

{ FACTS FROM THE NRHA }

# Revised Futurity/Derby Nomination Plan

APPROVED by the NRHA Board of Directors on March 29, 2008

**1. The plan will start with 2008 foals.** The current conditions will apply for 2006 and 2007 foals.

**2. Mandatory nomination structure.**

**3. There will be no substitutions.**

**REASON:** Three years ago the Board of Directors changed the conditions to allow for substitutions or transfer of entries between parties. Allowing the "selling of slots" greatly affected the number of entries into the Futurity and affected the purse and payouts in a negative way.

**4. \$300 one time nomination fee for weanlings to be eligible for the Futurity and three years of Derby in addition to applicable entry fees, judges fees, etc.**

Nominations must be postmarked by December 31, 2008 and every year after.

**5. If foal is not nominated as a weanling, the nomination fees are as follows:**

**a.** \$2,000 nomination for yearlings in addition to applicable entry fees, judges fees, etc. This nomination may be made in two payments of \$1,000 each due by December 31 of their yearling year and December 31 of their 2-year-old year respectively.

**b.** \$5,000 nomination for 2-year-olds in addition to applicable entry fees, judges fees, etc. This nomination may be made in two payments. The first payment of \$2,500 is due by December 31 of their 2-year-old year. The second payment is due prior to the final entry deadline of the NRHA Futurity during the horse's 3-year-old year if the horse is to compete in the NRHA Futurity. If the horse is NOT competing in the NRHA Futurity, the payment is due by December 31 of the 3-year-old year.

**c.** \$7,500 nomination for 3/4/5/6-year-olds in addition to applicable entry fees, judges fees, etc. Three-year-olds that were not nominated as weanlings, yearlings, or 2-year-olds may nominate and pay the nomination fee of \$7,500 during their 3-year-old year prior to the final entry deadline for the NRHA

Futurity. Additionally, 4/5/6-year-old horses that were not nominated as weanlings, yearlings, 2-year-olds, or 3-year-olds must nominate and pay the nomination fee of \$7,500 prior to entering the Derby for the first time.

All nomination fees paid are non-refundable. Nomination fees for 3/4/5/6-year-olds horses may be made in 2 payments. However, horses will not be considered nominated and eligible to show until all nomination fees are paid in full.

**6. Prize money designation:**

**a.** 5% of nomination fees will go to the NRHA for administrative costs.

**b.** 60% of the remaining money will go to the Futurity and 40% will go to the Derby.

**REASON:** The reason that this percentage is weighted more heavily toward the Futurity is because it takes more money to make an impact on the Futurity than it does the Derby.

**c.** Net nomination fees for horses nominated as 4, 5, and 6 years of age will go into the Derby purse the year of its nomination.

**d.** Nomination fees paid will be allocated to the Futurity and Derby according to the Futurity and Derby nomination fee purse allocation per the approved Futurity and Derby show conditions and the related nomination plan. Collected nomination fees will be paid out of the Futurity and Derby purse in the first year of eligibility of the nominated horse for the applicable Futurity and Derby, even if such nominated horses choose not to enter the applicable Futurity or Derby.

**EXAMPLE:** \$300 is paid in 2008 for a weanling nomination. After NRHA retains 5%, \$285 is left over. 60% of \$285 (or \$171) will be allocated to the Futurity when the horse turns 3 and 40% (or \$114) will be allocated to the Derby when the horse turns 4, whether or not the horse enters either event.

**i.** For both events, 70% will go to the Open Futurity/Derby and 30% will go to the Non Pro Futurity/Derby.

**ii.** This percentage split will be reviewed annually and will be based on the percentage of nominations that show in the Open versus the Non Pro over a three year period. Currently, 70% show in the Open and 30% show in the Non Pro.

**e.** Division allocations (Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, and Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, and Limited Non Pro) are still being discussed and are pending based on proposed rule changes with the intent to subsidize the lower divisions.

**f.** Nominator Incentive.

**i.** 5% of all earnings from each division of the Futurity will be paid to the nominator of that entry.

**ii.** 5% of all earnings from each division of the Derby will be paid to the nominator of that entry.

**iii.** All earnings records in the NRHA Office for horses and riders will be maintained on the total amount of money earned (prize money + Nominator Incentive).

**g.** Sire & Dam offspring are not required to be nominated to enter the Futurity or the Derby. However, to be eligible for the nominator incentive, Sire & Dam horses must be nominated in full.

**7. The NRHA Board of Directors may approve additional programs to allow reciprocal eligibility.** There will not be any sharing of nomination funds or other incentives. Once a program is approved, the horses eligible for one or both programs would be eligible for both. The approval of such programs will be at the continuing discretion of the NRHA Board of Directors.

**8. The National Reining Horse association reserves the right to cancel this program without notice at any time, without liability.** But in such an event, all the nomination program's funds are the property of NRHA and will be used for programs promoting the Reining horse. ♦