

Ontario Sires Stakes Stallion Registration Registration Deadline – January 15, 2008

FOAL ELIGIBILITY

Only foals of 2009, conceived as a result of matings between a mare in the Northern Hemisphere and a properly registered Ontario stallion during the *Northern Hemisphere Stud Season (*see definition over page), are eligible for nomination to the Ontario Sires Stakes to race as two-year-olds in the 2010 calendar year and as three-year-olds in the 2011 calendar year.

Foals conceived from frozen semen will be eligible to the OSS program only if the semen was collected and frozen in Ontario and is from a stallion that was registered for the OSS program both at the time of collection and when the mare was inseminated. The semen must have been obtained through the OSS registered owner, lessee or Syndicate Manager. If an OSS registered stallion 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.

Note: The OSS will not recognize foals as twins if produced through embryo/ovum transfer. If such foals were produced through embryo/ovum transfer, only the donor mare's first born foal, registered with either Standardbred Canada or the USTA, will be eligible for nomination.

Nominations for foals of 2009 close on May 15, 2010.

STALLION ELIGIBILITY

DEADLINES and FEES

The deadline for applying to register a stallion is **January 15, 2008**, and the fee for such registration is:

\$200.00 for a new registration, or **\$100.00** for a renewal (registered in previous year)

PLUS

The Grassroots Development Fund levy which is 50% of the advertised service fee for the current year (if fee is listed as Private, levy will be 50% of the highest charged stud fee for the current year) **OR \$500, whichever is GREATER.**

Any applications received by mail that have no postmark or have an unreadable postmark on the envelope, will only be accepted up to January 16th, 2008. After that date the Late Registration fee of \$500 will apply (see below).

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 to the Ontario Sires Stakes office by **registered mail**.

Late Registration: To register a stallion after January 15, 2008, please enclose a fee of **\$500.00**, for either an initial registration or a renewal registration **plus** the Grassroots Development Fund levy (see above). A stallion is ineligible for late registration if it breeds or has bred any mares during the 2008 calendar year, prior to the approval of the application.

Failure to submit the appropriate registration fee and Grassroots Development Fund levy along with the application will result in the foals born to that stallion in 2009 being ineligible for nomination to the Ontario Sires Stakes to race as two-year-olds in the 2011 calendar year and as three-year-olds in the 2012 calendar year.

A list of registered stallions will be published as soon as possible after January 15, 2008. It may not be possible to include all stallions registered pursuant to the late registration provisions on the published list.

ONTARIO RESIDENCY RULES

To be eligible for registration 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 along with the application for registration.

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 Ontario Sires Stakes must be submitted with the application for registration.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1) To be eligible for registration in the Ontario Sires Stakes program, standardbred stallions must be registered with Standardbred Canada and/or the United States Trotting Association and must be DNA-tested in accordance with prevailing Standardbred Canada regulations, as amended from time to time.

- 2) All corresponding officers of record, lessees and syndicate managers signing an application for registration of a stallion, which is thereafter registered, shall forthwith be required to obtain licenses from the Ontario Racing Commission, if not already so licensed, pursuant to the provisions of the Racing Commission Act, 2000, for the purpose of being permitted to participate in the Ontario Sires Stakes Standardbred Stallion Registration Program.

Stallion owners/lessees and syndicate managers who violate the stallion registration conditions or the intent of the stallion registration conditions will be dealt with by the Ontario Racing Commission and the ORC, in its absolute discretion, may waive the breach of any stallion condition, which the Commission does not consider prejudicial to the best interest of the Ontario Sires Stakes program.

The ORC reserves the right to reject any stallion registration.

DEFINED TERMS

Breeding or Bred – Refers to the mating of Standardbred stallions to Standardbred mares or non-Standard mares, either naturally or by artificial insemination, and regardless of whether a foal results from such mating.

Dual Hemisphere Stallion – A stallion that breeds mares situated in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres during the same calendar year. Subject to special rules pertaining to its Northern Hemisphere Stud Season, as noted in the definition below.

Entity – A partnership, corporation, syndicate, company, firm, association, organization, authority, department, bureau, trust or group claiming ownership of or lease rights to a stallion.

Leases – Where a Registered Stallion is leased to an Ontario resident, the initial term of the lease must be for no less than one year.

A lessor's rights to a Registered Stallion may not be transferred during that stallion's Northern Hemisphere Stud Season, except to another Ontario resident, and then only if the Ontario Sires Stakes office is so advised in writing by the previous lessor within ten (10) days of the transfer.

A Registered Stallion becomes ineligible for the OSS program 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 Ontario Sires Stakes office is notified in writing within ten (10) days of the transfer.

Northern Hemisphere Stud 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 OSS registration 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 ORC, in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to remain situated in Ontario.

Ontario resident – Refers to:

- (a) an individual who is either a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident within the meaning of the *Immigration Act (Canada)* and who is ordinarily resident in Ontario; or
- (b) an Entity that is under the **control**** of partners, members, shareholders or other owners who are Ontario residents.

****Control** – 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.

Registered Stallion – A stallion registered with the Ontario Sires Stakes for the OSS program.

Sales – A Registered Stallion may not be sold except to an Ontario resident, and then only if the Ontario Sires Stakes office is so advised in writing by the previous owner within thirty (30) days of the sale. Copies of all transferred registration documents and completed registration forms must be filed with the OSS office.

A Registered Stallion becomes ineligible for the OSS program if it is sold to a non-Ontario resident during the stallion's Northern Hemisphere Stud Season, unless,

- (i) it is thereafter leased to an Ontario resident, and copies of all lease documentation are filed with the OSS; and
- (ii) it continues to stand in the Province of Ontario during that same Northern Hemisphere Stud Season; and
- (iii) the OSS office is notified in writing within thirty (30) days of the sale.

NOTE: Any changes to above made after print date may be found on the OSS website (www.ontariosiresstakes.com) and/or published in the trade magazines.