

Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission



Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes (ABSC) Commission

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Where to compete for Sweepstakes Prize Money

Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Prize Money is available in Sweepstakes designated events at:

- The 18 Regional Championship Shows
- Regional CTR and END Rides
- Youth/Mid-Summer Nationals Championship Show
- Sport Horse Nationals Championship Show
- AHA National Distance Ride
- U.S. Nationals Championship Show



Sweepstakes Entry Categories

Breeding Entry

Foal must be enrolled by in-utero by December 31 of the year the mare is bred. Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian foal must be by a Nominated Sire or out of a Nominated Dam. Horse is eligible to win allocated Sweepstakes prize money at the Regional and National level in Sweepstakes designated events for the life of the horse.

Enrollments can be processed on-line.

The enrollment of a Breeding Entry is for the life of the horse.

The Nominator of the Breeding Entry will receive 15% Breeder/Nominator payback of all prize money earned by the Breeding Entry for the lifetime of that horse.



Sweepstakes Entry Categories – Continued

Nominated Sire/Non-Arabian Nominated Sire

Sire should be enrolled as a Nominated Sire prior to the beginning of his breeding career. This enrollment allows his Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian offspring to be eligible to be enrolled in-utero as Breeding Entries.

Enrollment is for the life of the horse.

Nominated Dam/Non-Arabian Nominated Dam

Mare should be enrolled as a Nominated Dam prior to the beginning of her breeding career. This enrollment allows her Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian offspring to be eligible to be enrolled in-utero as Breeding Entries.

Enrollment is for the life of the horse.



Sweepstakes Enrollment Fees

Breeding Entry

The enrollment fee for a Breeding Entry is \$400 each. Sire should be enrolled as a Nominated Sire prior to the beginning of his breeding career. This enrollment allows his Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian offspring to be eligible to be enrolled in-utero as Breeding Entries.

Every fourth Breeding Entry enrolled at the same year by the same breeder/nominator may be enrolled at one half price (\$200). This discount applies to each submission of at least four entries mailed at the same time in the same envelope by the same unique owner.

Enrollments postmarked/electronic transaction dated between January 1 through February 15th of the foaling year will be allowed with a \$150 late fee per foal.



Sweepstakes Enrollment Fees—Continued

Nominated Sire/Non-Arabian Nominated Sire

The fee to enroll a sire is \$2,000. If the colt/stallion is already enrolled as a Breeding Entry, then the enrollment fee is \$1,000.

Nominated Dam/Non-Arabian Nominated Dam

The fee to enroll a dam is \$1,000.

The enrollment of a Nominated Sire/Non-Arabian Nominated Sire, and a Nominated Dam/Non-Arabian Nominated Dam will be assessed a \$150 late fee if the enrollment is made after December 31st of the year the horse was bred.

- All Sweepstakes Entry Categories can be paid in full or placed on a Deferred Billing Agreement (late fees must be paid in full).



Sweepstakes Deferred Billing (DB) Agreement

- Must be completed, signed and submitted with payments along with the Sweepstakes Entries by the enrollment deadline.
- Payments are based on the total amount of the enrollment(s). Enrollments up to \$2,500 will be made in 4 quarterly payments. Enrollments \$2,501 and up can be divided into 4 or 8 quarterly payments. If terms are not selected, 4 payments will be assigned.
- Once the DB is set up in accounting, you will receive a letter with a schedule of payments.
- Payments must be made in accordance with the terms of the executed DB.
- If full and timely payment is not made or if a default occurs pursuant to the terms of the DB, the entries will be dropped from the Sweepstakes Program and all payments made will be forfeited. The applicant(s) are not entitled to submit another entry on a DB for a period of 5 (five) years.
- The DB must be paid in full before any consideration of a Dead Foal Credit (DFC) will be made.
- The Sweepstakes logo will no be printed on the Certificate or Registration (for horses registered with AHA) for enrollment(s) that are being paid on a DB. Once the DB is paid in full, a replacement Certificate of Registration can be requested (fee will apply)



Regional Arabian & HA/AA Sweepstakes Classes

Yearling Colt/Gelding

Yearling Filly

Gelding AOTH 2 Yr & Over

Mare AOTH 2 Yr & Over

English PI Jr Horse

English PI AAOTR

Country English PI Jr Horse

Country English PI AAOTR

Hunter PI Jr Horse

Hunter PI AAOTR

Western PI Jr Horse

Western PI AAOTR

Reining Jr Horse

Reining Horse AAOTR

Western Trail Jr Horse

Western Trail AAOTR

Working Cow Jr Horse

Working Cow AAOTR

Cutting Jr Horse

Cutting Non-Pro

SH Under Saddle AOTR

Dressage Second Level AOTR

Regular Working Hunter AOTR



Regional Arabian & HA/AA Sweepstakes Classes

Regional Shows are required to hold Sweepstakes designated classes with the exception of the following Arabian and HA/AA Classes:

- Reining Jr Horse
- Reining AAOTR
- Western Trail Jr Horse
- Western Trail AAOTR
- Working Cow Jr Horse
- Working Cow AAOTR
- Cutting Jr Horse
- Cutting Non-Pro
- SH Under Saddle AOTR
- Dressage Second Level AOTR
- Regular Working Hunter AOTR



Regional Arabian & HA/AA Sweepstakes Classes

- Dressage classes can be combined as Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian.
- Exempt Sweepstakes classes added as TBA's are ineligible for Sweepstakes Prize Money payout.
- Sweepstakes AAOTR classes are eligible to be split into multiple age divisions (must be all age inclusive). Splitting AAOTR classes is not recommended as this reduces the Sweepstakes payout for each split. When leveling AAOTR class(es) are offered for a discipline, they will receive the prize money in place of the AAOTR class(es). Should multiple AAOTR classes be offered, the class with the fewest splits will be paid. *No other Sweepstakes classes can be split. If they are split, they will not be eligible for prize money (including Junior Horse Classes)*



Regional Arabian & HA/AA Sweepstakes Classes

- The Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes (ABS) Yearling Halter Classes are restricted to horses enrolled as a Breeding Entry.
- To qualify for the U.S. National Yearling Classes, the Breeding Entry must have placed as a Top Ten from one of the corresponding 18 Regional Sweepstakes Yearling Classes.
- The other Sweepstakes designated Classes are open to Sweepstakes and non-Sweepstakes horses. Only those that are enrolled as a Breeding Entry or Original Entry are eligible for prize money.



Youth & Mid-Summer Horse Nationals Sweepstakes Classes

There are four Sweepstakes Classes for the Youth & Mid-Summer National Championship Show. This includes the following:

- Arabian Ranch Horse Rail PI AAOTR
- HA/AA Ranch Horse Rail PI AAOTR
- Arabian Ranch Riding AAOTR
- HA/AA Ranch Riding AATR

These classes will be paid out by the 50% rule. Classes are open to Sweepstakes and non-Sweepstakes horses. Only horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry are eligible to receive prize money.

In 2026, these classes will be open only to Horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.



SHN Sweepstakes Designated Classes

- Arabian Colt 2 Yr Old
- Arabian Gelding 2 Yr Old
- Arabian Filly 2 Yr Old
- HA/AA Colt/Gelding 2 Yr Old
- HA/AA Filly 2 Yr Old

RESTRICTED CLASSES

- Arabian Yearling Colt/Gelding
- Arabian Yearling Filly
- HA/AA Yearling Colt/Gelding
- HA/AA Yearling Filly



Sport Horse Nationals ABS Restricted Classes

ABS A/HA/AA Dressage Prospect Incentive Class

Open to 4- and 5-year-old horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.

ABS A/HA/AA Green Working Hunter Derby

Open to horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry. No qualifications are required. Open to any age horse who is eligible to compete as a Green Working Hunter as outlined in the Arabian Working rules of USEF.

ABS Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo Arabian

AOTR Jackpot Sport Horse Under Saddle

Open to horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry that are 7 years old or older. Each competitor will contribute \$500 to a prize money jackpot. The Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission will add \$1,000 per entered and shown horse up to \$15,000 per each of the purses.



USN Sweepstakes Designated Classes

Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian

- English Pl Jr Horse
- Country English Pl Jr Horse
- Hunter Pl Jr Horse
- Western Pl Jr Horse
- Reining Jr Horse
- Western Trail Jr Horse
- Working Cow Jr Horse



U.S. Nationals Restricted Classes

ABS Adult Amateur Owner Jackpot Classes

These classes are open to Arabians and Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians 6 years and over may participate. Classes are restricted to horses enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.

Each competitor will contribute \$500 to a prize money jackpot. Sweepstakes Prize Money in additional jackpot money will be awarded. Any jackpot money not distributed shall be equally divided among all placings. Sweepstakes Prize Money not awarded will be retained in the Sweepstakes principal fund.



U.S. Nationals Restricted Classes

ABS Adult Amateur Owner Jackpot Classes

- ABS Arabian Western Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS Arabian Country English Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS Arabian Hunter Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS Arabian English Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS Arabian Reining AAOTR
- ABS HA/AA Western Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS HA/AA Country English Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS HA/AA Hunter Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS HA/AA English Pleasure AAOTR
- ABS HA/AA Reining AAOTR

ABS Yearling Classes

- Arabian Yearling Colt
- Arabian Yearling Gelding
- Arabian Yearling Filly



U.S. Nationals Restricted Classes

ABS AAO Performance Halter

- ABS Arabian Stallion AAO Performance Halter
- ABS Arabian Gelding AAO Performance Halter
- ABS Arabian Mare AAO Performance Halter
- ABS HA/AA Gelding AAO Performance Halter
- ABS HA/AA Mare AAO Performance Halter

Horses must have been entered, shown and judged in any Performance Class at U.S. Nationals. Showmanship Classes do not count as Performance Classes. Halter rules, specifications and procedures will be strictly enforced, including the use of the Performance Halter Scorecard.



