



**ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE RACING
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**2021
PROGRAM CRITERIA**



Ontario Racing is the Program Administrator for the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program, a component of Ontario's Horse Improvement Program.

Ontario Racing is a horse racing industry association which was established to assume many of the functions of the Ontario Horse Racing division of the former Ontario Racing Commission. The organization is responsible for directing breed improvement programs, setting an annual program of races and purses, attracting new horse owners, building a fan base and connecting the industry with government and the general public.

Ontario Racing serves as the voice of the horse racing industry and will work closely with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) towards the integration of horse racing into OLG's gaming strategy.

Information and all required Program application forms are available for viewing and download at www.ontarioracing.com.

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Attention: Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program

About This Guide

This booklet presents the 2021 participation and reward criteria for the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program.

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

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

Information contained herein is subject to change due to changes in funding or other factors. Ontario Racing, at its sole discretion, may from time to time make changes to the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program criteria of any nature and kind whatsoever. Program participants agree to be bound by such changes. Please refer to Ontario Racing's website at www.ontarioracing.com.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program (the “Program”) is built on the framework outlined in the Quarter Horse Industry Racing Development Plan (the “Plan”). The Plan is a multi-year strategy to build a strong sustainable Quarter Horse racing and breeding industry in Ontario.

The main QHRIDP components will remain similar to prior years, with the 2021-22 program projected to provide over \$5 million in total purses and incentives.

WHO RECEIVES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES FROM THE PROGRAM?

- Owners of ONTARIO BRED and/or ONTARIO SIREDD racehorses racing in Ontario Sires Stakes or restricted overnight races
- Breeders of ONTARIO BRED, ONTARIO SIREDD or ONTARIO FOALED horses racing in Ontario
- Owners of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS with offspring placing in Ontario races

WHAT’S NEW IN 2021

- QROOI Sprint and Distance Stakes added to Criteria Book (pg 21)
- Change to definition of ONTARIO FOALED (pg 7)



IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR 2021

To be eligible for 2021 Program benefits, horses must be recorded with the Program Registry by the following deadlines:

January 15th

Deadline to apply to accredit an actively breeding stallion for the 2021 breeding season without incurring a late fee. The term “actively breeding stallion” includes retired, deceased or gelded horses from which frozen or cooled semen is used to inseminate mares in the current calendar year.

After January 15, an actively breeding stallion may apply and be accredited upon payment of a \$200 late fee. Non-breeding stallions may apply and be accepted into the program up to 15 days after the last day of racing without fees.

Before Date of Foaling

A 2021 Application to Accredite an Ontario Broodmare form must be received by the Program Registry before Date of Foaling (in Ontario) for her foal to be considered ONTARIO BRED and to avoid late fees. This application is available at www.ontarioracing.com.

An application may be accepted after the mare has foaled, with no time limit, upon payment of a \$200 late fee and provision of proof that the mare foaled in Ontario and resided in Ontario 270 days surrounding foaling.

Before Time of Entry

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

August 15, and 7 Days after the Last Day of Racing

Third Start Bonus applications due.



7 Days after Last Day of Racing

All people and horses must be enrolled or recorded with the Program Registry no later than 7 days after the last day of racing to receive Program benefits for the current racing year.

15 Days after Last Day of Racing

Mare Breeding Incentive Applications due.

November 20th

Deadline for Post Racing Bonus Applications.

November 30th

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

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



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1. THE PROGRAM

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

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

This booklet outlines the 2021 Eligibility Requirements and Criteria for the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program.

1.1 Elements of the Program

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

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

BREEDING PROGRAM

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

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



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

RACING PROGRAM

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

- To maximize participation in Ontario Quarter Horse racing through encouraging Ontario ownership
- To ensure a balance of racing opportunities between overnight races and stakes racing programs
- To offer AQHA stakes races
- To ensure a balance of restricted and open stake racing opportunities
- To place Ontario Quarter Horse racing on the international map

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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

- Expanded post-racing sales markets for horses
- Group insurance benefits
- Family Fun Day

1.2 Program Requirements

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

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

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Ontario Racing is the Program Administrator for the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program. The work of the Program Administrator is supported by the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program Committee, a group of Quarter Horse industry representatives, who provide input and recommendations on implementation and policy development for the Program.

The Program Administrator reserves the right to amend, cancel or alter the Program and/or make changes to the terms, conditions, and benefits of any nature and kind whatsoever and Program participants hereby agree to be bound by such changes.

RULES INTERPRETATION

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

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

All declarations signed on Program application forms are legally binding statements. Any individual or corporate entity enrolled in the Program who violates the conditions or intent of the Program will be subject to sanctioning as may be deemed appropriate by Ontario Racing.

Decisions of the Program Administrator may be appealed and will be heard by the Programs Appeal Adjudicator in a public meeting at which the complainant, as well as other interested stakeholders, may be present if they wish.

