardbred Improvement Program*, a component of the *Ontario Horse Improvement Program*.

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About This Guide

This booklet presents the 2012 participation and reward criteria for the *Standardbred Improvement Program*. This guide also informs participants of changes to Program criteria scheduled for future years, which may affect breeding and broodmare management decisions in 2012.

It is important that those intending to participate in the *Standardbred Improvement 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.

The ORC, at its sole discretion, may from time to time make changes to the *Standardbred Improvement Program* criteria of any nature and kind whatsoever, including the terms, conditions and the purse structure of the *Ontario Sires Stakes*. Program participants agree to be bound by such changes.



WHAT'S NEW IN 2012

***Ontario Resident
Mares:
Declaration of
Compliance***

For the 2012 foal year and future years, participants who have enrolled an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE will receive a *Declaration of Compliance* form letter from the Program at the end of the 180-day period for each mare, based on the mare's enrollment date. The participant must complete the brief questionnaire contained in the letter to confirm each mare's completion of the residency term and compliance with criteria, sign the document and return it to the Program Administrator in order for the mare's offspring to be eligible for Ontario Bred Rewards. See page 10 for more information.

***Ontario Sired
Rewards***

And

***Ontario Bred
Rewards***

In 2012, Ontario Bred Rewards and Ontario Sired Rewards under the restructured Program will be fully implemented. Eligible BREEDERS OF RECORD and ELIGIBLE MARE OWNERS/LESSEES will be rewarded for successful ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIRED two-year-olds and three-year-olds racing in the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program and selected open stakes. See page 17 for more information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**What is the Standardbred Improvement Program?**

The *Standardbred Improvement Program* is a component of the *Ontario Horse Improvement Program*, which offers incentives for the breeding and ownership of Standardbred racehorses in Ontario. For 2012, more than \$23 million will be available in awards and purses through:

- *Ontario Sires Stakes* (OSS) races (see page 15)
- *Benefits for Breeders and Mare Owners* (see page 17)

Who receives benefits from the Program?

- Breeders of ONTARIO SIRE D horses racing in the *Ontario Sires Stakes*
- Owners of ONTARIO SIRE D horses racing in the *Ontario Sires Stakes*
- Owners and Lessees of ONTARIO RESIDENT MARES with ONTARIO BRED purse-winning offspring racing in the *Ontario Sires Stakes* and selected open stakes

How do you participate?

Stallion Owners must register their stallion by January 15th each year in order for the horse to be recognized as an ONTARIO SIRE.

Mare Owners (or Lessees) must enrol their mare(s) as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE for each foal year, for their foals to be recognized as ONTARIO BRED.

Owners of OSS eligible horses must meet all nomination, sustaining and entry requirements for the racing programs.



**What Do I
Need To Do?**

Stallion Owners

The deadline for registration for a 2012 ONTARIO SIRE is January 15, 2012 – after which time late registration fees and special conditions apply. To register a stallion as a 2012 ONTARIO SIRE, you must:

- Hold a current ORC licence,
- Complete the *Standardbred Stallion Registration Form* (included in this book), and
- Send the form with all required payments to ...

ONTARIO SIRES STAKES

10 Carlson Court, Suite 400
Toronto, Ontario M9W 6L2

Mare Owners

For 2012, an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE must be enrolled after the mare has conceived and before the mare has foaled. To enrol a mare, the mare must be in Ontario, and mare owners (or lessees) and their agents must:

- Hold a current ORC licence
- Complete the *2012 Standardbred Mare Enrolment form* (a copy of which is included in this book), and
- Send the form with all required payments to ...

STANDARDBRED CANADA

Attention: *Ontario Resident Mare Program*
1-2150 Meadowvale Blvd.,
Mississauga, Ontario L5N 6R6

Owners of Ontario Sires Stakes eligible horses

Owners of horses eligible for *Ontario Sires Stakes* must comply with all required nomination and sustaining requirements as outlined by the Program. For information on eligibility requirements, visit the OSS website at:

www.ontariosiresstakes.com



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1. STANDARD BRED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The 2012 *Standardbred Improvement Program* (the Program) incorporates the recommendations put forward in the *Horse Improvement Program* (HIP) Review Final Report. In response to the current business environment for Standardbred racing in Ontario, it was recommended that the *Standardbred Improvement Program* should address the following priorities:

- Strengthening the quality (and size) of the Ontario broodmare band to support a strong market for quality Ontario stallions and profitable markets for offspring of Ontario breeding programs
- Encouraging investment in the Ontario industry – investment in breeding stock and offspring for racing
- Supporting an expanded fan base and enhanced wagering for Standardbred racing in Ontario.

To address the identified priorities, new eligibility criteria and new Program elements have been introduced, and changes have been made to some Program elements for 2012 and future years.

Standardbred Improvement Program Incentives For 2012

The *Standardbred Improvement Program* incentives available for 2012 include the following:

- ***Ontario Sires Stakes Program***
A series of races for horses foaled in 2009 and 2010, sired by eligible ONTARIO SIREs of 2008 and 2009, and nominated and sustained to the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program.
- ***Ontario Sired Rewards***
Rewards to eligible breeders of purse-winning two-year-olds and three-year-olds in 2012 *Ontario Sires Stakes* races
- ***Ontario Bred Rewards***
Rewards to eligible ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE owners/lessees with ONTARIO BRED purse-winning offspring racing in 2012 *Ontario Sires Stakes* races and Finals of selected open stakes races in Ontario (See page 17 for eligibility).



Detailed eligibility criteria for 2012 *Standardbred Improvement Program* incentives are included in Chapter 4: Eligibility Criteria and Incentives for 2012.

Eligibility

To be eligible for *Standardbred Improvement Program* benefits, subject to verification of their breeding, horses will be registered by Standardbred Canada as :

- ONTARIO BRED (out of an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE)

AND / OR

- ONTARIO SIRE (sired by a registered ONTARIO SIRE).

An **ONTARIO BRED** horse is the offspring of an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE and thereby eligible to earn *Ontario Bred Rewards*. The *Ontario Resident Mare* program has been established in response to industry recommendations outlined in the *Ontario Horse Improvement Program Review Final Report* and approved by the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) Board. See page 12 for the definitions of an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE and an ONTARIO BRED horse.

