

PREMIER BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES SERIES

Q. What is the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series?

- A. The Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series was introduced in 2010, by the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission with the approval of the Sweepstakes Trustees. This series is designed to promote breedings of Arabians, Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians as well as showcase the breed at the Regional and National levels. The Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series is comprised of two components, the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction (PBSS) and the Premier Breeder Mare Program (PBMP). AHA will award Premier Series prize money to those who complete all requirements. This program allows for prize money to be earned in addition to Sweepstakes Allocated Prize Money and Points Prize Money (if enrolled) and requires separate enrollment.

Q. How can a breeder participate in the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series?

- A. There are two ways to participate in this program.
1. Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction (PBSS)
 - This option allows for the purchase of a breeding to a Nominated Sire that is enrolled in the Service Auction. The resulting Breeding Entry will be eligible to compete for additional prize money in the designated Yearling In-Hand or Junior Horse Performance classes.
 2. Premier Breeder Mare Program (PBMP)
 - Breed your mare to a Nominated Sire whose Auction breeding was sold through the PBSS Auction. The resulting Breeding Entry will be eligible to compete for additional prize money in the designated Yearling In-Hand or Junior Horse Performance classes.

Q. What events will be eligible for additional prize money in the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series?

- A. Prize money will be available in Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian events.

Regional and National (U.S. and Sport Horse)

- Yearling In-Hand
- Yearling Sport Horse In-Hand

U.S. Nationals

- English Pleasure Junior Horse
- Country English Pleasure Junior Horse
- Western Pleasure Junior Horse
- Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse
- Reining Futurity

Sport Horse Nationals

- Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse

Other

- Distance – TBD
- Arabian Racing – TBD

To compete in Junior Horse Classes for Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series prize money, an enrolled horse(s) may compete in its four and/or five year old year.

Q. Is there prize money offered for racing?

- A. The Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series is committed to award prize money for racing. The specific venue and/or races will be determined with the input of the Racing Commission. It is strongly encouraged that owners and breeders of Arabian race horses take advantage of a limited time offer to enroll their stallion(s) as a Sweepstakes Nominated Sire(s).

Q. Is there prize money offered for distance horses?

- A. The Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series is committed to award prize money for Distance Riding. Where and how to distribute funds will be determined with the input of the Distance Committee. It is strongly encouraged that owners and breeders of distance horses take advantage of the limited time offer to enroll their stallion(s) as a Sweepstakes Nominated Sire(s).

Q. I breed Performance horses. While I try to breed for a specific discipline, sometimes the resulting foal is best suited for another discipline.

- A. For Performance entries, on or before December 31st of the horse's two year old year, the recorded owner must designate which category to place the enrollment and/or Auction funds (i.e., Hunter, Western, Country English, English, Reining, Sport Horse Under Saddle).

Q. What percentage of the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series prize money will be paid for each In-Hand placing?

Regional Placings – In-Hand

75% of the earmarked yearling In-Hand funds will be divided equally to all 18 Regional Shows. Prize money will be awarded as follows:

- 45% to Champion
- 25% to Reserve Champion
- 10% to the Remaining Top 5

Any money not awarded will be rolled over to the National In-Hand fund for the current year.

National Placings – In-Hand

Prize money will be calculated on a sliding scale based on Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series participants that place in the Top Ten (i.e. foal may have actually placed Reserve Champion in the class but was the highest placing Premier foal and will be awarded the 25%).

Prize money will be awarded to PBSS participants as follows:

- 25% to the highest placing
- 15% to the second placing
- 13% to the third placing
- 10% to the fourth placing
- 8.5% to the fifth placing
- 7% to the sixth placing
- 6% to the seventh placing
- 5% to the eighth placing
- 4% to the ninth placing
- 3.5 to the tenth placing

Any PBSS prize money not awarded in the Top Ten placings will be rolled over to the next year's National PBSS prize money fund.

Q. What percentage of the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series prize money will be paid for each Performance placing?

National Placings – Performance

100% of the prize money will be earmarked for Performance classes at Nationals and is divided among categories. Prize money will be calculated on a sliding scale based on Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series participants that place in the Top Ten (i.e. horse may be actually placed Reserve Champion in the class but was the highest placing Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series horse and will be awarded the 25%).

Prize money will be awarded to PBSS participants as follows:

- 25% to highest placing
- 18% to second placing
- 13% to third placing
- 10% to fourth placing
- 8.5% to fifth placing
- 7% to sixth placing
- 6% to the seventh placing
- 5% to the eighth placing
- 4% to the ninth placing
- 3.5% to the tenth placing

Any PBSS prize money not awarded in the Top Ten placings will be rolled over to the next year's National PBSS prize money fund.