PROGRAMS APPEAL ADJUDICATOR

Ontario Racing retains a Programs Appeal Adjudicator to conduct Program Appeals. This position has the responsibility to:

- Review and maintain full understanding of the Horse Improvement Programs and QHRDIP, including program objectives and all Program criteria
- Review appeal submissions from the appellant and the Ontario Racing Program Administrator.
- Hear Program appeals brought before them by the Program Administrator.
- Make formal (written) decisions on Program appeals.
- Make recommendations to the Program Administrator on Program criteria changes.

There is no appeal of the Adjudicator's decision on Program matters.

PROGRAM REGISTRY

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

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



WHO MUST ENROL IN THE PROGRAM REGISTRY?

- Breeders potentially eligible for Breeders' Awards
- Stallion owners/lessees potentially eligible for Stallion Awards
- Owners (or lessees) of ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES
- Owners (or lessees) of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS
- Owners (or lessees) submitting an Application to Record a Horse or Foal
- Agents or guardians of minors (under 18 years of age) who qualify as any of the above

2. PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will apply for the Breeding Program and the Racing Program for foals of 2021:

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

AQHA - American Quarter Horse Association

BREEDER OF RECORD – A breeder as defined by AQHA Rule Reg 113.1 — Official Handbook of Rules & Regulations — subject to accreditation rules regarding confirmation of residency of the mare.

AQHA Rule REG 113.1: The breeder of a horse is the owner of the dam at the time of service, except when a mare is held under lease at time of breeding and written notification of such lease signed by the lessee and lessor is on file with AQHA, in which event the registration certificate shall show the lessee as the breeder. When a frozen embryo permit is used to register a foal, the original purchaser of the frozen embryo permit shall be listed as the breeder.

ENTITY - A person, stable, farm, corporation, limited partnership, or syndicate. An Entity shall be deemed to be controlled by another person or by two or more Entities if, but only if:

- a) Voting authority over the first-mentioned Entity carrying more than 50 per cent of the votes required to elect directors or such personnel as may be equivalent to directors are held, other than by way of secured debt obligation only, by or for the benefit of such other person or by or for the benefit of such other Entities; AND
 - b) The votes carried by any securities are sufficient, if exercised, to elect a majority of the directors or such personnel as may be equivalent to directors of the first-mentioned Entity.
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NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON – That period during each calendar year, commencing when the stallion breeds his first mare situated in the Northern Hemisphere, and ending the day the stallion breeds his last mare situated in the Northern Hemisphere. During this entire period, the stallion must remain situated in Ontario to remain eligible for ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION status, and if a Dual Hemisphere Stallion, it must remain situated in Ontario for at least 170 consecutive days. For breeding stallions that are also racing or in the event of a medical emergency, Ontario Racing, in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to remain situated in Ontario.

ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE – A mare that is registered with the AQHA and recorded with the Program Registry that has resided in the province of Ontario for no less than 270 consecutive days surrounding the date of foaling out in Ontario. Exemptions for the requirement for consecutive days of residency may be recognized by application to the Program Registry. As an owner or lessee you must enrol yourself with the Program Registry and renew the accreditation of your mares with the Program Registry for the 2021 foal year. The mare must reside in Ontario for 270 consecutive days surrounding foaling in Ontario. The date the application is received by the Program Registry is considered Day One of the residency period. The 270 day residency period for one foal cannot overlap the residency period if you breed back the mare in 2022.

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

A stallion will lose its ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION status if:

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

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

For the purposes of recognition as an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION, a stallion is considered to be owned (or leased) by an ONTARIO RESIDENT, if:

- 100% ownership (100% lessee interests) of the stallion is by ONTARIO RESIDENT(S), OR
 - Where the ownership/lessee is a registered stable, farm, corporation, limited partnership or syndicate, the ownership/lessee entity is under the control of partners, members, shareholders or other owners who are ONTARIO RESIDENTS.
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ONTARIO BRED - A foal born in the Province of Ontario, out of an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE. Only one foal per ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE may be declared to the Program Registry for each birth year. In case of embryo transfer procedures the recipient mare shall be deemed the ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE.

Foals of 2021

To clarify the status of foals born in Ontario in 2021, the following conditions apply:

- Foals born in Ontario in 2021 out of a 2020 ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE will be eligible to be recorded as ONTARIO BRED (provided the foal meets all other eligibility criteria to be recorded in the Program Registry).
- Foals born in Ontario in 2021 out of a mare that was recorded with the Program Registry prior to Date-of-Foaling, but was not a 2020 ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE, will be eligible to be recorded as ONTARIO FOALED (provided the foal meets all other eligibility criteria to be recorded in the Program Registry).