Prize Money Payout

- **Prize money will be issued to the recorded owner of the horse at the time of the show.**
If a horse is sold during a show and the recorded transfer date is within the date range of a show, the prize money will be issued to the new owner.
- Only horses enrolled as Breeding or Original Entry that meet eligibility requirements will receive prize money.
- Checks for prize money shall be mailed no later than 60 days upon receipt of complete results.
- In the even that a horse earns prize money, and the recorded owner is deceased, or the business/farm is defunct, the prize money cannot be reissued to another individual/entity and will be retained by the Sweepstakes principal fund.



Prize Money Payout – Continued

- Payout for Sweepstakes designated classes are paid out by the 50% rule with exception of the following:
 - National Yearling Classes
 - ABS AAOTR Jackpot Classes
 - ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot
 - ABS Green Working Hunter
 - ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive Class
- The 50% Rule
 - National Level – If fewer than nineteen horses are shown in the class, 50% rounded up will be eligible for prize money
 - Regional Level – If fewer than nine horses are shown in the class, 50% rounded up will be eligible for prize money



Prize Money Payout – Continued

- The Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number and all Sweepstakes requirements must be on file with AHA before prize money is released. **If this information is not on file or is not provided within 120 days after notification, all prize money will be forfeited.**
- Foreign residents who earn prize money at an event held in the United States and does not have a US Federal Tax ID Number will be subject to income tax of 30% per Internal Revenue regulations. This amount will be withheld from the total winnings.



Reminder

- Horses **cannot** be shown under the two distinct non-family co-owner rule in the ABS AO Jackpot Classes at Sport Horse Nationals; the AAO Jackpot and ABS AAO Performance Halter Classes at U.S. Nationals (Refer to USEF AR 110).



Sweepstakes Made Simple



ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES

	BREEDING ENTRY	ARABIAN NOMINATED SIRE	NON-ARABIAN NOMINATED SIRE	NOMINATED DAM ARABIAN HALF-ARABIAN ANGLO-ARABIAN NON-ARABIAN
<u>Entry Requirement</u>	Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian foal by an Arabian or Non-Arabian Nominated Sire, or out of a Nominated Dam.	Arabian Stallion registered with AHA, CAHR or with a recognized source registry. Stallions already enrolled as a Breeding Entry receive a discount.	Any Non-Arabian Stallion. Half-Arabian stallions already enrolled as a Breeding Entry receive a discount.	Any living Arabian mare registered with AHA or CAHR; Anglo-Arabian mare registered with AHA or CPAR; registered or unregistered Non-Arabian mare.
<u>When to Enter</u>	The Breeding Entry deadline is December 31 of the breeding year. Use the AHA In-Utero Foal Application.	A stallion should become a Nominated Sire prior to the beginning of his breeding career. Use the AHA Horse Enrollment Application.	A stallion should become a Nominated Sire prior to the beginning of his breeding career. Use the AHA Horse Enrollment Application.	A mare should become a Nominated Dam prior to the beginning of her breeding career. Use the AHA Horse Enrollment Application.
<u>Who Makes the Entry</u>	Any AHA member. Does not have to be mare owner.	Recorded owner(s) of the sire.	Recorded owner(s) of the sire.	Recorded owner(s) of the mare.
<u>Competition Rewards</u>	Eligible to win Allocated Sweepstakes Prize Money in Sweepstakes designated events for life. This is the only entry that is eligible to compete in Regional and National Sweepstakes Yearling Classes.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<u>Breeding Rewards</u>	The Nominator of the Breeding Entry will receive 15% Breeder/Nominator Payback of all prize money earned by the Breeding Entry for the lifetime of that horse.	Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian offspring are eligible to be enrolled as Breeding Entries.	Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian offspring are eligible to be enrolled as Breeding Entries.	Arabian, Anglo-Arabian and Non-Arabian Nominated Dams are able to produce Sweepstakes eligible foals for a lifetime.
<u>Guarantees</u>	Live Foal Guarantee available. See the current AHA Handbook for details.	Gelding/death credit available within 12 months of nomination. See current AHA Handbook for details.	Gelding/death credit available within 12 months of nomination. See current AHA Handbook for details.	Death credit available within 12 months of nomination. See current AHA Handbook for details.
<u>Fees</u>	\$400 if postmarked/electronic transaction dated by December 31st of the breeding year.	\$2,000 \$1,000 if the horse is already enrolled as a Breeding Entry.	\$2,000 \$1,000 if the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horse is already enrolled as a Breeding Entry.	\$1,000
<u>Prize Money</u>	Payment must be submitted in full at time of entry or down payment through a signed Deferred Billing Agreement. Refer to the on-line AHA Handbook regarding Sweepstakes Rules, Sweepstakes designated classes and payout information.			
<u>Membership Rules</u>	A current AHA base level membership is required for payout to be issued, a competition card will be required for competition. Refer to on-line AHA Handbook regarding membership requirements.			

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Additional Information

Additional information regarding the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes (ABS) Program can be found in Chapter 18 of the AHA Handbook. You can also visit the AHA Website (under Competition, Prize Money Programs) or contact AHA at info.comp@arabianhorses.org or Cheryl Holloway at Cheryl.Holloway@arabianhorses.org



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