A horse that is the offspring of a recognized ONTARIO SIRE shall be eligible to be registered with Standardbred Canada as ONTARIO SIRE and thereby eligible to be nominated to the *Ontario Sires Stakes* and earn *Ontario Sired Rewards*. A horse could be ONTARIO SIRE, and not foaled out in Ontario, and still be eligible to be registered with Standardbred Canada as ONTARIO SIRE. (See page 11 for the definition of an ONTARIO SIRE horse).

The Program provides benefits to the owners OF ONTARIO SIRE horses through *Ontario Sires Stakes* purses. Horses registered with Standardbred Canada as ONTARIO SIRE that meet all *Ontario Sires Stakes* eligibility criteria will be eligible to race in the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program.

A horse can be both ONTARIO SIRE and ONTARIO BRED, and be eligible for incentives attached to each status.

2. PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM

In order to participate in the *Standardbred Improvement Program* for 2012 and future years:

Stallion Owners (or Stallion Lessees) must ...

- Hold a current, valid ORC licence
- Register the stallion with the Program as an ONTARIO SIRE for each year (breeding season) in which he is eligible
- Pay all fees to the Program required to register an ONTARIO SIRE.

Broodmare Owners (or Lessees) must ...

- Hold a current, valid ORC licence
- Enrol the broodmare as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE for each foal year in which she is eligible
- Pay all fees to the Program required to enrol an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE.
- Complete, sign and return to the Program the *Declaration of Compliance* once the mare has foaled, completed the 180-day residency term and met all required criteria.

Breeders / Foal Owners must ...

- Register foals with Standardbred Canada according to all Standardbred Canada requirements for foal registration. Upon confirmation from the Program, Standardbred Canada will record the foal's status as ONTARIO SIRE and/or ONTARIO BRED in the horse's registration record. Where foals are registered with the United States Trotting Association (USTA), Standardbred Canada will ensure that the relevant status for Ontario benefits is attached to the horse's record.

Owners of Ontario Sires Stakes Eligible Horses must ...

- Nominate and sustain the eligible yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-olds with the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program, and meet all eligibility requirements for the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program (including payment of all required fees).

2.1 Registering a Stallion as an Ontario Sire

Stallion Eligibility

To be eligible for registration as an ONTARIO SIRE, a stallion must be:

(a) wholly owned by an ONTARIO RESIDENT, and standing his entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON in the Province of Ontario; or

(b) leased to an ONTARIO RESIDENT for a term of at least one year, and standing his entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON in the Province of Ontario during the term of that lease, with a copy of the written lease agreement on file with Standardbred Canada.

Verification of ownership (or leasing) of the stallion will be confirmed by Standardbred Canada records. Where registration documentation verifying the ownership of a stallion is in the process of being transferred, and Standardbred Canada is otherwise unable to verify the ownership of a stallion, other proof of ownership satisfactory to the Program must be submitted with the application for registration.

To be eligible for registration as an ONTARIO SIRE, Standardbred stallions must be registered with Standardbred Canada and/or the United States Trotting Association (USTA) and must be DNA-tested in accordance with prevailing Standardbred Canada regulations, as amended from time to time.

Owners, lessees, and authorized agents of owners or lessees signing an application for registration of a stallion, must hold a current, valid ORC licence.

An *Authorized Agent* may register a stallion on behalf of the owner or lessee, IF:

- The *owner* or *lessee* holds a valid, current ORC licence, **AND**
- The *Authorized Agent* holds a valid current ORC licence, **AND**
- The appropriate *Authorized Agent* documents are recorded on file with Standardbred Canada.

Owners, lessees or authorized agents, who violate the stallion registration conditions or the intent of the stallion registration conditions will be subject to sanctioning by the Ontario Racing Commission. The Ontario Racing Commission, at its absolute discretion, may waive the breach of any stallion condition, which the Commission does not consider prejudicial to the best



interest of the *Standardbred Improvement Program* or the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program.

Deadlines For Stallion Registration

The deadline for applying to register a stallion without a penalty is January 15th of the breeding year.

Applications to register a stallion received by the Ontario Racing Commission after January 15th of the breeding year will be subject to payment of a Late Registration Fee (see below).

A stallion is ineligible for registration as a 2012 ONTARIO SIRE if it breeds or has bred any mares during the 2012 calendar year prior to the approval of the application.

Fees For Stallion Registration

The applicable fees for registration of a stallion as an ONTARIO SIRE are:

- \$200.00 for a *New Registration* (if not registered as an ONTARIO SIRE in the previous year -- 2011) ... **OR** ...
- \$100.00 for a *Renewal Registration* (for stallions registered as an ONTARIO SIRE in the previous year – 2011) ... **PLUS** ...
- An *Ontario Sires Stakes Levy* fee equal to 50% of the advertised service fee for the current year. If the service fee for the current year is listed as “Private”, the *Ontario Sires Stakes Levy* payable will be equal to 50% of the highest amount that would be charged for a service fee for the current year **OR** \$500.00, whichever is GREATER.

Late Registration: To register a stallion after January 15th, the required registration fee is **\$500.00** (for either “New” or “Renewal” registrations), **PLUS** the *Ontario Sires Stakes Levy* amount as outlined above.

How To Register A Stallion

Registration of a stallion as an ONTARIO SIRE for the current breeding season requires completion of the *Standardbred Stallion Registration* form. Completed forms, with payment of all required fees, must be submitted by the required deadline to:

Ontario Sires Stakes
10 Carlson Court, Suite 400
Toronto, Ontario M9W 6L2



Any applications received by mail that have no postmark or have an unreadable postmark on the envelope, will only be accepted up to January 16, 2012. After that date the late registration fee of \$500.00 will apply.

Therefore, to avoid being penalized for the failure of Canada Post to properly postmark the envelope carrying the application, it is strongly recommended that these materials be sent by registered mail.

Failure to submit the appropriate registration fee and *Ontario Sires Stakes Levy* along with the application will result in the foals born to that stallion in 2013 being ineligible for nomination to the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program.

A list of registered ONTARIO SIREs will be published as soon as possible after January 15, 2012. It may not be possible to include all stallions registered pursuant to the late registration provisions on the published list.

Copies of the 2012 *Standardbred Stallion Registration* form are included in this document. Additional copies of the form are available on the *Ontario Sires Stakes* website at www.ontariosiresstakes.com.

