

REGULATION STALLION SERVICE AUCTION

Valid from the first of April 2019

Article 1: General provisions

1. Futurity competitors should be a NQHA member, competing horses should be AQHA registered American Quarter Horses.
2. NQHA and SSA are not responsible for information provided by stallion owners to mare owners and to NQHA and SSA.
3. The SSA committee reserves the right to revise the regulations annually, if necessary, and to take binding decisions in the event of problems. After revising the regulations, all previous SSA regulations are no longer valid. Where these regulations do not provide, the SSA committee will decide. This decision is binding.

Article 2: Rights and obligations stallion owner

1. The owner of an AQHA registered stallion registers this stallion on the provisional SSA list. He hereby undertakes to provide a free breeding, if the breeding is sold during the SSA auction or the period thereafter (see below).
2. When the breeding is sold, the stallion is placed on the definitive list of participating stallions.
3. Participating stallions must be **demonstrably** free of genetic defects that fall within the AQHA **5 panel test**.
4. Double registered stallions can participate if they comply with the white markings rule as described in the AQHA rulebook (REG109.8).

Article 3: The auction

1. The SSA auction takes place during the NQHA Dutch Championship at the SSA-booth.
2. During the auction mare owners can bid on a breeding by one or more participating stallions.
3. By placing a bid, the bidder undertakes to take the breeding for the price as included in the bid, if this bid appears to be the highest bid at the end of the auction.
4. The bidding takes place in writing at the SSA-booth or by SMS/Whatsapp text message to phone number 0031-614656725.
5. The bid amounts at least 50% of the official breeding fee, with a minimum of €375,- + €50,- SSA fee.
6. The breeding will be awarded to the highest bidder after the SSA auction is closed. From that moment on, the highest bidder is seen as buyer and the final selling price of the breeding will be fixed.
7. After the SSA auction has closed and the breedings that have not been sold, can be bid on by e-mail (ssa@nqha.nl). The bid amounts at least 50% of the official breeding fee, with a minimum of €375,- + €50,- SSA fee. Bids will be accepted until next April the 1st after the SSA auction.

Article 4: Rights and obligations buyer

1. The buyer is obliged to buy the breeding for the price bid.
2. The buyer signs the application form and the accompanying bidding form after the auction has closed.
3. When the buyer has actually paid the breeding, the stallion owner will be informed and the buyer can contact him.
4. The buyer can use only one mare per breeding per year under the SSA.
5. If the stallion owner is unable to meet the obligations entered into, for example due to sale/departure abroad of the stallion or due to illness or death during breeding season, and the breeding cannot take place by frozen semen, the purchase will be canceled. At that moment the mare owner receives the breeding fee back.
6. If the stallion dies after breeding, but before the SSA breeding has taken place, his offspring will be entitled to start the Futurity classes.

Article 5: Rights and obligations NQHA

1. There is no business relationship between the stallion owner and/or the mare owner on the one hand and the NQHA on the other. All practical agreements regarding to the breeding are left to the stallion owner and the mare owner.

Article 6: Offspring

1. Offspring of SSA stallions become entitled to start Futurity and Maturity classes after nomination. Nomination takes place by paying the nomination fee to the NQHA. The amount of this fee depends on the offspring's age at the moment of submitting the nomination form:

Until 6 months:	€ 25
From 7 months:	€ 50
From 13 months:	€ 100
From 19 months:	€ 200
From 25 months:	€ 350
From 31 months:	€ 600

2. NQHA keeps an overview of the nominated offspring of SSA stallions, this overview is publicly available.
3. If a breeding is not sold through the SSA auction, the offspring of this stallion cannot be nominated for the relevant year.

Article 7: Futurity and Maturity shows

1. The Futurity en Maturity classes are shows for offspring of SSA participating stallions. These classes will be held during the NQHA Dutch Championship.
2. The following classes will be announced:

Halter Weanling futurity (stallion & mare)
Halter Yearling futurity (stallion, gelding & mare)
Halter Two year old futurity (stallion, gelding & mare)
Halter Three year old futurity (stallion, gelding & mare)
Two year old longe line futurity (2 and 3 years old)
Western Pleasure futurity (4 and 5 years old) en Western Pleasure maturity (6 and 7 years old)
Hunter under Saddle futurity (4 and 5 years old) en Hunter under Saddle maturity (6 and 7 years old)
Trail in Hand (2 and 3 years old)
Trail futurity (4 and 5 years old) en Trail maturity (6 and 7 years old)
Reining futurity (4 and 5 years old) en Reining maturity (6 and 7 years old)

3. The participating offspring should be AQHA registered and NQHA nominated for these classes. The offspring's father should have been participating the SSA for the offspring's birth year. NQHA provides overviews showing in which year which stallion participated.
4. Only nominated offspring is entitled to start Futurity/Maturity classes.
5. Both the stallion owner and the buyer receive a free starting ticket for one offspring of the stallion/mare for a Futurity or Maturity class. The starting ticket can be used once from the birth year until the 7th year of life of the offspring.

Article 8: SSA funds

1. The funds arising from the SSA are managed by the NQHA. Payment of these funds takes place during the Futurity and Maturity classes. The net amount obtained by the SSA auction is, after deduction of expenses and fee, 100% paid out in the futurity, plus entry fee of the class. The amount then obtained is distributed among the winners according to the distribution key, on the understanding that the prize money is never lower than the entry fee.

Distribution key (in %)

Number of participants	Place									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	100									
2	60	40								
3	50	30	20							
4	40	30	20	10						
5	38	28	19	10	5					
6	36	26	18	10	6	4				
7	34	24	17	10	8	5	2			
8	32	22	15	10	8	5	4	3		
9	31	21	15	10	8	5	4	4	2	
10+	30	20	15	10	8	5	4	4	2	2