

7895.0400 ARABIAN BREEDERS' FUND.

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

A. "Breeder" means the owner or lessee of the dam at the time of conception in Minnesota.

B. "Minnesota-foaled" or "Minnesota-bred" means a horse foaled in Minnesota.

C. "Minnesota-sire" means a stallion owned at least 50 percent by residents of Minnesota or leased entirely by Minnesota residents, and which has stood the entire breeding, between January 31 and August 31, in Minnesota, or has had transported semen to a specific mare in another state but the stallion has stood the entire breeding season in Minnesota.

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

A. 25 percent shall be set aside and paid to breeders of Minnesota-bred horses as breeders' awards;

B. 55 percent shall be paid to supplement purses. The purse supplements shall be apportioned in accordance with the quality of the race as determined by the commission;

C. ten percent shall be set aside and paid as stallion awards to the owners of the Minnesota-sire at the time of breeding; and

D. ten percent shall be set aside and paid as owners' awards to the owners of Minnesota-bred or Minnesota-foaled horses.

Subp. 3. **Distribution of money.** The money available from the Arabian breeders' fund, other than purse supplements, shall be distributed as follows:

A. "Breeders' awards" shall be paid to the breeder of a Minnesota-bred horse, as reflected on the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc. certificate, that finishes third or better in any pari-mutuel race.

B. "Stallion awards" shall be paid to the stallion owner of a Minnesota-bred or Minnesota-foaled horse that finishes third or better in any pari-mutuel race.

C. "Owner awards" shall be paid to the owner of a Minnesota-bred horse, as defined by the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc. certificate, that finishes third or better in any pari-mutuel race.

Subp. 4. **Methods of payment.** The amount of money distributed by the commission for awards or purse supplements pursuant to subpart 3 shall be paid out in the same percentage as the purse money in the race. Purse supplements earned shall not be included

in determining breeders' or stallion awards. The amount of money to be distributed shall be in accordance with subpart 5.

Subp. 5. **Adjustments.** The Racing Commission shall set percentages to be applied to purse supplements that may be earned during the current race meeting. The Racing Commission may, in its discretion, during the course of a race meeting vary the percentages set for the purpose of keeping purse supplements consistent with the amount of money being earned in the breeders' fund. The Racing Commission shall consider the following criteria in determining the applicable percentages:

- A. the total amount of purse supplements to be distributed;
- B. the need to distribute purse supplements 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 Arabian horses within the state; and
- C. that the set amount of the 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, owners' awards, and stallion awards shall be distributed within 45 days of the end of the Arabian race meeting.

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

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