2.2 Enrolling a Broodmare as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE

Administration of the *Ontario Resident Mare* program will be managed by Standardbred Canada on behalf of the Ontario Racing Commission. All documents and payments required for mare registration should be sent to:

Standardbred Canada
Attention: Ontario Resident Mare Program
1-2150 Meadowvale Blvd.,
Mississauga, Ontario L5N 6R6

Broodmare Eligibility

To be eligible as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE, a broodmare must be:

- Located within the boundaries of the Province of Ontario at the time of enrolment, **AND**
- Must remain resident in the Province of Ontario for a minimum of 180 consecutive days surrounding foaling (in Ontario).

Documentation confirming arrival dates within Ontario may be required. This may include, but is not limited to, Veterinary Health Certificate for



Export of Horses, horse transportation contracts, Health Inspection Certificates at port of entry and horse transportation invoices.

Deadline For Broodmare Enrolment

The deadline for application to enrol an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is *prior to foaling out (in Ontario)*

- The broodmare must be resident in Ontario at the time of receipt of the *Standardbred Mare Enrolment* form by the Program Administrator
- The day the *Standardbred Mare Enrolment* form is received at Standardbred Canada is considered to be “Day One” of the required 180-day residency requirement period.

The Program Administrator may request transportation documents and/or copies of records for the mare such as invoices for veterinarian services, farrier (blacksmith) services, or boarding services during the declared residency period, to verify the mare’s residency period.

The application to enrol a broodmare as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE can be submitted after the mare has conceived, and before she has foaled, provided that the broodmare is resident in Ontario when the application is submitted.

Fees For Broodmare Enrolment

For the 2012 foal year, the fee to have a broodmare enrolled as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is \$50.00 per mare.

How To Enrol A Broodmare

Enrolment of a broodmare as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE for the 2012 foal year requires completion of the 2012 *Standardbred Mare Enrolment* form, which must be submitted before the mare foals and with payment of all required fees to:

Standardbred Canada
Attention: Ontario Resident Mare Program
1-2150 Meadowvale Blvd.
Mississauga, ON L5N 6R6

Completed forms can be submitted by FAX to 905-858-3111 Attention: *Ontario Resident Mare* program, provided that arrangements have been made for the remittance of all required fee payments. Standardbred Canada

accepts no responsibility for the receipt of faxed application forms by the required deadline. It is recommended that you retain a fax transmission receipt to confirm the date/time of the fax transmission.

Copies of the 2012 *Standardbred Mare Enrolment* forms are included in this document. Additional copies of the form are available on the Ontario Racing Commission website at:

www.ontarioracingcommission.ca

Embryo Transfer Eligibility Requirements

Embryo Transfers occurring in 2012

Offspring of embryo transfer procedures occurring in 2012 (foals of 2013) will qualify for ONTARIO BRED status if the following conditions are met:

- *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* must be enrolled in the Program after conception and before the *Recipient Mare* has foaled, **AND**
- *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* and *Recipient Mare* must be resident in Ontario at the time of enrolment, **AND**
- *Recipient Mare* must complete the 180-day residency requirement and remain in the Province of Ontario through foaling in Ontario.

It is *not* required that the embryo transfer procedure occurred in Ontario.

The Program Administrator may request transportation documents and/or copies of records for the mare such as invoices for veterinary services, farrier (blacksmith) services, or boarding services during the declared residency period, to verify the *Recipient Mare's* residency period.

Reporting During The 180-Day Residency Period

Death of the Mare: In the event of the death of the mare prior to completion of the required residency period, a foal from the deceased mare would be eligible for ONTARIO BRED status provided the mare was enrolled as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE prior to foaling in Ontario. A letter outlining the circumstances of the death of the mare should be addressed to the Program Administrator.

Special Consideration for Temporary Absence: Special consideration may be granted for mares required to leave Ontario for breeding and/or health reasons, upon application by the mare owner to the Program Administrator



and at the sole discretion of the Program Administrator. If permission is granted to leave Ontario, the change of location must be reported to Standardbred Canada prior to departure.

If a mare's absence from Ontario during her residency period is approved by the Program Administrator, the number of days spent outside Ontario will be added-on to her required Ontario residency term.

Temporary Absence for Sale: With permission from the Program Administrator, an enrolled ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE may depart Ontario to be entered in a public sale/auction. If the mare returns to Ontario within thirty (30) days of departure, under new or original ownership, the mare may resume her Ontario residency period. The Program Administrator may request transportation and/or border crossing documents to validate entry date. The days absent from Ontario will be added-on to the residency term remaining. The Program Administrator may request supporting documentation to validate the location and date of the sale.

Sale of an Ontario Resident Mare: If an enrolled ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is sold during the 180-day residency period, either privately or at public auction, Standardbred Canada must be notified of the change of ownership within thirty (30) days of the sale transaction.

Transfer of Ontario Bred Rewards: If an enrolled ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is sold during the 180-day residency period, either privately or at public auction, the *Ontario Bred Rewards* **may be** transferred to the new owner. A *Transfer of Ontario Bred Rewards* form must be completed and submitted to the Program Administrator. A copy of the *Transfer of Ontario Bred Rewards* form is included in this booklet.

To transfer *Ontario Bred Rewards* for an *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* that is sold during the 180-day residency period, a special application is required to be made to the Ontario Racing Commission. *Ontario Bred Rewards* cannot be transferred unless the change of ownership process has been completed with Standardbred Canada.



NEW FOR 2012 ...

Reporting Upon Completion Of The 180-Day Residency Period

Declaration of Compliance: For the 2012 foal year and future years, participants who have enrolled ONTARIO RESIDENT MARES will receive a *Declaration of Compliance* form letter from the Program at the end of the 180-day period for each mare, based on the mare's enrollment date. The participant must complete the brief questionnaire contained in the letter to confirm each mare's completion of the residency term and compliance with criteria, sign the document and return it to the Program Administrator in order for the mare's offspring to be eligible for *Ontario Bred Rewards*.

If an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is sold during the 180-day residency period both the seller and the buyer must sign the *Declaration of Compliance*, reporting on the number of days she was resident in Ontario during their time of ownership. The *Declaration of Compliance* form will be automatically sent to the mare owner who is recorded with the Program (at time of mare enrollment).

3. PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will apply for the *Standardbred Improvement Program* for the 2012 Program year. A horse's status is determined by the criteria in effect in its birth year. A horse's status is retained for its entire racing career.

ONTARIO SIRE means a stallion registered with the Program, owned or leased by an ONTARIO RESIDENT, standing in the Province of Ontario for the entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON of the year of record.

