

Ontario Sires Stakes Stallion Registration Registration Deadline – January 15, 2012

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, 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 ORC, 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 ORC 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.

FEEES 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) ...

OR ...

- \$100.00 for a *Renewal Registration* (for stallions registered as an ONTARIO SIRE in the previous year) ...

PLUS ...

- An *Ontario Sires Stakes Levy* 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, 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 17, 2012. After that date the Late Registration fee of \$500 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 with this document. Additional copies of the form are available on the OSS website at www.ontariosiresstakes.com.

PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

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 SIREd 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 SIREd. Foals conceived from frozen semen will be eligible to be registered with Standardbred Canada as ONTARIO SIREd 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 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, 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 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.