Offspring Resulting from Embryo Transfer Procedures

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

- Donor Mare must be enrolled with the Program Registry at the time of transfer and implantation, but does not need to meet residency requirements.
- The Recipient Mare must be enrolled in the Program Registry and serve the residency period of 270 days surrounding foaling in the Province of Ontario, and the Recipient Mare must foal in Ontario. Proof of residency may be required at the discretion of the Program Administrator.
- If multiple foals out of the dam (Donor Mare) are born via Recipient Mares, more than one foal may be recognized by the Program as Ontario Bred at the discretion of the Program Administrator.
- The Recipient Mare must be owned or leased by the same entity as owns or leases the Donor Mare. Proof of ownership or lease, and identification of the Recipient Mare by tattoo or markings is required.
- An Application to Record a Racehorse or Foal must be received by the Program prior to the Recipient Mare leaving the province.
- In the case of a Recipient Mare being bought and brought into the province carrying an embryo transfer foal where the owner is not the breeder, the requirement of the Donor Mare being enrolled in the Program is waived.

ONTARIO FOAL - A foal, recorded in the Program Registry, born in the Province of Ontario as shown on its AQHA registration. The mare must have been recorded with the Program Registry prior to Date-of-Foaling in Ontario.

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

- The stable, farm, corporation or limited partnership is registered with the AQHA,
- The primary business location for the stable, farm, or limited partnership — or the registered head office for the corporation — is in the Province of Ontario, AND
- At least one member of the registered stable, farm, corporation, limited partnership or syndicate maintains a permanent home or principal home in Ontario and resides at that home for no less than 182 days in a calendar year.

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

ONTARIO RESIDENT LESSEE - A lessee as defined by AQHA Rule REG 125. LEASES – *Official Handbook of Rules & Regulations* - that is an ONTARIO RESIDENT.

AQHA RULE REG 125. LEASES

REG 125.1 *For a lease of a horse to be recognized, written notice of such lease must be filed with AQHA, signed by both the recorded owner as lessor, and the lessee. The notice shall specify the effective date of lease and may not exceed three years. At the expiration of a three-year lease term, the lease must be re-recorded to remain effective. If the lease term is for a shorter period, it shall also provide a termination date. To terminate a lease other than expiration of the lease term, provide written notice to AQHA specifying the termination date, signed by both lessor and lessee, or by a properly executed transfer report which shows a change of ownership from lessor to lessee, signed by the record owner/lessor. No fee is charged for terminating a lease, whether automatic or by subsequent notice.*

REG 125.2 *Enforcement of the lessee's limitation on use of the horse is solely the responsibility of the lessor.*

REG 125.3 *Transfers of horse ownership from recognized claiming races terminate a lease.*



REG 125.4 *During the term of the lease, AQHA will not record subsequent changes in ownership until the lease is terminated. Only the lessee or lessee's authorized agent is authorized to sign a breeder's certificate, stallion breeding report or registration application pertaining to the leased horses.*

ONTARIO SIRE – A foal whose sire was an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION in the foal's conception year.

OWNER – The owner of the horse as per AQHA records.

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

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

3. THE BREEDING PROGRAM

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

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

Incentives in the Breeding Program include:

- Breeders' Awards
- Stallion Awards
- Mare Breeding Incentive

3.1 Enrolling with the Program Registry

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

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

DEADLINES FOR 2021 ENROLMENT

Enrolment of the owner/lessee with the Program must be completed upon enrolment of a horse in the Program Registry, or for incentive payments from the Breeding Program no later than 7 days after the last day of racing.

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ENROLMENT

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

- A current AGCO licence number

A BREEDER who is declaring an ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE to the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program must hold a current AGCO licence. Stallion owners or lessees must hold a current AGCO licence. BREEDERS, stallion owners or lessees who do not require an AGCO licence for any purpose other than Program participation, may apply for a Program Licence, which will be available for a fee of \$20. For first time applications for AGCO licences, an additional \$20 fee will apply.

For licencing questions, contact the AGCO at 416-326-8700 or 1-800-522-2876, by email at customer.service@agco.ca or online at www.agco.ca.

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

FEES FOR ENROLMENT

There will be no fees required for enrolment for the 2021 season (other than fees required to acquire a current AGCO licence).



3.2 Horses in the Program Registry

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

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

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

- Ontario resident broodmares
- Ontario resident stallions

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

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

ACCREDITED HORSES

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

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

1. Apply to Accredit the Mare or Stallion.

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

- A copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration for the horse,
- A copy of the AQHA Lease Authorization form (if applicable),
- A declaration of the “home farm” in the Province of Ontario for the mare or stallion, AND
- A copy of the U.S. Jockey Club or CTHS registrations papers (front and back) for Thoroughbred mares recognized by AQHA or with an AQHA registration pending.