To be eligible to be registered in the Program, a stallion must be:

- (a) wholly owned by an ONTARIO RESIDENT, and standing his entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON in the Province of Ontario; **OR**
- (b) leased to an ONTARIO RESIDENT for a term of at least one year, and standing his entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON in the Province of Ontario during the term of that lease, with a copy of the written lease agreement being filed with Standardbred Canada.

ONTARIO SIRE D means a foal sired by a stallion that is recognized as an ONTARIO SIRE by the *Standardbred Improvement Program* in the year of conception.

Only foals conceived as a result of matings between a mare in the Northern Hemisphere and a recognized ONTARIO SIRE during the NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON are eligible to be registered with Standardbred Canada as ONTARIO SIRE D. Foals conceived from frozen semen will be eligible to be registered with Standardbred Canada as ONTARIO SIRE D only if the semen was collected and frozen in Ontario and is from a recognized ONTARIO SIRE at the time of collection and when the mare was inseminated. The semen must have been obtained through the ONTARIO SIRE registered owner, lessee or syndicate manager.

If a recognized ONTARIO SIRE dies during the breeding season, the breeder may use frozen semen to finish that Northern Hemisphere breeding season only if the stallion has been properly registered for that season and provided the semen meets the above requirements.

ONTARIO STALLION LESSEE means an ONTARIO RESIDENT, who has signed a lease in which the initial term of the lease must be for no less than one year. A Lessor's rights may not be transferred during the NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON,



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except to another ONTARIO RESIDENT, and then only if the Program is so advised in writing by the previous Lessor within thirty (30) days of the transfer.

Stallions under lease become ineligible for recognition as an ONTARIO SIRE where any of the rights of the Lessor under the lease are transferred:

- (a) to a non-Ontario Resident during the stallion's NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON; **OR**
- (b) to an ONTARIO RESIDENT, unless the Program is notified in writing within thirty (30) days of the transfer.

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON means 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 SIRE status.

Dual Hemisphere stallions must remain situated in Ontario for at least 170 consecutive days. Time spent by Dual Hemisphere stallions in quarantine in North America can be counted towards their requirement to be in Ontario for 170 days.

For breeding stallions that are also racing or in the event of a medical emergency, the Ontario Racing Commission, in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to remain situated in Ontario.

ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE means a mare, enrolled with the Program, domiciled in the Province of Ontario for a minimum of 180 consecutive days, which includes the date of foaling out in Ontario. Special consideration may be granted for mares required to leave the Province for breeding and health reasons, upon application of the Mare Owner (or Lessee) to the Program Administrator and at the sole discretion of the Program Administrator.

ONTARIO FOALED means a foal born in the Province of Ontario.

ONTARIO BRED means a horse foaled in the Province of Ontario, out of an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE.

Foals of 2012 resulting from Embryo Transfer Procedures: Offspring of embryo transfer procedures will qualify for ONTARIO BRED status if the following conditions are met:

- The *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* (dam of the foal) must be enrolled with the Program after conception and prior to the *Recipient Mare* foaling out in Ontario.
- The *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* and the *Recipient Mare* must be resident in Ontario at the time of enrolment.
- The *Recipient Mare* must complete the 180-day residency requirement and remain in Ontario through foaling in Ontario.
- The embryo transfer procedure *does not* have to occur in Ontario.

The Program will not recognize foals as twins if produced through embryo/ovum transfer. If such foals were produced through embryo/ovum transfer, only the *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare's* first-born foal, registered with either Standardbred Canada or the United States Trotting Association (USTA), will be eligible for registration with Standardbred Canada as ONTARIO BRED.

BREEDER OF RECORD means the individual, partnership, syndicate, or corporation who is the Owner of the dam at the time of conception; except when a mare is held under lease at time of breeding and written notification of such lease signed by the Lessor and the Lessee is on file with Standardbred Canada. When the dam (mare) is under lease at the time of breeding (and written notification is on file as required), the Lessee will be recognized as the **BREEDER OF RECORD**.

ELIGIBLE MARE OWNER / LESSEE means the individual or partnership who enrolls a broodmare in the ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE program. This is the individual or partnership who makes the business decision to participate in the Program, and will be eligible to receive awards earned by the resulting ONTARIO BRED offspring

ONTARIO RESIDENT means 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 Standardbred Canada as an ownership group, will be considered an ONTARIO RESIDENT, **IF**:

- The stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership is registered with Standardbred Canada, **AND**
- 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 or limited partnership is an ONTARIO RESIDENT.

Should any dispute or disagreement arise, the person (or entity) bears the onus of proving that they fall within the meaning of ONTARIO RESIDENT.

CANADIAN RESIDENT means 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 Standardbred Canada as an ownership group, will be considered a CANADIAN RESIDENT, **IF**:

- The stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership is registered with Standardbred Canada, **AND**
- 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.

Should any dispute or disagreement arise, the person (or entity) bears the onus of proving that they fall within the meaning of CANADIAN RESIDENT.

The records of Standardbred Canada, the recognized registry for Standardbred horses in Canada, will be the source of verification and validation for any documentation surrounding ownership, leases, or breeding records of registered ONTARIO SIREs or other horses recognized by the Program.



4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND INCENTIVES FOR 2012

4.1 Ontario Sires Stakes Program

The *Ontario Sires Stakes* program is an annual series of stakes races for two-year-old and three-year-old trotting and pacing horses sired by recognized ONTARIO SIREs. The *Ontario Sires Stakes* program was established in 1974, and has evolved into the leading sires stakes program for Standardbred racing in North America.

Purses for *Ontario Sires Stakes* races are funded through:

- Nomination and sustaining fees paid by owners of eligible horses
- Starting fees paid for entries
- A levy on racetrack purse accounts for all Ontario Standardbred racetracks
- Added money from the *Standardbred Improvement Program*.

The *Ontario Sires Stakes* program is organized into two series of races, the *Grassroots Series* and the *Gold Series*. Within each series, races are organized into events by gait, gender and age. Both the *Grassroots Series* and the *Gold Series* include events in all eight categories.

Depending on the number of eligible entries in each event, each event will include one or more divisions or eliminations. Based on the number of starters in each division or elimination, the available purse money is distributed as follows:

5 or more starters: 50-25-12-8-5%;

4 starters: 50-25-15-10%;

3 starters: 60-30-10%;

2 starters: 65-35%;

1 starter: 100%.

