

# What you need to know about the NRHA North American Nomination Program



## Why should I nominate my weanling to the NRHA North American Nomination Program?

Nominating a weanling saves you \$1,700 compared to nominating the same horse as a yearling, \$4,700 as a two-year-old or \$7,200 as a three-, four-, five- and six-year-old.

**How does this plan benefit me? What do I get out of it?** Horses that are nominated into the NRHA North American Nomination Program will become more valuable because of the tremendous opportunities for which they are now eligible. Nominated horses are eligible to enter some of Reining's richest shows, the NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby. Also as the nominator, you will get rewards if that horse wins money at the NRHA Futurity or NRHA Derby. This will add a considerable amount of additional prize money to the lower divisions of both shows, will stabilize these events and guarantee lucrative earnings on a constant basis.

**What is the NRHA Nomination Program nominator incentive?** The nominator incentive is a tremendous perk of the program that gives money back to the person that nominates the horse. 5% of all the money that the horse earns at the Futurity and/or Derby is paid back to the nominator of the horse even if that person no longer owns the horse.

**When is the nomination payment due?** The \$300 weanling nomination is due by December 31 of the horse's weanling year.

**Does my horse have to have a competition license to nominate?** If your horse does not already have a license at the time of nomination, you would need to complete a license application, send it in with your nomination form and appropriate fees for both. You also must be a current member in order to be listed as the owner on the competition license.

**Does this nomination payment enter the horse into the NRHA Futurity or NRHA Derby in Oklahoma City?** No. The nomination payment does not include NRHA North American Futurity or Derby entry fees, judges fees, etc. After you make the nomination payment, you do not have any more payments until you enter the horse into the NRHA North American Futurity and/or Derby. At that time, your normal entry payment schedule will apply.

**Is this a one-time payment or do I have to pay the nomination fee each year?** The NRHA North American Nomination is a **one-time** payment and makes your horse eligible for the NRHA North American Futurity as a three year old as well as the NRHA North American Derby when the horse is four, five and six.

**Are my 2006 and 2007 foals affected by the new program?** No. The plan started with 2008 foals. Only foals born in or after 2008 are affected.

## I want to nominate my horse, but can't afford the entire nomination fee right now. Can it be made in payments?

Yes, nomination payments may be made as follows. *Please remember that the NRHA North American Nomination does not include entry payments to the NRHA Futurity or NRHA Derby.*

Yearlings	\$1,000 due December 31 of their yearling year
<b>Total Fee: \$2,000 (plus entry payments)</b>	\$1,000 due December 31 of their two-year-old year
Two Year Olds	\$2,500 due by December 31 of their two-year-old year
<b>Total Fee: \$5,000 (plus entry payments)</b>	\$2,500 due prior to the final entry deadline of the NRHA Futurity their three-year-old year
Three Year Olds	If the horse was not nominated as a weanling, yearling, or two-year-old, the nomination payment is due prior to the final entry deadline for the NRHA Futurity.
<b>Total Fee: \$7,500 (plus entry payments)</b>	
Four, Five, & Six Year Olds	If they were not nominated as a weanling, yearling, two year old or three year old, the nomination payment is due prior to the final entry deadline of the first NRHA Derby they enter.
<b>Total Fee: \$7,500 (plus entry payments)</b>	

**What if I don't complete paying the nomination fee, but wish to have the horse entered in the NRHA North American Futurity or Derby?** You may begin to enter your horse into the NRHA North American Futurity or Derby even without the entire NRHA North American Nomination fee being paid. However, horses will not be considered nominated and eligible to show until all nomination fees are paid in full.

**I have nominated my horse, but he is now injured. May I substitute another horse or sell my nomination?** Under this plan there are no substitutions, so you would not be able to substitute another horse in or "sell your slot". Several years ago the NRHA Board of Directors changed the conditions to allow for substitutions or transfer of entries between parties. Allowing the "selling of slots" greatly affected the number of entries into the Futurity and affected the purse and payouts in a negative way.

**How is the money distributed?** Of all NRHA North American Nomination fees paid in, NRHA retains 5% for program administrative costs. Of the remaining money, 60% is allocated to the NRHA Futurity and 40% is allocated to the NRHA Derby. The reason the allocation is weighted more heavily toward the NRHA Futurity is because it takes more money to make an impact on the NRHA Futurity than it does the NRHA Derby. If the horse is not nominated before their four-year-old year, the money will go toward the NRHA Derby only - none toward the NRHA Futurity. For both the NRHA Futurity and the NRHA Derby, 70% is allocated toward the Open and 30% toward the Non Pro. This is based on the number of Open entries versus Non Pro entries over the past three years. These percentages will be reviewed annually and adjusted if needed.

**My horse didn't show in the NRHA North American Futurity, does part of the money still go to the NRHA North American Futurity?** It depends on when you nominated your horse. If you nominated your horse as a weanling, yearling, two-year-old, or three-year-old, then part of the nomination fee will go toward the NRHA Futurity and part toward the NRHA Derby. If you nominated your horse after his three-year-old year, then it all goes to the NRHA Derby.