2. Maintain Residency for the required period.

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

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

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

DEADLINES FOR ACCREDITING HORSES IN 2021

- **Prior to Foaling** – In order for a mare to achieve ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE status for a 2021 foal, she must have been resident in Ontario for a minimum of 270 consecutive days surrounding her date of foaling out in Ontario. The date the application is received by the Program is considered Day One of the residency period. A 2021 Application to Accredite an Ontario Broodmare form must be received by the Program Registry before Date of Foaling (in Ontario) for her foal to be considered ONTARIO FOALED. Applications may be accepted after foaling, with no time limit, upon payment of a \$200 late fee and provision of proof that the mare foaled in Ontario and resided in Ontario 270 days surrounding foaling. Special provisions apply regarding the required residency period in the case of an embryo transfer (see Section 2 “Program Definitions” for terms and details).
- **January 15th** – Deadline to apply to accredit an actively breeding stallion for the 2021 breeding season without incurring a late fee. The term “actively breeding stallion” includes retired, deceased or gelded horses from which frozen or cooled semen is used to inseminate mares in the current year.
 - After January 15, an actively breeding stallion may apply and be accredited upon payment of a \$200 late fee. Non-breeding stallions may apply and be accepted into the program up to 7 days after the last day of racing.



- **November 30th** – Deadline for ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS to provide a Stallion Breeding Report to the Program for the current breeding season.

Failure to provide supporting documentation when requested by the Program Administrator could result in the mare being ineligible for ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE status and her offspring being ineligible for ONTARIO BRED status.

RECORDED HORSES

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

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

DEADLINES FOR RECORDING HORSES IN 2021

To be eligible for 2021 Program benefits, horses must be recorded with the Program Registry by the following deadlines:

- **Before Time of Entry** – A racing horse must be recorded in the Program Registry before entry into a race to be eligible to receive Program purse bonuses.
- **7 Days After Last Day of Racing** – All people and horses must be enrolled or recorded with the Program Registry no later than 7 days after the last day of racing to receive Program benefits for the current racing year.

FEES FOR ACCREDITING OR RECORDING HORSES

There will be no fees required for accreditation of broodmares or stallions for the 2021 season (other than fees required to acquire a current AGCO licence) if applications are submitted by the deadline.

- If received after foaling, an Application to Accredit an Ontario Broodmare form may be accepted, with no time limit, upon payment of a \$200 late fee and provision of proof that the mare foaled in Ontario and resided in Ontario 270 days surrounding foaling.
- received after January 15, a 2021 Application to Accredit an Ontario Stallion may be accepted upon payment of a \$200 late fee.

There will be no fees required for recording the ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIREDD status of a horse to the Program Registry in 2021.

3.3 Breeding Program Incentives

The Breeding Program has been designed to support the Ontario Quarter Horse breeding sector. For 2021, budget has been allocated to incentives for Ontario breeders and stallion owners by way of Breeders' Awards and Stallion Awards.

2021 BREEDERS' AWARDS

APPROVED AWARDS BUDGET FOR 2021: \$400,000

To be awarded at year end (close of racing season) to the BREEDER OF RECORD based on accumulated points in Quarter Horse racing in Ontario.

The points model for eligibility for Breeders' Awards payments is as follows:

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

1. The available budget for Breeders' Awards will be fully distributed for each racing season (year) based on the point calculations outlined above.
2. The recorded accumulation of points will be based on the Official Race Results for Quarter Horse racing in Ontario.
3. Individuals, partnerships, syndicates, or corporations eligible to receive 2021 Breeders' Awards must meet the following criteria:
 - Must be the BREEDER OF RECORD.
 - Must enroll annually with the Program in a form acceptable to the Program Administrator, and by the published annual deadlines to be eligible for Breeders' Awards for the current racing season.
 - Must provide current contact information, and updated contact information for the current racing year.
 - Must remit any required fees for registration with the Program as published annually by the Program by the required payment deadlines.
4. The available awards budget will be shared by all eligible breeders, based on the following formula calculation:

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

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



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

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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

2021 STALLION AWARDS

APPROVED AWARDS BUDGET FOR 2021: \$40,000

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

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

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

- The available budget for Stallion Awards will be fully distributed for each racing season based on the point calculations. For horses recorded in the Program Registry, points will be tracked and accumulated based on the Official Race Results for Quarter Horse racing in Ontario.

