

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
STALLION SERVICE AUCTION**
Nederlandse Quarter Horse Association
Valid from the 1st of October 2023

Article 1: General provisions

1. Futurity competitors should be an 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 if issues occur. After revising the regulations, all previous SSA regulations are no longer valid. In case these regulations fall short, the SSA committee will decide. This decision is binding.

Article 2: Rights and obligations stallion owner

1. The owner of an AQHA registered stallion of at least 2 years of age registers this stallion on the provisional SSA list. He/she hereby acknowledges to provide a free breeding if the breeding is sold during the SSA auction or the period thereafter (see also article 3).
2. When the breeding is sold, the stallion is placed on the definitive list of participating stallions.
3. Participating stallions must show proof that they are free of HYPP, MH and PSSM1. The stallion is allowed to be a carrier of MYHM, HERDA or GBED, but may not be homozygous for these mutations. The SSA committee advises the mare owner to contact the stallion owner and/or the SSA in case they want to breed with a horse that carries a genetic mutation.
4. The stallion owner agrees to deliver the breeding to the buyer of the SSA breeding without charging the stud fee (chute fees and other costs may be charged).

Article 3: The auction

1. The SSA auction takes place at the SSA-booth and/or through Whats-app (or a comparable online platform) in the fall of each year.
2. During the auction, NQHA members can bid on a breeding from one or more participating stallions.
3. By placing a bid, the bidder is obliged to buy the breeding for the amount that was offered, if this bid is the highest at the end of the auction.
4. The bidding takes place in writing at the SSA-booth or through Whatsapp text message to the group of stallion.
5. The bidding starts at 50% of the stud fee for the following year, with a minimum of €300,- + €50,- SSA fee. When the bid for a breeding becomes higher than €500,-, the next offer has to increase with at least €50,-.
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, the breedings that have not been sold can be bought by sending an offer to ssa@nqha.nl. The offers must be at least 50% of the official breeding fee, with a minimum of €300,- + €100,- SSA fee. Bids will be accepted until April 1st in the year after the SSA auction. The stallion owner may also purchase the breeding of his or her own stallion after the SSA auction with the same conditions as other buyers.

Article 4: Rights and obligations buyer

1. The buyer is obliged to buy the breeding for the price bid. The amount due has to be paid within the payment term that is set by the treasurer.
2. The buyer signs the application form and the accompanying bidding form after the auction has closed.

3. When the buyer has paid the breeding, the stallion owner will be informed and the buyer can contact him or her.
4. The buyer can use only one mare per breeding per year with the SSA breeding.
5. If the stallion has a breeding contract, those rules will apply for the SSA breeding as well.
6. The NQHA does not obligate the mare owner to use the breeding on an AQHA registered mare. However, if the stallion owner has restrictions for the breed of the mare in the breeding contract, this will also apply for the SSA breeding.
7. If the stallion owner is unable to meet the obligations of the SSA, 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 a refund of the breeding fee.
8. 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. The nominator of the foal needs to be an NQHA member.
3. NQHA keeps an overview of the nominated offspring of SSA stallions, this overview is publicly available.
4. If a breeding is not sold before the 1st of April in the year following the SSA auction, it will only be possible to nominate the stallion for the SSA in that year by paying the full stud fee of that year + €100,- SSA fee. This will always be in collaboration with the stallion owner. For each year that passes, the payment will increase with half of the stud fee of that year. For example: after the 1st of April 2020 it is possible to enroll a stallion for the SSA 2019 (breeding year 2020, foaling year 2021) by paying the stud fee for 2020 + €100,-. For the SSA of 2018 (breeding year 2019, foaling year 2020) the enrollment will be 1,5 times the stud fee for 2019 + SSA fee.

Article 7: Futurity and Maturity shows

1. The Futurity and Maturity classes are shows for offspring of stallions that have been sold through the SSA. These classes will be held during an NQHA show in the fall of each year.
2. The following classes will be announced:

Futurity

- Halter Weanling – stallion & mare
- Halter Yearling – stallion, gelding & mare
- Halter Two year old – stallion, gelding & mare
- Halter Three year old – stallion, gelding & mare

- Longe line
- Trail in Hand

4 en 5 jarigen

- Ranch Riding
- Ranch Trail
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter under Saddle
- Trail
- Reining

Maturity

6, 7 en 8 jarigen

- Ranch Riding
- Ranch Trail
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter under Saddle
- Trail
- Reining

3. The participating offspring should be AQHA registered and NQHA nominated for the Futurity and Maturity.
4. The Futurity and Maturity classes follow AQHA rules. This means, for example, that any horse with excessive white is not allowed in Halter classes.
5. The offspring's father must have been paid in through the SSA two years prior to the foals birth year (example: paid in for SSA 2019, breeding year 2020, birth year 2021). NQHA provides overviews showing in which year which stallion participated.
 - a. In case a foal is born out of a rebreed of a SSA breeding and the stallion is not paid in for the birth year of this specific foal, then only that can be nominated for the Futurity and Maturity.
6. Only nominated offspring is entitled to start Futurity or Maturity classes. It does not matter where these horses have been born or trained.
7. Both the stallion owner and the buyer receive a free ticket for one offspring of the stallion/mare for a Futurity or Maturity class. The ticket can be used once from the birth year until the 8th year of life of the offspring.

Article 8: SSA funds

1. The funds from the SSA are managed by the NQHA. Payout of these SSA funds takes place during the Futurity and Maturity classes. The net amount obtained by the SSA is, after deduction of expenses and fees, paid out in full in the Futurity and added to the entry fees of the class. The final purse is distributed among the winners according to the distribution table and the prize money is never lower than the entry fee.
2. 70 % of the prize money that is paid out in the Futurity and Maturity is paid to the rider of the horse and 30 % is paid to the person who nominated the horse for the SSA.

Prize money distribution Futurity & Maturity (in %)										
Number of contestants	Rank									
	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	
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