Horses racing in *Grassroots Series* events accumulate points based on race results, which qualify them for competition in the Grassroots Semi-Final races for each category. Their finish position in the Semi-Final qualifies them for competition in the Grassroots Final for each of the age/gender/gait categories.

Horses racing in *Gold Series* events accumulate points based on race results, which qualify them for competition in the year-end Gold Super Finals for each of the age/gender/gait categories.

Eligibility for Ontario Sires Stakes

An ONTARIO SIRE D horse is eligible for all ONTARIO SIRE D restricted races in Ontario, including the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program, provided that the eligibility requirements and race entry conditions are met. (See page 11 for the definition of an ONTARIO SIRE D horse.)

Eligible ONTARIO SIRE D offspring must be nominated to the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program to be eligible for entry into *Ontario Sires Stakes* races, and must meet all required nomination, sustaining and race entry criteria and conditions.

Nominations for foals to the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program close on May 15th of their yearling year.

The *Ontario Sires Stakes Conditions*, including nomination criteria, racing eligibility and entry requirements, are published each year, prior to the May 15th deadline for nominations. Eligibility criteria for the current year *Ontario Sires Stakes* program are available for reference in the *Ontario Sires Stakes Racing Guide* which is printed annually and published on the *Ontario Sires Stakes* website at:

www.ontariosiresstakes.com

Ontario Sires Stakes Purses

The purse of an *Ontario Sires Stakes* event is made up of added money from a number of sources. The Ontario Racing Commission allocates funds from the *Horse Improvement Program* and guarantees a fixed amount of purse available per race or per division.

The actual amount of guaranteed purse per race is subject to annual budget approval. Guaranteed purse values for the 2012 *Ontario Sires Stakes* program are as published in the 2012 *Ontario Sires Stakes Racing Guide*.

The budget for the 2012 *Ontario Sires Stakes* series has been allocated as **\$20,368,000**.



4.2 Benefits for Breeders and Mare Owners

The 2012 racing season marks the first year of full implementation of the *Ontario Sired Rewards* and *Ontario Bred Rewards* benefits for two-year-olds and three-year-olds racing in Ontario.

The *Standardbred Improvement Program* provides *Ontario Sired Rewards* and *Ontario Bred Rewards* to reward breeders who use ONTARIO SIREs in their breeding program, and to reward owners/lessees of ONTARIO RESIDENT MARES. The rewards are intended to directly reward the breeder or mare owner who makes the business decision to participate in the *Standardbred Improvement Program*.

Eligible breeders and ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE owners/lessees will receive:

Ontario Sired Rewards:

Equal to 5% of purses earned in *Ontario Sires Stakes* races.

Eligibility: *Ontario Sired Rewards* will be paid to the BREEDER OF RECORD of purse-winning horses racing in the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program. The rewards are available for two-year-olds and three-year olds racing in the *Ontario Sires Stakes*.

Ontario Bred Rewards:

Equal to 15% of purses earned in *Ontario Sires Stakes* races

AND

15% of purses earned in Finals of selected open stakes in Ontario with a minimum purse value of \$100,000. A list of the selected open stakes that are eligible for *Ontario Bred Rewards* will be posted annually on the Ontario Racing Commission website.

Eligibility: *Ontario Bred Rewards* will be paid to the owner/lessee of an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE with ONTARIO BRED purse-winning offspring racing in *Ontario Sires Stakes* races and Finals of selected open stakes in Ontario with a minimum purse value of \$100,000.

The ELIGIBLE MARE OWNER/LESSEE is the owner (or lessee) who enrolled the dam with the Program as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE in the year of foaling.

If an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is sold after she has been enrolled with the Program, the ELIGIBLE MARE OWNER/LESSEE (the mare owner who enrolled the mare with the Program) will only be eligible for *Ontario Bred Rewards* if the mare

completes her required residency and foals out in Ontario (i.e. the mare meets all requirements for ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE status).

A *Declaration of Compliance* must be received by the Program to confirm that the mare met all residency requirements.

If an eligible purse-winning horse racing in the *Ontario Sires Stakes* program is both ONTARIO SIREN **AND** ONTARIO BRED, the horse will earn both *Ontario Sired Rewards* and *Ontario Bred Rewards*.

FOR CLARITY: A horse **must be** ONTARIO SIREN in order to be eligible for *Ontario Sires Stakes* racing (or any races that are restricted to ONTARIO SIREN horses).

A horse could be ONTARIO BRED, and **not be** ONTARIO SIREN, and still be eligible for benefits attached to its ONTARIO BRED status (*Ontario Bred Rewards* for purse earnings in Finals of selected open stakes, for example).

If an ONTARIO BRED is also ONTARIO SIREN, it is eligible for rewards for both categories.

4.3 Transferring *Ontario Bred Rewards*

If an enrolled ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is sold during her 180-day residency period, the *Ontario Bred Rewards* for the mare's offspring **may be** transferred to the new owner, provided that the transfer of ownership has been recorded with Standardbred Canada, and the *Transfer of Ontario Bred Rewards* form is completed and submitted to Standardbred Canada.

To transfer *Ontario Bred Rewards* for an *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* that is sold during the 180-day residency period, a special application is required to be made to the Ontario Racing Commission.



4.4 Ontario Bred Racing Program

For future years, subject to available budget, the *Standardbred Improvement Program* will consider developing a racing program for ONTARIO BREDS to encourage the purchase of ONTARIO BRED yearlings. The *Ontario Bred Racing* program is intended to add value to, and encourage the purchase of, ONTARIO BRED yearlings.

NOTE: The *Ontario Bred Winner's Bonus* program will not be offered in 2012, as had been previously announced. The addition of new incentives and rewards to encourage the purchase and ownership of ONTARIO BRED horses, such as the *Ontario Bred Winner's Bonus*, will be considered for future years.



5. THE HORSE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The *Horse Improvement Program* (HIP) is a racing and breeding incentive program that was established in 1974. The Program plays a direct role in increasing employment in the racing industry, helping Ontario farms remain economically stable and encouraging ownership in Ontario-produced horses.

The purpose of the *Horse Improvement Program* is ...

- To benefit the Ontario racing industry in general and to grow the industry in a sustainable and responsible way,
- To support the Ontario breeding sector,
- To invest in equine research, and
- To promote participation in the Ontario *Horse Improvement Program*.

