

SOUTH DAKOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

RULES

(Updated 1999)

A. Eligibility for Awards:

1. To be eligible for year end South Dakota Bred Awards, the horse shall be certified South Dakota bred as defined below:
 - a. South Dakota Bred Horse is a horse that is foaled in the State of South Dakota and the dam of said is owned, in whole, at the time of foaling by a bona fide resident of the State of South Dakota.
 - b. South Dakota Owned Horse is a horse that is the property of a bona fide resident of the State of South Dakota for at least sixty days prior to the date of entry in a race; however, if the horse has been the property of a bona fide South Dakota resident for sixty days and said horse is sold to another bona fide South Dakota resident, the horse may enter a race immediately and not sixty day waiting period will be necessary.
2. Any non-certified South Dakota Bred Horse and non-South Dakota Bred Horses owned by members of the SDQHRA will be eligible for year end "open" awards.
3. Points to not begin to accumulate for year-end awards for any horse until the owner or owners are paid members of the SDQHRA.

B. Point System:

The point system shall be as follows to determine year-end awards.

SDQHRA POINT SYSTEM					
	Finish				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Stakes Allowance of \$10,000 & Over	12	8	6	4	2
Overnight Allowance & Stakes of \$9,999 & Under	8	4	3	2	
Claim - \$2,501 & Up Trials – Gross Purse Over \$10,000 Consolations of Futurity & Derby	6	3	2		
Claim - \$2,500 & Under Maiden Allowance Trials Under \$10,000	5	2	1		
Jockey	5	3	2	1	
Trainer	5	3	2	1	
Breeder	Money Won				
* Dead Heat points given in place finished.	<i>Any point ties will be broken by most money earned.</i>				
* If a horse is disqualified, points go in final placement. Any question over points is the final decision of the Directors.					

C. Year End Awards

1. There shall be year end awards as follows:
 - a. Champion and reserve two-year old filly, gelding and stallion.
 - b. Champion and reserve three-year old filly, gelding and stallion.
 - c. Champion and reserve aged mare, gelding and stallion.
 - d. Leading trainer, breeder and jockey.
 - e. Champion overall running horse – all ages. Must be South Dakota bred or owned.
 - f. Other awards may be given at the discretion of the Board of Directors providing sufficient award sponsorship is available.
2. The SDQHRA shall give a breeders award based on the dollars won in South Dakota by horse or horses bred by said breeder. The breeder's award of the South Dakota Quarter Horse Racing Association is to be determined by a horses or horses who have complied the most dollars won in actual purse money at South Dakota sponsored race meets. This award does not include breeders' point money, but does include all money won in stakes races. All monies won by an owner should be computed to determine the total amount won by each owner vying for the breeder's award. A husband and wife shall be considered as one person for purposes of determining the breeder's award. In addition, individuals, partnerships, corporations and farms or ranches shall be considered as one entity unless the SDQHRA is notified by the owners prior to the beginning of the first race meet run during the calendar year in South Dakota.
3. The SDQHRA shall give a yearly leading trainer and jockey trophy award. It will be based on 1-2-3-4 places with a point system of 5-3-2-1.
4. Trials which are run off the card will be counted for points for the high point horse award.
5. In cooperation with the Horsemen's Association, a plaque will be awarded to the person who has been outstanding for his or her contributions to racing annually. This person shall not be an officer or director. The SDQHRA shall be responsible for getting nominations for this award to the Horsemen's president by November 1st, annually. This person shall become an honorary member as designated in the by-laws.
6. In the event a horse is claimed or sold, the owner who accumulated the most points with the horse shall receive any year end award the horse earns.
7. The stallion awards will be determined by horses that are stallions through the last day of racing at South Dakota racetracks.

- D. Purse Distributions, Stakes Payments and Conditions
(Only those who have made the first four payments into the futurity may enter the derby.)