2. Individuals, partnerships, syndicates, or corporations eligible to receive 2021 Stallion Awards, must meet the following criteria:
 - Must be the owner/lessee.
 - Must be an ONTARIO RESIDENT (See Section 2 “Program Definitions”).
 - Must enrol themselves as stallion owner/lessee annually with the Program Registry in a form acceptable to the Program, by the published annual deadlines, including payment of all required fees.
 - Must apply for the stallion to be accredited with the Program Registry no later than January 15th of the current breeding season. By application, a stallion may be accepted into the Program after the January 15th deadline, upon payment of the \$200 late fee.
 - Must register the stallion as an ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION that sired horses racing in the current racing season and provide proof of Ontario residency of the stallion for the relevant breeding year. Confirmation of Ontario residency for the stallion shall be verified through AQHA breeding records.
 - Must provide a copy of the current year Stallion Breeding Report (as submitted to AQHA) by November 30th.
 - Must provide current contact information, and updated contact information as required to the Program Registry for the current racing year.
 - Must remit any required fees for the Program as published annually by the Program by the required payment deadlines. Failure to remit required payments will invalidate eligibility for payment of Stallion Awards for the current racing season.
 - If the stallion/sire is retired, deceased or gelded, the stallion must be reported to the Program Registry as such, and the last owner must continue to enrol annually with the Program Registry by 7 days after the last day of racing to be eligible to receive Stallion Awards.
 - The Program Administrator will contact all stallion/sire owners and lessees that have earned Awards benefits at the address of record with the Program Registry. Unclaimed payments (or undeliverable payments) will be returned to the Program fund. Ontario Racing, as Program Administrator, shall have no liability for unclaimed Program benefits.
3. The available awards budget will be shared by all eligible stallion owners, based on the following formula calculation:
Total awards budget / total points = Value-per-point
Total points earned for the horse x Value-per-point = Award earned
4. Stallion Awards are payable to the owner/lessee of the ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION who has applied for Accreditation of the stallion in the year in which the Stallion Awards are earned.



2021 MARE BREEDING INCENTIVE

APPROVED MARE BREEDING INCENTIVE FOR 2021: \$75,000

In 2021, a Mare Breeding Incentive is offered to encourage the breeding of Quarter Horse mares in Ontario and increase the future racing population. To be eligible:

- Mare must be AQHA registered
- Mare must have been enrolled previously in the QHRIDP, or raced at Ajax Downs in 2019 or 2018
- Owner must be enrolled in the Program
- An Application must be made
- Mare must be enrolled in the Program at the time the application is filed for the Mare Breeding Incentive
- A veterinarian's certificate must be provided showing mare is in foal 60 days or more post breeding

In the case of embryo transfers, the Donor Mare must meet the above requirements. Recipient Mares must be enrolled in the Program and be meeting the Program criteria for ONTARIO BRED status. Multiple incentive payments may be paid for multiple embryo transfer procedures from the same Donor Mare at the discretion of the Program Administrator.

The incentive will be paid to the owner of the mare at time of breeding. That person or entity must be enrolled in the Program. If the mare's ownership changes, it is the responsibility of the owner at time of breeding to apply and to provide proof of the mare being in foal 60 days or more post breeding. In the case of a recipient mare being bought and brought into the province carrying an embryo transfer foal where the owner is not the breeder, no Mare Breeding Incentive will be paid.

Applications are due no later than 15 days after the last day of racing. Applications will be approved at the discretion of the Program Administrator.

PRINCESS STAKES DERBY

The Princess Stakes Derby is to encourage Ontario Racing participants to acquire fillies intended to become future ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES. The Princess Stakes Derby is open to 3 year old Quarter Horse fillies.

APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2021: \$50,000 ADDED MONEY

1. Eligibility for the Princess Stakes Derby will be determined by stakes trials.
2. The Princess Stakes Derby will be administered by the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) 2021 Stakes Program subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the QROOI Stakes Program book.

PRINCESS STAKES BREEDING INCENTIVE

The intent of the Princess Stakes Breeding Incentive is to encourage quality fillies, qualified through their participation in the Princess Stakes Derby, to remain in Ontario as ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARES for their breeding career. The Princess Stakes Breeding Incentive is earned by fillies who have successfully qualified for the Princess Stakes Derby each year.

The top ten (10) Princess Stakes Derby contenders as determined by trials will be credited an amount of \$2,500.

APPROVED BUDGET: MAXIMUM \$25,000 (BASED ON ELIGIBILITY)

The Princess Stakes Breeding Incentive is credited to the filly. A certificate will be issued by the Program Administrator to the owner of an eligible filly after the race. The certificate will be redeemable for its face value by any future owner who qualifies under the rules.

The Princess Stakes Breeding Incentive certificate is redeemable by application to the Program Administrator when the filly (mare) qualifies as an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE which means:

- The mare is enrolled in the Program and meets the residency requirements in the year in which she is an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE including foaling out in Ontario.
- Broodmares that do not come to term may be eligible for redemption of the Incentive Certificate by special application to the Program Administrator.

Princess Stakes Breeding Certificates will expire 6 years from the date of issue.

Eligibility for the Princess Stakes Breeding Incentive payment belongs to the filly and will be transferred with the ownership transfer of the filly.

Princess Stakes Breeding Certificates may be transferred to another ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE owned by the same ownership entity that earned the certificate at the discretion of the Program Administrator. Proof of attempt(s) to obtain a live foal from the certificate earning filly will be required.