The *Horse Improvement Program* is funded through a wagering levy, which amounts to two (2) per cent of total wagering, plus an additional two (2) per cent from triactor wagering. In addition, both the *Standardbred Improvement Program* and the *Thoroughbred Improvement Program* receive a percentage of the horsepeople's share of slot revenue. The budget for the 2012 *Horse Improvement Program*, including both the *Standardbred Improvement Program* and *Thoroughbred Improvement Program*, is valued at approximately \$45,085,000.

Administration of the Horse Improvement Program

Prior to 1997, the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) administered the various program elements of the *Horse Improvement Program*. In conjunction with the many changes that occurred as a result of the reduction in the provincial tax on wagering, responsibility for the administration of the *Horse Improvement Program* was delegated to the Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association (OHRIA) effective January 1, 1997. The *Horse Improvement Program* was then administered by OHRIA, in accordance with the Rules of Administration approved by the Commission. In May of 2005, administration of the *Horse Improvement Program* was transferred back to the Ontario Racing Commission.

In 2006, the Governing Board of the Ontario Racing Commission mandated a review of the *Horse Improvement Program*, to determine if the Program was continuing to be effective within the context of the current environment for breeding and racing in Ontario. The process for the review of the *Horse*

Improvement Program involved broad-based industry consultations and background research during the December 2006 through March 2008 period.

The Ontario Racing Commission released the *Final Report of the Review of the Horse Improvement Program* on June 20, 2008, which presents the results of the comprehensive review. The Final Report includes summaries of the industry consultations and the resulting recommendations received from the industry for restructuring the *Horse Improvement Program* to meet the revised goals and objectives for the Program.

Goals and Objectives of the Horse Improvement Program

The review of the *Horse Improvement Program* identified the following goals and objectives for the Program:

- Rewarding Excellence
- Developing programs that support a strong and sustainable live racing product in Ontario which attracts enhanced wagering
- Developing and supporting programs that foster, sustain and encourage investment within the breeding sector
- Supporting the Ontario breeding sector as a priority with programs and race conditions that create incentives for the breeding and purchase of Ontario offspring (yearlings in particular)
- Supporting the Ontario breeding sector over the long-term, with programs that
 - Encourage investment in the breeding sector
 - Encourage the purchase of Ontario offspring
 - Maximize the value of Ontario offspring
 - Include long-term returns to owners of Ontario-bred horses, Ontario breeders and Ontario stallion owners
 - Support improvement in quality, not just increased quantity, in breeding programs
 - Encourage improvements to the broodmare band, as well as the stallion population
- Establishing conditions for allocation of HIP funds for overnight races
- Investing in equine research

- Promoting Ontario's *Horse Improvement Program* to
 - Brand the Program and provide education on program benefits and eligibility requirements
 - Introduce our products to new people.

Program funds entrusted to the Ontario Racing Commission are audited and reviewed annually by the Provincial Auditor, the results of which are published each year in the *Annual Report of the Horse Improvement Program*. The Annual Report is available on the Ontario Racing Commission website at:
www.ontarioracingcommission.ca

Roles and Responsibilities

1. *The Program Administrator*

The Ontario Racing Commission, as the Program Administrator for the *Horse Improvement Program*, is responsible for the development and implementation of all Program elements to achieve the identified goals and objectives of the Program.

The Ontario Racing Commission is responsible for approving all Program criteria, eligibility requirements and rules and procedures surrounding implementation and administration of the Program. As Program Administrator, the ORC has responsibility for:

- Ensuring the integrity of all payments to eligible recipients of HIP incentive benefits
- Setting targets (expected performance outcomes and results) for Program expenditures
- Developing a program for evaluating and measuring the results of Program implementation
- Reporting on Program performance to industry and government.

The *Horse Improvement Program* includes incentives and benefits for breeders, stallion owners, and owners of active racehorses. The Ontario Racing Commission, as Program Administrator, is responsible "To ensure that all those eligible are paid, and that all those paid are eligible."

Overall administration of the Program is implemented within the guidelines outlined in the Rules of Administration for the *Horse Improvement Program* as

approved by the Ontario Racing Commission Governing Board. The Rules of Administration mandate a role for an Advisory Group (both for Thoroughbred and for Standardbred sectors), responsible for:

- Working with the Program Administrator to review the annual performance of the *Horse Improvement Program* in the context of the identified goals and objectives of the Program
- Providing recommendations (and input) to the Program Administrator on the annual budget and Program elements for the next year
- Providing recommendations to the Program Administrator on the annual Program eligibility requirements, and Program Criteria documents
- Developing recommendations on Program targets and benchmarks
- Developing recommendations to the Program Administrator on program changes for future years, that reflect changes in the business environment for the Ontario breeding and/or racing sector
- Developing recommendations on marketing and communication programs surrounding the *Horse Improvement Program*.

The Ontario Racing Commission is committed to working with industry stakeholders to develop a process for annual review of Program performance and outcomes, and a process for involving industry stakeholders in revisions to Program elements and long-term strategic planning for the Program.

To implement changes evolving from the Program Review, the Ontario Racing Commission will have specific responsibilities for:

- Recording and publicizing a list of horses that have been registered with, and accepted by, the Program as ONTARIO SIREs for each breeding year
- Recording eligible ONTARIO RESIDENT MARES for each foaling year
- Authorizing the designation of a foal's (horse's) lifetime status for HIP benefits on registration records or certificates issued by Standardbred Canada or the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society
- Informing all racetracks of a horse's eligibility for racing incentives that are funded by HIP and distributed through purse accounts



- Developing a *Horse Improvement Program* promotional website to encourage investment in Ontario's breeding and racing sectors.

The Ontario Racing Commission will rely on, and work in partnership with, pedigree registries, Ontario racetracks, and industry associations to administer the *Horse Improvement Program*.

2. *Pedigree Registries*

The Ontario Racing Commission will rely on registration records maintained by Standardbred Canada as the source of valid information related to the identification, ownership, or ownership leases for Standardbred horses recognized by the Program.

The Ontario Racing Commission will authorize Standardbred Canada to designate a horse's lifetime status for HIP benefits on registration records or certificates issued for eligible foals/horses, as:

ONTARIO BRED AND/OR ONTARIO SIRE

The Ontario Racing Commission will require Standardbred Canada to provide current listings of horses registered as ONTARIO BRED and/or ONTARIO SIRE.

