

**7895.0300 QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS' FUND.**

Subpart 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this part, the following terms have the meanings given them unless another intention clearly appears:

A. "Artificial insemination" means the introduction of semen, either fresh, cooled, or frozen, into the vagina or uterus of the mare without sexual contact.

B. "Breeder" means the owner or lessee of the broodmare registered with the Racing Commission.

C. "Broodmare" means either a recipient mare, or a mare in foal by natural cover or artificial insemination.

D. "Donor mare" means the genetic dam of the embryo, oocyte, or fertilized egg, but not the mare carrying the foal.

E. "Embryo" means an egg that has been fertilized by sperm and undergone one or more divisions.

F. "Embryo transfer" means the transfer of an embryo from a donor mare into the uterus of a recipient mare for the duration of the pregnancy.

G. "Fertilized egg" means intercytoplasmic sperm injection and conventional in vitro fertilization. The fertilized egg is generally transferred to the uterus of a recipient mare.

H. "Minnesota-bred" or "Minnesota-foaled" means a horse foaled in Minnesota by a broodmare registered with the Racing Commission.

I. "Minnesota-sire" means a stallion that has stood the entire breeding season, from January 31 through July 31, in Minnesota and is registered with the Racing Commission.

J. "Minnesota-sired" or "Minnesota-sire" means a horse produced by a stallion registered with the Racing Commission. Horses can be sired by natural cover, artificial insemination, or by transfer of an embryo, oocyte, or fertilized egg.

K. "Natural cover" means natural breeding occurring between a mare and stallion.

L. "Recipient mare" means a mare carrying a foal by means of transfer of an embryo, oocyte, or fertilized egg from a donor mare. The recipient mare must be registered with the Racing Commission.

M. "Oocyte" means an egg or female reproductive cells.

N. "Oocyte transfer" means the transfer of a retrieved, unfertilized egg(s) from a donor mare into a recipient mare and then the mare is bred.

Subp. 2. **Division of money.** The money available from the breeders' fund for the Quarter Horse category shall be divided as follows:

A. 80 percent shall be set aside and paid as awards to the owner or lessee of the broodmare at the time of foaling; and

B. 20 percent shall be set aside and paid as stallion awards to the owners or lessees of the Minnesota-sire of Minnesota-bred horses at the time of breeding.

Subp. 3. **Distribution of money.** The award money available from the Quarter Horse breeders' fund shall be distributed as follows:

A. "Breeders' awards" shall be paid to the breeder at the time of foaling of a Minnesota-bred horse as registered with the Racing Commission, that earns purse earnings in any North American pari-mutuel race. The amount of award shall be a percentage of the total amount available for all awards. Purse earnings earned in any North American race that is conducted outside of Minnesota during the Minnesota Quarter Horse live racing meeting shall not count toward qualified earnings. A horse's earnings in any single race must not be worth more than the winner's share of the largest purse offered during the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing meeting.

B. "Stallion awards" shall be paid to the stallion owner or recorded lessee (at the time of breeding) of a Minnesota-bred and sired horse that earns purse earnings in any North American pari-mutuel race. The amount of award shall be a percentage of the total amount available for all awards. Purse earnings earned in any North American race that is conducted outside of Minnesota during the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing meeting shall not count toward qualified earnings. A horse's earnings in any single race must not be worth more than the winner's share of the largest purse offered during the Minnesota Thoroughbred racing meeting.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 45 SR 644]

Subp. 5. **Purse supplements.** Purse supplements earned shall not count toward qualified earnings in determining breeders' or stallion awards. The Racing Commission may set fixed amounts for stakes races and varying percentages for overnight races to be applied as purse supplements that may be earned during the current racing meeting. Purse supplements shall be paid out for Minnesota-bred and registered horses participating in stakes races, in the same percentage as the purse earnings in the race. The Racing Commission may, in its discretion, during the course of a racing meeting vary the percentages set in each category for the purpose of keeping purse supplements consistent with the amount of money being earned in the breeders' fund and subsequent award disbursements. The Racing Commission shall consider the following criteria in determining the applicable percentages:

A. the total amount of awards and purse supplements to be distributed;

B. the need to distribute awards and purse supplements among Minnesota breeders and owners in a fair and equitable manner with a view toward encouraging the continued support of the horse industry in Minnesota, thereby providing incentive to breeders and owners of Quarter Horses within the state; and

C. that the set amount of the awards and purse supplements or any adjustments made thereto are in the best interest of horse racing within the state.

Subp. 6. **Time of payment.** Purse supplements are part of the purse and shall be credited to owners' accounts at the time the purses are earned. All money allocated for breeders' awards and stallion awards shall be distributed by December 31 of the year earned. If all results are not official 60 days following the end of the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing meeting, the Racing Commission will calculate awards based on results that are official. Any results not made official 60 days following the end of the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing meeting that are eligible for awards will be used to calculate awards to be distributed during the year of final decision.

For the purposes of breeders' awards and stallion awards, both available award money and qualified purse earnings shall be totaled annually from October 1 to September 30.

Subp. 7. **Residual funds.** All unearned purse supplements shall be retained and carried forward to be included as net distributable funds in the succeeding Quarter Horse race meeting.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.03; 240.18; 240.23; 240.24*

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