4. THE RACING PROGRAM

In 2021, there will be 25 days of racing at Ajax Downs. The Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) Stakes Program will offer 11 stakes races funded with added money from the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program.

4.1 Overnight Racing Program

2021 ONTARIO BRED AND/OR ONTARIO SIRE PURSE BONUS MAXIMUM PAYABLE PER ELIGIBLE RACE: \$6,000

To increase the market value of ONTARIO BRED and/or ONTARIO SIRE horses, the 2021 Program includes an Ontario Bred and/or Ontario Sired Purse Bonus, for UNRESTRICTED RACES (overnight races and stakes trials). Only horses that are ONTARIO BRED and/or ONTARIO SIRE will be eligible to receive the Bonus in UNRESTRICTED RACES. ONTARIO FOALED horses are no longer eligible for the Bonus, unless they are foals of 2007 or earlier.

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

The following races WILL NOT be eligible for the bonus:

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

The Ontario Bred and/or Ontario Sired Purse Bonus will be paid as part of the purse, distributed in the same proportions as purse payments – with jockeys eligible for proportional benefit from the Bonus. The purse bonus will amount to 60% of the base purse to a maximum of \$6,000 on races that qualify. Horses must have their status as ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIRE recorded with the Program Registry prior to entry in the race in order for the Bonus to be paid.

RESTRICTED RACING PURSE SUPPLEMENT

TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET: \$100,000

To add further value to ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIREN horses, the Program has allocated an additional purse fund amount of \$100,000 for the full race season, to supplement purses for restricted overnight races.

There is a maximum amount of \$2,000 payable per race. Eligible races for use of this fund include RESTRICTED overnight races or stakes trials as defined by the Program Definitions.

4.2 Added Money to the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc (QROOI) Stakes Program

In 2021, the Program will provide a total of \$560,000 in added money to the following stakes in the QROOI Stakes Racing Program. Funding for the Stakes Program will be allocated to a balance of open and restricted stakes races. For the purposes of Program added money:

- 1) Program added money for three stakes races restricted to ONTARIO SIREN horses, not restricted by residency of owner:
 - *Ontario Sires Stakes Derby*
 - *Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity*
 - *Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity*
- 2) Program added money for three stakes races, restricted to ONTARIO BRED horses, not restricted by residency of owner:
 - *Ontario Bred Futurity*
 - *Ontario Bred Derby*
 - *Ontario Bred Maturity*
- 3) For 2021 the Program will provide added money for the following open stakes races:
 - *Alex Picov Memorial Futurity*
 - *Picov Derby*
 - *Picov Maturity*
 - *Alex Picov Memorial Championship*
 - *Princess Derby*

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



ADDED MONEY EVENTS

ADDED MONEY EVENTS	Type	2021 Program Added Money	2021 Sponsor Added Money
Two-Year-Olds			
Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity	R	\$60,000	
Alex Picov Memorial Futurity	O	\$95,000	\$5,000
Ontario Bred Futurity	R	\$60,000	
Three-Year-Olds			
Ontario Sires Stakes Derby	R	\$50,000	
Picov Derby	O	\$45,000	\$5,000
Ontario Bred Derby	R	\$50,000	
Princess Stakes Derby	O	\$50,000	
Three-Year-Olds & Up			
Alex Picov Memorial Championship	O	\$45,000	\$5,000
Four-Year-Olds & Up			
Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity	R	\$40,000	
Picov Maturity	O	\$25,000	\$5,000
Ontario Bred Maturity	R	\$40,000	
		\$560,000	\$20,000

QUARTER HORSE ONTARIO SIRES STAKES

The Quarter Horse Ontario Sires Stakes program includes:

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

All ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS for the 2021 NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON will automatically be a QH OSS nominated stallion (i.e. the stallion accreditation process for the breeding year will be all that is required to verify a stallion's eligibility as an ONTARIO SIRE). A list of ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS is available in the Quarter Horse Program section of the Ontario Racing website at www.ontarioracing.com.

4.3 Additional Stakes Races funded by QROOI

The following Stakes Races are funded by QROOI. Total added money \$120,000

- Sprint Series 1 \$20,000 added
- Sprint Series 2 \$20,000 added
- Sprint Series 3 \$20,000 added
- Distance Series 1 \$20,000 added
- Distance Series 2 \$20,000 added
- Distance Series 3 \$20,000 added

QROOI POINTS

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

Points Formula *Category 1 Races: Purses of \$50,000 or more*
 Category 2 Races: Purses of \$20,000 up to \$49,999
 Category 3 Races: Purses under \$20,000

Points are awarded in these categories as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Category 1	10	7	6	5
Category 2	7	5	4	3
Category 3	5	3	2	1

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



5. THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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

- Working towards the betterment of horse racing in general, and Quarter Horse racing in particular, and the industry that supports it.
- Assisting the Quarter Horse sector of the Ontario racing industry in growing in a responsible and measured way.
- Promoting Ontario-owned and bred horses by developing policies that maximize benefits to the Province of Ontario.
- Developing Programs and strategies to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of qualified participants to meet the needs of the industry.