Q. How do I enroll my stallion into the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series?

- A. If your stallion is currently enrolled as a Nominated Sire in the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program, download the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series Stallion Nomination Form from the AHA website at <http://www.arabianhorses.org/activities/pmp/pbs/>.

Submit the completed form along with a \$100.00 non-refundable fee to the AHA office on or before June 15 of the auction year.

If your stallion is not currently enrolled as a Nominated Sire, the Nominated Sire enrollment form must be submitted and paid in full before your stallion will be accepted into the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction. You may download the enrollment form to enroll your purebred Arabian as a Nominated Sire [here](#).

For Non-Arabian Nominated Sires, the form can be downloaded [here](#).

Q. As a stallion owner, how many breedings can I enroll into the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction?

- A. A purebred stallion owner can enroll a maximum of four (4) breedings, one per category:

1. Arabian In-Hand
2. Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian In-Hand
3. Arabian Performance
4. Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Performance

Non-Arabian Nominated Sires can enroll a maximum of two (2) breedings, one per category:

1. Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian In-Hand
- 2.
3. Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Performance

The sire owner must pay a \$100 Auction Enrollment Fee for each category.

Q. My stallion is currently not enrolled as a Nominated Sire in the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program. Are there any plans to offer an endorsement to encourage more participation in the program?

A. Yes. AHA is offering "Auction Opportunity Enrollment" entry fees for your stallion if you enroll him before June 15, 2010.

<u>ENTRY CATEGORY</u>	<u>REGULAR ENTRY FEE</u>	<u>OPPORTUNITY ENROLLMENT</u>
Purebred Arabian Sire (Stallions that are not enrolled as a Breeding Entry in Sweepstakes)	\$3,500	\$1,500
Purebred Arabian Sire (Stallions that are enrolled as a Breeding Entry in Sweepstakes)	\$1,500	\$1,000
Non-Arabian Sire	\$4,000	\$1,500

Q. Do I have to participate in the Auction to take advantage of the reduced Nominated Sire fee?

A. No. However, if you plan to participate in the Auction, the Nominated Sire enrollment fees must be paid in full.

Q. Is the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series available to all Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses?

A. No. The Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series will only be available to foals that are by a sire whose Auction breeding is sold at the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction. In addition, those foals must also be nominated as Breeding Entries in the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program.

Q. Is the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction open to all Arabian Stallions?

A. Yes. All Arabian stallions and their in-utero foals may participate as long as the following conditions are met:

- 1) The stallion is enrolled as a Nominated Sire in the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program and the appropriate Auction Enrollment Form and fees have been submitted by June 15 of the Auction year.

- 2) The breeding for the Nominated Sire is sold in the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction.

Q. Is the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction open to stallions of other breeds?

A. Yes. A Stallion of any breed may participate in the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction. He must be enrolled as a Non-Arabian Sire in the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program, and the appropriate Auction Enrollment Form and fees have been submitted by June 15 of the Auction year.

Q. How will the Auction be conducted?

A. Nominated Sires enrolled for the Auction will be eligible to participate in the online Auction which begins in September and closes in October. See the AHA website for exact dates and times.

Nominated Sires receiving the highest on-line bids will be showcased in the live Auction portion at U.S. Nationals. The bid at the live Auction will begin at the highest bid the breeding received in the on-line Auction that closed in October.

A minimum bid of \$1,000 must be made in order for the stallion breeding to be purchased and have the offspring participate in the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series. If the breeding is not sold, the Nominated Sire owner has the option to purchase their own breeding in order to participate in the program.

Q. How many stallions will be showcased at the live Auction?

A. There may be up to 30 stallions featured at the live Auction.

Q. How will the sale order be determined for the live Auction?

A. Breedings selected for the live Auction will be sold in a lowest bid to highest bid order at the close of the on-line Auction.

Q. Is there a limit to the number of stallions sold in the Auction?

A. No. However, only Sweepstakes Nominated Sires enrolled in the Premier Breeders Stallion Service Auction are eligible.

Q. Where will my foal from the Auction be able to compete for the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series prize money?

- A. For In-Hand classes, resulting foals may compete for prize money in the Yearling Breeders Sweepstakes designated classes at Regionals, U.S. Nationals and Sport Horse Nationals.

For Performance classes, resulting horses may participate in Sweepstakes designated Junior Horse classes only at U.S. Nationals and Sport Horse Nationals.

Q. Who determines if the stallion Auction breeding proceeds are designated for the Halter or Performance categories of the program?

- A. The recorded owner of the stallion will designate the breeding as a Performance and/or Halter breeding at the time of nomination. Additionally, the breeding will also be designated for an Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian foal.

Who determines which class(es) will receive the Stallion Auction proceeds?

- A. For the Halter/Performance prize money, the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series is unique in that it enables the buyer of the breeding to choose which Sweepstakes designated class(es) will receive the proceeds.

