

# NAERIC Versatility Ranch Horse Stake

## Goals of the Program

- Increase awareness of the Versatility Ranch Horse as a niche market opportunity
  - To continue the “brand” development for NAERIC bred ranch horses
  - Create a stake class for 3 year-olds sired by NAERIC member owned light horse stallions
  - Create a residual added value opportunity for a segment of equine ranching that does not lend itself to traditional incentive opportunities
1. Registered Quarter Horses, Paint Horses and/or Appaloosa Horses are eligible.
  2. Rules of the AQHA in regards to the Versatility Ranch Horse class will apply.
  3. Event to be held in conjunction with an AQHA approved show or special event.
  4. All competition fees, including but not limited to entry, stall, cattle, drug fees etc. will be charged at the rates of the host show or event, paid by the competitor, and are independent of the NAERIC VRH Stake related payment.
  5. Stake payments are due prior to the event.
  6. The highest placing horse by a nominated stallion will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> place purse, followed by the 2nd placing horse, etc. This will continue as outlined in the purse distribution table.
  7. The NAERIC VRH Stake, in essence, is a program within an existing discipline of AQHA event.

| Sire Stakes ENTRIES  | PURSE DISTRIBUTION |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| • 1 entry            | • 100%             |
| • 2 entries          | • 60-40%           |
| • 3 entries          | • 50-30-20%        |
| • 4-8 entries        | • 40-30-20-10%     |
| • 9-15 entries       | • 40-25-12-8-5%    |
| • 15 or more entries | • 30-24-18-12-9-7% |

## Stallion nominations and stake payments required for eligibility of 3 year-olds

1. \$250 (CAD) stallion nomination fee per foaling year.
2. This program is open to stallions owned by NAERIC member ranchers.
3. Stallion nominations are due by August 1 of each foaling year.
4. NAERIC registered foals, by a nominated stallion, are eligible to compete.
5. Stallion nomination fees will be utilized as follows:
  - 10% to program administration
  - 20% to breeder’s awards distributed on a 50%-30%-20% basis
  - 70% to purse
6. Stallion nomination fees may be reimbursable as part of the EPF program. Contact NAERIC for more information.

Example: 20 stallions nominated at \$250 = \$5000.00 distributed as follows: \$500 to administration; \$1000 to breeder’s award(s); \$3500 to purse.

## Program Initiation

1. Hold first NAERIC VRH Stake in fall/winter 2008.
2. Nominating a stallion in 2008 makes his 2005-2008 offspring eligible for the futurity as 3 year-olds.
3. Requested start-up funds from NAERIC: \$2500 for 2008 stake; \$2500 for 2009 stake; \$2500 for 2010 stake.
4. 3 year-old stake payment of \$25 will be payable prior to the event.
5. Request some administration time from NAERIC.
6. 2011 NAERIC VRH Stake becomes self-sufficient utilizing 2008 stallion nomination fees. The program for 2008 and the event in 2011 will rely on stallion and foal nominations to be self-sufficient. The advertising budget is \$500 and the balance of \$2000 will go toward purse.