The Ontario Racing Commission will require pedigree registries to provide such other activity reports as are required to support reporting on Program performance to industry and government.

The records of Standardbred Canada, the recognized registry for Standardbred horses in Canada, will be the source of verification and validation for any documentation surrounding ownership – or leases – for Standardbred horses recognized by the Program.

3. *Ontario Racetracks*

One of the goals of the *Horse Improvement Program* is to encourage the adoption of common definitions and terminology to be shared by the Program Administrator, the racetracks and the breeder and horsemen's associations in Ontario.

Where race conditions in Ontario restrict eligibility to Ontario progeny, or where additional purse incentives are available for Ontario progeny, it is expected that

the HIP definitions for ONTARIO SIRE and ONTARIO BRED will apply to such races.

Where HIP benefits are distributed to eligible owners of active racehorses through purse account payments, the Ontario Racing Commission will provide Ontario racetracks validation for eligibility for such incentives.

When applicable, Ontario racetracks will be responsible for:

- Validating eligibility for HIP restricted races
- Validating eligibility for HIP funded purse incentives to owners
- Reporting to the Ontario Racing Commission, race entries and race results for HIP funded races, or races that receive HIP funded bonuses or added money
- Reporting to the Ontario Racing Commission the results of races that impact a horse's future eligibility for Program benefits (i.e. claiming races)
- Other racing activity reports as are required to support reporting on Program performance to industry and government.

4. Industry Association Partners

The ORC will partner with industry associations wherever possible, to maximize the effective administration of the *Horse Improvement Program*, and the value of HIP expenditures. The Ontario Racing Commission may enlist industry associations such as Standardbred Canada or CTHS Ontario Division, to provide services that support the administration of the Program.

The provision of Program services by a designated industry association will operate under terms specified in a contractual agreement between the Ontario Racing Commission and the industry association.

6. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q ***How do I enrol my Broodmare (or Stallion) for 2012?***

A Copies of all required application forms are included in this document. All required application forms are also available on the Ontario Racing Commission website (www.ontarioracingcommission.ca) and the *Ontario Sires Stakes* website (www.ontariosiresstakes.com) to download and print.

Q ***What happens if the criteria change for ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIRE status?***

A A horse's status is recorded on its Registration Record (electronic papers) with Standardbred Canada, and is based on the criteria in effect in its birth year. This status is maintained for the horse's entire racing career.

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

A You will be required to have a current, valid ORC licence if you are registering a stallion as an ONTARIO SIRE for the 2012 breeding season, or a broodmare as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE.

Q ***Can a non-Ontario resident participate in the Resident Mare Program?***

A You do not need to be an ONTARIO RESIDENT to enrol a broodmare as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE. The mare must be in Ontario at time of registration, must meet the requirements for residency in Ontario, and must foal out in Ontario. The owner/lessee of the mare who enrolls her as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE will be eligible to receive *Ontario Bred Rewards* earned by her offspring.

Non-Ontario residents can also benefit from the Program by purchasing ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIRE horses and capitalizing on the racing opportunities and purse bonuses that are attached to the status of these horses.

Q ***When will I receive my 2012 Ontario Sired and Ontario Bred Rewards payments?***

A *Ontario Sired Rewards* will be paid monthly to the eligible BREEDER OF RECORD. *Ontario Bred Rewards* will be paid twice a year (September and end of season) to eligible mare owners/lessees.

Q What happens if I sell my ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE? Who will get the awards and bonuses?

A If you sell a mare that is enrolled as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE for the current foal year, you will be eligible to receive the *Ontario Bred Rewards* IF you are the ELIGIBLE MARE OWNER/LESSEE who enrolled her in the Program AND if the new owner signs the *Declaration of Compliance* to verify that the mare was kept in Ontario to foal out and that she completed her required 180 days of residency. If you sell your mare during her 180-day residency period, you have the option to transfer the *Ontario Bred Rewards* to the new owner along with the mare, adding value to the transaction. If you choose to transfer the *Ontario Bred Rewards*, the *Transfer of Ontario Bred Rewards* form must be completed and submitted to Standardbred Canada.

Q If I sell my ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE, do I have to sign the Declaration of Compliance?

A If an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE is sold during the 180-day residency period both the seller and the buyer must sign the *Declaration of Compliance*, reporting on the number of days she was resident in Ontario during their time of ownership. The *Declaration of Compliance* form will be automatically sent to the mare owner who is recorded with the Program (at time of mare enrollment).

Q I used an Ontario Sire for my mare, but the new owner doesn't want to keep her in Ontario. What happens to the Ontario Sired Rewards?

A As the BREEDER OF RECORD (the owner or lessee of the mare at the time of breeding) of an ONTARIO SIRE horse, you will be eligible for the *Ontario Sired Rewards*.

Example 1: You are a breeder who owns a mare January 1, 2012, breeds her to an OSS stallion in 2012, enrolls her in the Program (in 2012), and then sells her in foal in November 2012. If the mare stays in Ontario and foals out in 2013 in Ontario:

- You will be eligible for the *Ontario Sired Rewards* earned by the foal she is carrying (because you were the BREEDER OF RECORD who bred her to the ONTARIO SIRE), **AND**
- You will be eligible for the *Ontario Bred Rewards* because you were the mare owner who enrolled her in the Program, **AND** because the new owner kept her in Ontario to complete her 180 days of residency.



Note: The new owner must sign the *Declaration of Compliance* to verify that she foaled in Ontario and met the 180 Residency requirement.

Example 2: You are the breeder as outlined above, **BUT** when you sell the mare, the new owner takes her out of Ontario to foal in another province or state:

- You will be eligible for the *Ontario Sired Rewards* earned by the foal she is carrying (because you are the **BREEDER OF RECORD**), **BUT**
- You **will not** be eligible for the *Ontario Bred Rewards* because the mare did not complete her requirements to fully qualify as an **ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE**.

Q ***When is the earliest date that I can bring my mare into the Province of Ontario so that she can begin her 180-day residency requirement for the 2012 foal year?***

A You can bring your mare into Ontario at any time. If you wish to enrol her as an **ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE**, she must be in Ontario at the time of enrolment, which must be after conception and prior to foaling out in Ontario.