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

5.1 Group Insurance Programs for Industry Participants

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT AND DISABILITY INSURANCE

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

Eligibility requirements for Insured Persons:

- They must hold a current AGCO Quarter Horse licence for the current racing season.
- They must be actively participating as a jockey or exercise rider on a sanctioned race day or scheduled workout day at Ajax Downs in 2021.
- Licensed jockeys and exercise riders are eligible for full protection including extended disability if they are an ONTARIO RESIDENT.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

Eligibility requirements for Insured Persons:

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

GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM

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

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

- Hold a current AGCO licence for Quarter Horse racing in Ontario.
- Are 19 years of age or older.
- Are an Ontario resident.

The Program pays Group Benefit premium subsidies for eligible recipients:

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

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

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

An Eligible Licensed Trainer must:

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

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



An Eligible Licensed Breeder must:

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

Breeders joining the Program in the current year will be eligible to receive subsidized insurance premiums in the calendar month following either a first start in Ontario by a horse they bred, or registering an ONTARIO BRED foal with the Program Registry in the current year.

An Eligible Licensed Jockey must:

- Hold a current AGCO licence as a Quarter Horse jockey for the current racing season.
- Be listed on the “Active Roster” in Ontario.

Exceptions would be made for subsidy coverage to continue for jockeys absent for health or medical reasons.

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

- Hold a current AGCO Quarter Horse licence in the relevant category.
- Provide proof of employment from either an Eligible Licensed Trainer or Eligible Licensed Breeder.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

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

5.2 Marketing and Communications

The Program supports the marketing of the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program and supports the marketing of Quarter Horse racing in the Province of Ontario. The Program remains focused on expanding participation in Quarter Horse racing and breeding and expanding the audience for live racing. In 2021, this will be achieved through:

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

5.3 Third-Start Bonus

A bonus of \$1,000 will be paid to the owner and trainer of record following the third start at Ajax Downs in 2021 for a Quarter Horse that has never previously made three starts in Ontario. Owners and trainers must submit a 2021 Third-Start Bonus Application form for each eligible horse to the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI) along with documented proof of the horse's three starts. Should a horse be scratched prior to or not finish a race, that race will not count towards bonus eligibility for that horse.

Less than three starts as a two-year-old will not exclude a horse from earning the Third Start Bonus as a three-year-old when requirements are met.

The payment per owner and per trainer will be capped at \$10,000. The Third Start Bonus will be paid out twice, with applications due to QROOI August 15, and 7 days after the last day of racing.

Forms may be downloaded from the Quarter Horse section at www.ontarioracing.com.



5.4 Post Racing Incentive Program

The Industry Development Program funds a Post Racing Incentive Program that provides added value to Quarter Horses who have raced in Ontario. The Post Racing Incentive Program is intended to encourage people to buy racehorses at the end of their racing career for participation in horse sport.

There are two components to the Post Racing Incentive Program:

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

The Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program has allocated \$20,000 for bonus payments to be distributed after November 20, 2021. Eligible horses must:

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

The Post Racing Bonus is paid to the owner of the horse as identified on the horse's AQHA Certificate of Registration. Points are earned by competing in an event recognized by the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program. Each participant earns points as follows:

POST RACING BONUS POINT SYSTEM

Points Earned	1st place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Participant
Placing/ Participant	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point

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

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

Total points earned x value per point = bonus payment per horse

Claims for the Post Racing Bonus must be submitted to the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program by November 20, 2021. Application forms for the Post Racing Bonus are available from the Quarter Horse section at www.ontarioracing.com. Ontario Racing, as Program Administrator, reserves the right to alter criteria for future years.

6. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I enrol myself with the Program Registry?

To enrol with the Program, you must first be licensed by the AGCO. You must then complete a 2021 Application to Enrol an Owner/Lessee/Group and submit it to the Program Administrator.

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

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

How do I get my Broodmare or Stallion accredited for 2021?

All required application forms are available on the Ontario Racing website to download and print, with instructions on how to complete the forms. Visit www.ontarioracing.com.

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

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

What about my horses that are racing in 2021? Are they eligible for ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIREN races?

If a horse meets the Breeding Program criteria for ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED and ONTARIO SIREN status, and is enrolled in the Program Registry, it is eligible for all benefits attached to its status.

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

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

My racehorses were previously with the Program. Do I have to re-register them every year?

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



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

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

I own only horses that race, not breeding stock. If my horses already have ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED or ONTARIO SIREM status, is there any value for me to be enrolled in the Program in 2021?

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

I have a two year old that I am prepping to race in 2021. I bought him from an Ontario breeder. How do I find out his status in the Program?

