

Program Details

The Louisiana Reining Horse Association Breeders Classic program was established to promote the reining horse and the sport of reining by providing incentives to stallion owners and breeders for raising, training, and showing Reiners. The Breeders Classic, an NRHA Category 6 event where eligible foals can compete for their own purses, is run concurrently with the annual Louisiana Reining Horse Association Futurity.

To participate, stallion owners nominate their stallion(s) in a given year by donating a breeding to the association. If the breeding is sold through the breeders classic program, all of next year's offspring by the stallion are eligible to compete. In the year(s) those foals compete as three to six year-olds, their sires are eligible for sire awards.

Mare owners participate by encouraging stallion owners to nominate their stallions and by purchasing the breedings each spring. The resulting foals of the following year are then eligible to enter the Breeders Classic division of the Futurity and Derby as three to six year-olds. The program is explained in more detail below:

Donating a breeding

Stallion owners can donate one or more breeding services to Louisiana Reining Horse Association by mailing a *stallion contract* to Louisiana Reining Horse Association (LRHA). The stallion's regular stud fee will be listed in the amount advertised. For any stallion that is advertised as a Private Treaty Breeding Fee, that fee must be listed with a dollar value on the Louisiana Reining Horse Association (LRHA) Breeding Contract. Chute fees, as advertised on Stallion Breeders Classic flyers and ads, shall be the responsibility of the mare owner and payable directly to the stallion owner/agent. All vet fees, mare care, and shipped semen charges are also the responsibility of the mare owner. The stallion owner's standard breeding contract will be signed indicating the donated breeding and sent to Louisiana Reining Horse Association (LRHA) so they will be familiar and have a record of the donation.

Once the breeding has been sold, Louisiana Reining Horse Association (LRHA) will notify the breeding facility where the stallion is standing. The contact person's name and phone number of the breeding facility will be given to the purchaser. Breeding arrangements will be made between donor and purchaser. Louisiana Reining Horse Association is not responsible for booking dates or any additional fees associated with this breeding.

Distribution of Program Funds

The money from nominated stallions is committed for 20% for operating expenses, awards and promotion of the program, and 10% for annual sire awards. The remaining 70% will be the added money for the Breeders Classic division of the Louisiana Reining Horse Association Futurity. The added money will be split 60% to the Open division and 40% to the Non Pro division. Funds collected from the program are not allocated to Breeders Classic *Derby* winners.

The Louisiana Reining Horse Association (LRHA) itself provides a fixed amount of \$2,500 added money to the Open and \$1,000 added money to the Non Pro division for these derby winners.

Purchasing a breeding

All donated stallions will be offered for sale at half price by the Louisiana Reining Horse Association (LRHA). Multiple services may be purchased if so desired. Stallion services will be sold upon the receipt of the breeding fee in the LRHA office. The nomination of a stallion is complete upon the sale of his service. Stallion services will be donated, sold (and thus become eligible) on an annual basis. Any breeding purchased through the Louisiana Reining Horse Association Breeders Classic Program may not be transferred or re-sold by the purchaser.

Unsold Services

If a stallion's service goes unsold, the stallion's foals would be eligible for entry into the Breeders Classic upon payment of half of the advertised stud fee.

Show Entry Eligibility

Every foal sired by a stallion during his nominated period is eligible to compete for Louisiana Reining Horse Association Breeders Classic purse money by paying the appropriate entry fee. A stallion owner of a non-enrolled stallion may also pay half of the advertised fee to allow foals sired by a stallion to be eligible to enter the Breeders Classic. The stallion owner that donates the breeding is entitled to a free entry in the Breeders Classic of either the Open or Non Pro divisions. The free entry must be of a foal from an enrolled stallion. This event will be a closed event open only to the subscribed stallions foals and will be run concurrently with the Louisiana Reining Horse Association Futurity. The stallion owner may transfer the free entry to another person provided the stallion owner was also the breeder (the owner of the dam at the time of the service) of that entry. *In the case of a rebreed, if the stallion named in the contract is not current in the program, this one foal will still be eligible to participate in the Breeders Classic Program.* It will be the responsibility of the mare owner to notify the Breeders Classic committee of this situation prior to the end of the year in which the rebreed takes place.

Paybacks

Paybacks for winners are paid per NRHA rules. The 10% set aside for sire awards is split 50/50 between the Open and Non Pro divisions. This money will go to the owner of the stallion (at the time of the service) that sired the winning horse in the division.

Retroactive Eligibility

It is possible to make your stallion current in the program if you have not participated in past years. This will require a stallion owner to pay half of the breeding fees for the year in which the foal was conceived in order to make foals for that year eligible in the Breeders Classic program.

Program Conditions

Stallion services (one or more breeding per stallion) are donated to this program and the donated services will be offered for sale through the Louisiana Reining Horse Association Breeders Classic Program. Information on donated stallions will be listed on the internet (thelrha.com website), and possibly published in other horse publications. As a condition of participation in the Breeders Classic program, the stallion owner/donor must agree to all the conditions in the Louisiana Reining Horse Association Breeders Classic Breeding Contract. The stallion owner's standard breeding contract will also be signed indicating the donated breeding and sent to Louisiana Reining Horse Association (LRHA) so they will be familiar and have a record of the donation.

If the stallion is sold or dies anytime before the donated obligation is met the donor of the stallion breeding must immediately notify the Louisiana Reining Horse Association president. If the stallion dies before the said donated breeding occurs to the purchaser, and no other comparable stallions are available to the purchaser, Louisiana Reining Horse Association will reimburse the purchaser, in full, the amount purchaser paid. If the stallion is sold before the obligation is met, the undersigned owner of the stallion at the time of donation must make arrangements with new owners of stallion to fulfill the obligation to purchaser, in writing and submitted to Louisiana Reining Horse Association and purchaser within 30 days of sale. If stallion owner does not comply, the undersigned stallion owner will be held liable for reimbursement of monies, in full, to the purchaser. The stallion owner will charge the mare owner for normal mare care charges and any other applicable charges such as chute fees, in-foal fees, veterinary fees, semen shipping fees, etc.

Release of Liability

Louisiana Reining Horse Association reserves the right to modify or amend the rules of the program as unusual circumstances may deem necessary. The purpose of this program is to provide funds for awards, prizes, and other activities to promote and encourage participation in Reining to its members. After the stallion service has been sold, any transaction dealing with the breeding will be solely between the stallion owner and the mare owner. It will in no way involve Louisiana Reining Horse Association. Submitting a contract indicates acceptance of the foregoing statements. *Furthermore, the mare owner, by participating in this Louisiana Reining Horse Association program, does understand, agree and accept that Louisiana Reining Horse Association members, officers, and representatives are not liable for death, sickness, and/or accidental injury including consequential damages, to the mare or the mare owner during participation in this breeding program caused by either negligent or intentional acts of any party to this contract.*