1. Futurity Payment Schedule	Payment Amount	Late Payment
Jan. 15 – Yearling Year (Nominate)	\$25	No Late Payment
Jan. 15 – Two-Year Old Year	\$20	Double + \$50 = \$140
Feb. 15 – Two-Year Old Year	\$30	Double + \$75 = \$225
Mar. 15 – Two-Year Old Year	\$50	Double + \$100 = \$350
Apr. 15 – Two-Year Old Year	\$75	No Late Payment
Trial Entry Day – Two Year Old Year <i>(Final Payment Due on Trial Entry Day)</i>	\$100	Double + \$300 = \$900

2. Derby Payment Schedule	Payment Amount	Late Payment
Jan. 15 – Three-Year Old Year	\$20	No Late Payment
Feb. 15 – Three-Year Old Year	\$30	Double + \$50 = \$140
Mar. 15 – Three-Year Old Year	\$50	Double + \$75 = \$225
Apr. 15 – Three-Year Old Year	\$75	Double + \$100 = \$350
Trial Entry Day – Two Year Old Year <i>(Final Payment Due on Trial Entry Day)</i>	\$100	No Late Payment Double + \$300 = \$900

3. On all stakes races sponsored by the SDQHRA the purse will be paid as follows:
 - a. Gross purse of \$2,000 or under will be to five places:
49% - 25% - 14% - 7% - 5%.
 - b. Gross purse over \$2,000 will be paid to 16 places:
33% - 16% - 9% - 6% - 4.8% - 4.3% - 4.2% - Total: 81.7%
3.65% - 3.6% - 3.55% - 2.4% - 1.7% - 1.4% - 1.1% - .9 – Total: 18.3%
 - c. Gross purse over \$2,000 – no consolation:
49% - 20% - 10% - 7% - 4% - 3% - 2%
 - d. South Dakota bred points shall be paid to qualified South Dakota horses in all races.
4. No more than the 16 fastest qualifying times for the futurity and derby will be paid. No more than eight (8) horses will run in the finals and no more than eight (8) horses will run in the consolation.
5. If less than forty (40) horses enter trials, there will be no consolation, on the condition that the track has agreed to run a preferred race with South Dakota bred points available to those horses.
6. Stakes payment schedule and conditions will be published annually in the official publication.
7. The number of horses entered and money paid into each stakes race will be reported to the official publication after each payment date.
8. The SDQHRA shall deduct 10% from all monies for administrative purposes. Ten percent (10%) is also held out of the futurity for the derby.
9. There will not be an also eligible list for the finals and consolation when 16 places are paid.

E. Miscellaneous

1. Trial heat awards will be awarded by the Association for any Association-sponsored races.
2. Events when the total payment less 10% would be refund during trials:
 - a. If a gate fails to open such horse shall be declared a non-starter and no liability will be incurred beyond refund of nomination fees less 10%.
 - b. If a horse is found to be ineligible according to South Dakota bred rules.
 - c. In the event of a vet scratch by the State after entries close.
3. Should a mechanical failure occur with the electrical timer during any trial heat, finalists will then be selected by the official place finish. If a tie exists the horses shall draw lots to determine which shall participate in the finals.
4. The Director of Gaming and the Gaming Commission will be put on the mailing list of the official publication at the Association's expense.
5. If you qualify a horse for a stakes race or consolation that horse cannot run the same weekend in another race at that track.
6. Any returned checks will automatically cancel eligibility in SDQHRA sponsored races. Said person will be required to pay with cash, money order or cashier's check after said returned check.
7. Any situation that may arise not covered by these rules will revert to the Board of Directors who will act in cooperation with AQHA. South Dakota racing rules and statutes have precedence over any Association rules.
8. Dues are established at fifty (50) dollars per year for each active member, with twenty (20) designated for the Horseman's Association.
9. Officers nominated by the nominating committee must be current year members.
10. All officers, directors and point secretary must be current year members.
11. The point secretary will publish point standings in the official publication by July 30 each year to allow for member input.
12. The Association president will appoint an auditor to audit year end points compiled by the point secretary. The point secretary and the auditor will each be paid \$50.
13. Membership is required of anyone entering SDQHRA sponsored stakes or races.

14. SDQHRA directors will meet quarterly; Ft. Pierre and Aberdeen race meets, September and at the annual meeting. Other meetings may be called as necessary to conduct association business.
15. Directors missing three (3) or more meetings annually may be replaced on the board of directors by board action.
16. Breeder's certificates certifying that a horse is South Dakota bred must be on file with the Association or the State Gaming Commission prior to the first day of racing at the meet where the horse may earn bred money.
17. A current membership list will be given to the secretary and point secretary. All officers and directors may receive a list upon request. Any member may receive a membership list upon request when any fees for the list are paid.



These are the SDQHRA rules. You may obtain a South Dakota Gaming Commission rule book governing race meets in the State by contacting:

South Dakota Gaming Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501
Phone: 605-773-6050