Q ***What is the earliest date that I can enrol my mare in the Program so that she can begin her 180-day residency requirement for the 2012 foal year?***

A An **ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE** can be enrolled in the Program any time after conception, provided she is in Ontario at the time of enrolment. The residency period for mares enrolled in 2012 will begin on the day the 2012 *Standardbred Mare Enrolment* form is received at Standardbred Canada. The mare must reside in Ontario for 180 consecutive days including foaling out in Ontario.

Q ***What is the residency requirement on Recipient Mares of embryo transplants? Do both the Embryo Transfer Donor Mare and Recipient Mare need to be enrolled in the program?***

A **Only** the *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* must be enrolled in the Program but both mares must be resident in Ontario at the time of enrolment. **Only** the *Recipient Mare* must complete the 180-day residency requirement and remain in Ontario through foaling in Ontario.

Q What happens if I sell my Ontario stallion during the breeding season?

A As long as the stallion is sold to an ONTARIO RESIDENT and remains in Ontario for the remainder of the breeding season, it will maintain its eligibility for that year. The OSS Administration must be notified within 30 days of the sale.

Q What do I do if I miss one of these many new deadlines?

A It is the responsibility of the horse owner to be familiar with the *Standardbred Improvement Program* incentives and criteria in order to benefit from them. Exceptions and appeals can be made in writing to the Program Administrator.

Q I have frozen semen from a deceased ONTARIO SIRE. Can I breed my mare with it and get an ONTARIO SIRE foal?

A For a foal to be considered ONTARIO SIRE, the frozen semen must be collected and used in a year that the Stallion was/is registered with the Program. If the stallion dies during a breeding season, then the frozen semen can only be used to finish that breeding season.

Q Where can I get additional mare / stallion enrolment forms?

A Additional forms are available to download and print on the Ontario Racing Commission website (www.ontarioracingcommission.ca), and the *Ontario Sires Stakes* website (www.ontariosiresstakes.com).

Q Can I get the \$50.00 mare enrolment fee back if my mare does not produce a live foal?

A The mare enrolment fee covers the administration costs that are incurred by the Program each year. For this reason you **will not** be refunded if your mare does not produce a live foal.

Q Can my stallion leave and breed mares in the United States and still be considered an Ontario Sire?

A No, your stallion must remain standing in Ontario for his entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON.

Q What is a DUAL HEMISPHERE STALLION?

A A DUAL HEMISPHERE STALLION is a stallion that breeds mares situated in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres during the same calendar year. A DUAL HEMISPHERE STALLION is subject to special rules pertaining to its NORTHERN HEMISPHERE STUD SEASON, as noted on page 12.

Q What is the Privacy and Consent signature all about?

A There is one consent signature on the *Standardbred Mare Enrolment* form and the *Stallion Registration* form. This consent signature gives the Ontario Racing Commission permission to share your contact information for the purposes of **promoting** mares or stallions you may enrol in the program. The Ontario Racing Commission takes its responsibility to protect your personal information very seriously. Under requirements of provincial law, the ORC will not release personal information to a third party, unless an individual has given express permission.

Q I enrolled my broodmare in the Ontario Resident Mare program, but I may have a chance to sell her before she foals. Are the Ontario Bred Rewards for the foal she is carrying now automatically sold with her, or, can I retain them?

A The transfer of *Ontario Bred Rewards* upon the sale of an enrolled mare is NOT automatic – it is an option that can be negotiated between the seller and buyer. If you do choose to transfer the *Ontario Bred Rewards* to the purchaser as part of the sale contract, the *Transfer of Ontario Bred Rewards* form must be completed and submitted to Standardbred Canada.

Q I enrolled my broodmare in the Ontario Resident Mare program, but I sold her during completion of the residency period and did not transfer my rights to the Ontario Bred Rewards. Am I required to report anything to the Program to ensure that I still receive the Ontario Bred Rewards?

A In order for you to receive the *Ontario Bred Rewards*, the new owner must notify the Program of the location of the mare and sign the Declaration of Compliance to verify that the mare completed her 180 day requirement and foaled out in Ontario.

Q I bred my ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE to an ONTARIO SIRE and am planning on selling her. If I transfer my rights to the Ontario Bred Rewards to the purchaser, will I also be transferring my rights to the Ontario Sired Rewards for that foal?

A No. In the event you sell your ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE and transfer the rights to the *Ontario Bred Rewards*, you, as the BREEDER OF RECORD are the one who is eligible to receive the *Ontario Sired Rewards*.

Q In 2012, I'm planning to have my mare's embryo transferred to a recipient mare. Which mare do I have to enrol and by what deadline?

A It is only the *Embryo Transfer Donor Mare* (your mare) that must be enrolled as an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE. Although the *Recipient Mare* will serve the 180-day residency period in Ontario, it is the registered dam of the resulting foal that must be enrolled with the Program. For breedings of 2011 (foals of 2012) and forward, both the *Donor Mare* and the *Recipient Mare* must be resident in Ontario at the time of enrolment and the *Donor Mare* must be enrolled after conception and prior to the *Recipient Mare* foaling out in Ontario.

Q My ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE will be moving to another location in Ontario for foaling out. If I reported this location as a secondary farm on the 2012 Mare Enrolment form, am I required to submit a Change of Location form as in 2010?

A No, you are no longer required to submit a *Change of Location* form for movement within Ontario. You must be able to report the Ontario location for an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE enrolled in the Program upon the request of the Program Administrator.

Q My broodmares are always resident in one location, including foaling out. Am I required to report a secondary location on the 2012 Mare Enrolment form?

No. You only need to report a secondary location if your mares regularly move between two Ontario locations while completing their 180-day residency requirement.

Q I enrolled my mare in the Ontario Resident Mare Program and I have now received the foal's Registration papers but it does not say the foal is Ontario Bred.



- A The Ontario Bred designation does not show on the Foal Registration papers. It only shows on the Standardbred Canada system.
- Q ***If I register a stallion for the OSS and then move him out of the province before he breeds any mares, will I get a refund of my Registration Fee and Levy?***
- A No, the Registration Fee and Levy are not refundable.
- Q ***I do not live in Ontario, can I register my stallion as an Ontario Sire?***
- A To register for the OSS program, a stallion must physically be in Ontario for the Northern Hemisphere Breeding season and must also be leased by a resident of Ontario for a period of at least one year.
- Q ***If I purchase a stallion after the January 15th deadline, can I still register him for the Ontario Sires Stakes?***
- A As long as the stallion has not bred any mares in the current season, he can be Registered with the OSS for a late fee of \$500.



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