

THE TN SADDLEBRED FUTURITY

LIMITED BREEDERS WEANLING STAKE

Questions and Answers

1. What is a Limited Breeders Weanling Stake?

It is a program designed to promote the breeding and showing of American Saddlebred Horses through large and small breeders. By purchasing a breeding through our TN Saddlebred Limited Breeders Stallion Auction, you have the opportunity to win your bid amount back and possibly win much more. The donated stallions are some of the most desired breedings in the industry, along with some new and upcoming stallions that will be the future of the breed.

2. How does a Limited Breeders Weanling Stake work?

The organizers contact stallion owners throughout the country, asking them to donate the services of their stallion(s). After the stallion services have been donated, an auction is held to sell the donated services, to be used the next breeding season. The year the service is purchased your mare must be declared by December 31st. The year the foal is to be born, the foal must all be properly nominated to the TN Saddlebred Futurity. In the fall of the year the foal is born, a class will be held for the Limited Breeders Weanling Stake colts/fillies, in which only they may compete. They will be awarded prize money derived from proceeds of the auctions and any donations, less 15% administrative costs.

3. As a stallion owner, why should I donate a stallion service? What do I get out of it?

First, and most importantly, you are helping to promote the American Saddlebred Horse. You will also get exposure for your stallion in promotions for the auction, by way of the auction website and the TN Saddlebred Futurity website and ads. If your stallion sells at the auction, you have the opportunity to declare a mare by December 31 of the auction year and show the resulting foal for free. If the stallion service is not sold at auction, you have the option to buy a service to your donated stallion for \$250 and declare a mare by Dec 31. The \$250 fee must be paid by the end of the extended auction period, Feb 15. These opportunities are Nontransferable to a 3rd party.

4. As a mare owner, why should I buy a service at a Limited Breeders Weanling Stake auction?

As in Question 3, the most important reason is to promote the American Saddlebred Horse. You do not have to show, or even intend to show, to receive a benefit. The bidding for services start at a minimum of \$350.00, so many times you will be able to buy a service you otherwise could not afford. As an added incentive, if you chose to show and are one of the top foals, you could win a significant amount of money, often more than the money paid at auction.

5. I only own one mare and already have a paid service to a stallion in the auction. Why would I buy another service?

Only foals resulting from a breeding purchased at the auction are eligible to show in the Limited Breeders Weanling Stake each year. Foals resulting from a service NOT purchased at auction may not participate in the Limited Breeders Weanling Stake. Breeders have been known to buy the same stallion at several auctions for use on a single mare simply for the potential to win substantial prize money from the foal at different futurities.

6. I have donated my stallion(s) to the auction. Since I own him, I can, at no cost, breed as many mares to him, for no cost, as I want. Why would I pay to breed to my own stallion?

Because you can participate in the Limited Breeders Weanling Stake only if your stallion service sold during the auction or you purchase your unsold service for \$250. If your stallion service sells in the auction, you have the opportunity to show your foal, from a declared mare, for free in the Limited Weanling Stake. If you purchase the Stallion Owner's service for \$250 and declare a mare, then you have the opportunity to show that resulting foal in the Limited Weanling Stake. Foals in this Stake have the potential to win much more than the amount paid at auction or during the past auction year.

7. What if the stallion whose service I purchased dies, or becomes infertile before my mare is bred?

The amount you paid at auction will be refunded.

8. If my mare does not get in foal, can I breed the next year and show the resultant foal?

You will not be able to show in the Weanling Stake. You may or may not have return privilege, but the foal born in a later year will not be eligible to show in any Limited Breeders Weanling Stake.

9. If I buy a service at auction, is there a live foal guarantee?

All guarantees, if any, are between the stallion and mare owners. The Limited Breeders Weanling Stake has NO involvement. Since some services are fully guaranteed, some partially, and some not at all, you are advised to contact the owner of a stallion in which you are interested and request a copy of the contract prior to auction.

10. What if I can't get my mare in foal, or she loses the foal?

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11. Can a stallion have multiple foals shown in the same year?

Yes. One service per stallion is sold at the auction. HOWEVER, the stallion owner will receive one "free" foal to show from a declared mare from their stallion Sold during the auction. If the breeding doesn't sell at auction the stallion owner can purchase the service for \$250 but does not get a free breeding that will qualify for the Limited Breeders Stake. If embryo transplant is used and multiple foals are expected from the combination of stallion to donor mare, the recipient mare must be indicated, along with anticipated date of birth, on the mare declaration forms.