The Program Registry publishes a list of ONTARIO FOALED, ONTARIO BRED, and ONTARIO SIREM horses at www.ontarioracing.com or you can call the Program Coordinator at 416-477-5529.

Do I have to have an AGCO licence to be in the Program?

Every individual, partnership, corporation and syndicate must have a current AGCO licence to benefit from the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program racing and breeding incentives and industry support programs. Licensing details and applications can be found in the QUARTERHORSE LICENSING section on the AGCO website at www.agco.ca.

Can a non-Ontario resident benefit from the Program?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I registered all my mares within the required deadline in 2020. Do I have to register again?

Yes. As an owner or lessee, you have to enrol yourself with the Program Registry, and renew the accreditation of your mares with the Program Registry for the 2021 foal year. The mare must reside in Ontario for 270 consecutive days surrounding foaling in Ontario. The date the application is received by the Program Registry is considered Day One of the residency period. The 270 day residency period for one foal cannot overlap the residency period if you breed back the mare in 2021.

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

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

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

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

I have a filly that was racing in Ontario in 2020 and I want to retire her to the breeding shed. Is she an ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE?

An Application to Accredite an Ontario Broodmare must be submitted to the Program Administrator for the filly to be eligible for ONTARIO ACCREDITED BROODMARE status. She must remain in the Province of Ontario for 270 consecutive days to satisfy the required residency period; the date the application is received by the Program Registry is considered Day One of the residency period. If the application is made more than 270 days ahead of foaling, she must remain in the Province of Ontario until she foals out. If application is made less than 270 days ahead of foaling, then she must remain in the Province of Ontario after foaling until she has satisfied the 270 day residency requirement.



My mare is having a foal in 2021 but I have not applied to put her in the Program yet. She has lived in Ontario all her life. What status will her 2021 foal have?

Her foal of 2021 will qualify for ONTARIO FOALED status if an Application to Accredite an Ontario Broodmare is made with the Program Registry prior to foaling out. If the mare continues to reside in Ontario for 270 days from the date of the application for accreditation, then the 2021 foal would qualify for ONTARIO BRED status. The accreditation period is 270 consecutive days surrounding foaling in Ontario. If the application is not made prior to the mare foaling, it may be made after the mare foals by payment of a \$200 late fee and provision of proof that the mare foaled in Ontario and resided in Ontario 270 days surrounding foaling.

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

For offspring to be recognized as ONTARIO BRED, the Donor Mare must be enrolled with the Program Registry at the time of transfer and implantation, but does not need to meet residency requirements. The Recipient Mare must be enrolled with the Program Registry and remain in Ontario through 270 days surrounding foaling. Proof of residency may be required at the discretion of the Program Administrator. There is an exception to this in the case of a Recipient Mare being bought and brought into the province carrying an embryo transfer foal. In this case, where the owner is not the breeder, the requirement of the Donor Mare being enrolled in the Program is waived.

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

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

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

If the stallion is actively breeding, you may apply for accreditation for your stallion with the Program Registry by January 15th with no fee, or after January 15th by paying a \$200 late fee, to benefit from Stallion Awards for any of his offspring racing in the current year. If the stallion is not actively breeding, you must apply no later than 7 days after the last day of racing.

What happens if I sell my ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION during the breeding season?

Stallion Awards are payable to the ONTARIO RESIDENT owner or lessee that recorded the stallion with the Program Registry in the year in which the awards are earned. If for example, you enrolled your stallion by January 15, 2021 and then sold him to another ONTARIO RESIDENT owner, and the stallion remains standing in Ontario for the entire NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BREEDING SEASON, you are still eligible for 2021 Stallion Awards as the owner (or lessee) that recorded the stallion with the Program Registry at the beginning of the season.

What happens if offspring racing in 2021 are from a retired or deceased Ontario stallion?

If horses racing in 2021 (and future years) were sired by an Ontario resident stallion that is now deceased or retired from breeding, the last owner-of-record for the stallion can apply for ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLION status (recorded as deceased or retired). The owner who records the stallion with the Program Registry is eligible for Stallion Awards.

How will I know which stallions are Ontario Accredited?

All ONTARIO ACCREDITED STALLIONS are listed on the Ontario Racing website and this list is updated periodically. Visit the Quarter Horse section at www.ontarioracing.com.

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

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

Can I send Applications to Accredit an Ontario Broodmare for my mare for two years at the same time?

Receipt of an Application to Accredit an Ontario Broodmare marks the beginning of the 270 day residency period surrounding foaling. The 270 day residency period for one foal cannot overlap the residency period for another foal. If the mare is foaling in 2021 and 2022, an application would have to be received for each foal within 270 days surrounding foaling. If an Application to Accredit an Ontario broodmare for the foaling year 2022 is received on the same day as the 2021 application, then, the residency period for the 2022 foal would start when the residency period for the 2021 foal ends.



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