Q. I like the idea of the buyer being able to determine which approved Performance class the Premier Breeder Sweepstakes Series prize money is paid in. But what if the resulting foal will not be able to be shown or compete in the year eligible for the program?

- A. The money will be evenly split between the horse's 4 and 5 year old years. If the horse is unable to show, the funds will remain in the designated class and pay out from there.

Q. What are the details of the Premier Breeder Mare Program?

- A. In order to participate, the sire the mare was bred to must have been sold in the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction. (Note: You need not have been the purchaser of the breeding at the Auction to participate in the Premier Breeder Mare Program).

A completed AHA In-Utero Foal Application and appropriate fees must be submitted prior to the In-Utero Foal Entry deadline. Categories can be purchased for In-Hand and Performance, and you may enter multiple In-Hand/Performance categories. In addition,

participants must enroll the resulting foal as a Breeding Entry in the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program. If all requirements are not met at time of enrollment, the nominator will be contacted. If the additional requirements are not met within 30 days, the entry will be dropped and all fees will be forfeited.

For Performance classes, eligible horses may participate in Sweepstakes designated Junior Horse Classes. Horse owners must designate their discipline by December 31 of horse's two year old year. If enrolled into two performance categories, both must be designated (i.e. one fee will be applied to Western and the second to Hunter). On or before December 31 of the weanling year, the recorded owner may designate which category to place the enrollment and/or auction funds into (i.e., Breeding/Gelding In-Hand and/or Sport Horse In-Hand). Any money not designated after the December 31st deadline will be divided in the same percentages as the designated ratio (i.e., designated funds 70% Breeding/Gelding In-Hand, 30% Sport Horse In-Hand).

Q. What placings will be awarded the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series in the designated classes?

- A. The prize money will be paid in the same manner as the current Sweepstakes Programs – Champion, Reserve Champion and the remaining Top Five at a Regional competition for In-Hand Classes. Champion, Reserve Champion and the remaining Top 10 at a National competition for the In-Hand and Performance Junior Horse Classes. Like regular Sweepstakes prize money, the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series will pay the top 50% of the class.

Q. When will I receive my prize money?

- A. Since the amount of prize money in the fund will be determined prior to the event, Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series checks will be issued 60 days after receipt of completed results.

Q. Can my Yearling In-Hand horse compete in the Yearling Sweepstakes Halter classes and win Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series prize money at more than one Regional Show?

- A. Yes. The same rules apply to this program as the regular Yearling Sweepstakes classes. A horse can compete at as many Regional Shows as they choose until that horse is awarded the Championship in the Yearling Sweepstakes Class. Once the horse has been awarded a Championship, the yearling cannot show at another Regional Show.

Q. Are there additional fees to enroll my in-utero foal in the Mare program?

A. Yes. Your foal must first be enrolled as a Breeding Entry in the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program. If you choose to enroll in multiple categories of the Premier Mare Breeder Program, then the fees will be discounted as follows:

1. The entry fee for one of the Mare categories (either In-Hand or Performance) will be \$300, and the Breeding Entry portion will be \$300 for a total of \$600 for both nominations.
2. Entry fees for both of the Mare categories (In-Hand and Performance, or two Performance disciplines, or In-Hand and Sport Horse In-Hand), will be \$250 for each and the Breeding Entry portion will be \$250 for a total of \$750 for all three nominations.

Q. Is there a live foal provision on my Auction breeding?

A. If the breeding does not result in a live foal (live foal being defined as not living past 30 days of parturition, abortion, death of mare, absorption,

etc.), the nominator of the Premier Breeder Sire Service Auction entry has the option of selling the entry category to another party who has met the requirements of the program in which the nominator was participating in. No credit for a future year's entry will be made.

Q. Is there a live foal provision on my Premier Breeder Series Mare nomination?

A. If the breeding does not result in a live foal (live foal being defined as not living past 30 days of parturition, abortion, death of mare, absorption, etc.), the nominator of the PBMP entry will be issued a Dead Foal Credit which must be used in the succeeding year. All entry requirements must be met for the succeeding year's breeding. If the credit is not used in the applicable time frame, it will be forfeited.

Q. Can I breed to any stallion and nominate the resulting foal to the Premier Breeder Mare Program?

A. No. Only mares that are bred to a stallion whose breeding was sold in the Premier Breeder Stallion Service Auction are eligible for enrollment into the Mare program. There is no limit to the number of mares that can be enrolled by any one stallion.

For more information regarding the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series Program, please visit <http://secure.arabianhorses.org/2010handbook/CHAPTER16.pdf>, email sweepstakes@arabianhorses.org or call an AHA Competition Program Representative (303-696-4500, select #4)