

Chapter 9. SIRE STAKES

Section 2. Eligibility Criteria

1. In order for its get to be eligible to the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes a stallion must be registered with the Commission for the current breeding season prior to January 1 of the year of the breeding season and must stand at stud the full breeding season in Maine. The breeding season is defined as the period beginning February 15, through July 15 of each calendar year except as provided in the second paragraph. The registration fee shall be \$100.00 per stallion per breeding season. Registration fees shall be made payable to the Treasurer, State of Maine and forwarded to the Commission's Office within the Department and such fees will be added to purses.

Any person standing a stallion who fails to register a stallion as required aforesaid may register said stallion upon payment of the registration fee and an additional payment of \$500.00. The stallion shall not have been registered nor stood in any other racing jurisdiction during the current breeding season as defined in Section 2 subsection 1.

The stallion is to reside in the State of Maine at a designated standing farm throughout the entire breeding season except for a stallion registered after the breeding season begins whereby the stallion must remain at a designated standing farm in Maine for the remainder of the breeding season. The stallion may not be moved from the designated standing farm (except in the case of a medical emergency) with the following exceptions:

- A. A stallion duly registered may, upon advance written notification to the Executive Director, move from the designated standing farm provided that the farm to which the stallion is moved is located in the State of Maine.
- B. A stallion duly registered may, upon advance written approval from the Executive Director, be moved to another state for non-emergency medical reasons.
- C. A stallion duly registered may, upon advance written approval from the Executive Director, be allowed to race during the breeding season.

Section 6. Conditions

8. Beginning in 2011 the Maine Sire Stakes may offer, with the consent of the Board of Directors of the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association (MSBOA) and the Executive Director of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission (MSHRC), a Consolation Final. The Consolation Final will be determined after the top eight (8) finalists or also eligibles in each division are chosen for the finals. The Consolation finalists will be the next eight (8) highest point earners in each division. No horse in the top eight highest point earners or those chosen for the finals shall be eligible for the Consolation Final. Monies for the Consolation Final shall be set aside from the Sire Stakes Purse Funds. The purse for the Consolation Final will be determined by the Board of Directors of the MSBOA and the Executive Director of the MSHRC. No division with less than eight (8) eligible horses after the finalists are chosen shall be eligible for a Consolation Final.