

Clarifications from the Region 10 Director on 2011 Sweepstakes Changes

Hi Everyone,

I would like to deal with some misconceptions I have been hearing. It is NOT true that there is no money for AAO classes. The points money is still there at rated shows and regional shows. The change is that there is no allocated money for AAO classes and no points money at National shows. The only change that affects rated shows is that the open horses rather than the junior horses get points money. Junior horses get no points money but get allocated money at regionals and nationals.

These changes are designed to stimulate the breeding and registration of horses which is why the focus is moving back to the original intent of the 'breeders' sweepstakes and away from the expectation that it is a general prize money program. As an amateur I do understand the concerns I have heard about taking money away. As a breeder, I also can understand the need to give me a financial incentive to nominate mares and some help with selling my youngsters. The young horses are emphasized now which is in line with a breeders program.

The impact on rated shows should be minimal. There is potential negative impact on regional shows in that the yearlings and two years no longer need to qualify for the nationals so may decide to skip those classes.

The impact on the US Nationals should be positive since this is where the 'big' money is. It is possible that this could have a negative impact on the Canadian Nationals if people choose just to show at US but that remains to be seen.

The program is funded for 5 years and does not require any additional sponsorships but PLEASE seriously consider nominating your mares since ultimately this is what will determine the future of the entire program. For this year only, you can nominate at no late fee up until April 15th.

See the following document for additional information. Please pass this along to your members.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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**Sweepstakes Changes  
In Effect Immediately**

**Very Important Information:**

- Enrollment date for 2011 foals extended to April 15, 2011 with no late fee
- Nominated Sire fees reduced
- Original entry fee reduced (will no longer be available after 6/1/2011)
- 2011 Sweepstakes Point value: \$10 per point (still \$100 to enter)
- Allocate money payouts will be paid out within 60 days of receipt of show results
- Points money continues to be paid out after show season is over
- Mare Nominator and Sire paybacks are now 5% of both allocated and points money

**NOTE:** If your premium is already printed, post changes about sweepstakes in the in office.

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### **Rated Shows Impact (not dressage or sport horse)**

- Junior horse classes are NO LONGER point classes
- All open pleasure classes are NOW point classes
- NO CHANGE: breeding/in hand or reining

### **Rated Shows—Dressage and Sport Horse**

- Third Level AT is NO LONGER a point class
- Open SHUS, PB and HA/AA and SHIH HA/AA (mare and geldings) ATH are NOW point classes

### **Regional Shows**

- The points classes are the same for both Rated and Regional Shows
- There is no class that gets both points and allocated money
- Yearling classes are still limited to sweepstakes breeding entries—no change
- Allocated money available ONLY in junior horse and yearling classes (all divisions)

### **National Shows--All**

- No points awarded for any class
- No allocated money for Open or Amateur classes
- No qualifications for yearling and two year old classes for 2011 and 2012

### **US Nationals**

- Allocated money at either \$25,000 or \$15,000 per class for all junior horse classes (including reining) and yearling classes
- Allocated money at various amounts for two year old classes (new) and for 3 & under and 4 & over championship classes )
- No change in futurities (do not go to juvenile championship class)
- Yearlings classes open to ALL yearlings but only breeding entries get allocated money
- New classes include:
  - 5 classes for 2 year olds (3 for PB, 2 for HA/AA)
  - 2 classes for PB male yearlings (1 colts, 1 geldings)
  - 17 new breeding/in-hand classes (PB 4-5, 6-7, 8 & over for mares, stallions, geldings, 4 HA/AA stock type 4-6, 7 & over, 4 HA/AA saddle type 4-6, 7 & over)
    - Qualifications 10 points for PBs and 5 points for HA/AA
  - 12 new overall championships (3 PB juvenile, 2 HA/AA juvenile ages 1 – 3, 3 PB adult, 4 HA/AA adult 4 & over)

### **Canadian Nationals**

- Allocated money at \$1,500 per class for all junior horse classes (including reining)
- Allocated money at \$2,500 (3 PB, 2 HA/AA) for two year old classes

### **Sport Horse Nationals**

- Allocated money at \$1,500 per class for junior horse classes (SHUS and Training Level dressage) and yearling SHIH classes
- 4 new SHIH yearling classes (2 PB and 2 HA/AA)

### **For additional information:**

- 303-696-4500, # 4 (competition line)
- <http://www.arabianhorses.org/activities/pmp/sweeps/>