

TN Saddlebred Futurity - Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake FAQ

What is a Limited Breeder's Stake & why participate?

Limited Breeder's Stake Futurities are held to encourage the breeding and showing of American Saddlebred horses on a level playing field. Stallion owners graciously donate breeding services to our annual Limited Breeder's Stake Stallion Service Auction, where mare owners may purchase the service, often at a great discount. The resulting foal will be eligible for a large prize fund, supplied by the sold breeding services. Unlike traditional futurity classes, none of the participants have seen their eligible foal, or cherry picked them from a field of prospects. Showing a foal in a Limited Breeder's Stake may enhance its value and increase its earning potential, and that of its sire and dam. All exhibitors, from professionals to amateurs and juveniles, may show an eligible entry in the Limited Breeder's Stake. The experience should be entertaining, to both audience and participants, and should present the American Saddlebred at its best, providing an opportunity for fun, competition, and good sportsmanship. This class provides earning potential and a wonderful opportunity to introduce your young show prospect to the ring in a joyful way, while gaining valuable training and travel experience that gives them a leg up for their future careers.

How does a Limited Breeder's Stake work?

Organizers contact stallion owners throughout the country to request a breeding service to their stallion(s) be donated to our Stallion Service Auction. Our auction is held at the beginning of the year, to sell the donated services to mare owners wishing to breed that season. Once their mare is confirmed in foal, they designate that mare's foal as eligible for the following year's Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake. Proceeds from the sold services are added to the following year's Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake prize fund and awarded to foals resulting from the auctioned breeding services that participate in this class, held at the TN Saddlebred Futurity.

When/where is the Stallion Service Auction? What does it cost?

The TN Saddlebred Futurity Limited Breeder's Stake Stallion Service Auction will open online at: www.ShowHorseSales.biz Jan 10, 2024. Bidding closes 8pm EST, Jan 14, 2024.

Unsold services may be purchased until 12pm EST, Feb 15, 2024. Donated stallions will have a starting bid of \$350, half their normal stud fee, OR a limit set by the stallion owner. The buyer must pay for their stallion service within 10 days of being notified of their high bid.

What can I win?

Each year's prize fund consists of monies paid in stallion services, added donations, and interest earned. All monies earned are distributed solely to the entry, not split with stallion owners, as other programs do.

Shown	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th+
1	100%						
2	70%	30%					
3	55%	30%	15%				
4	40%	30%	20%	10%			
5	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%		
6+	25%	20%	18%	15%	12%	10%	Ribbon

Where and how are foals shown?

The Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake is held with the TN Saddlebred Futurity in Fall of the weanling year. This class follows USEF's rules & guidelines for In-Hand classes, which may be found in subchapter 13 of the USEF rule book. Entries to be shown in show halter and lead, with roached mane and natural, unset tail. Entries will be led at the walk and trot inside the ring and stood up for conformation.

Stallion Owner - Why donate? What are the benefits?

Your donation encourages and promotes continued breeding of the American Saddlebred. As a token of our appreciation for your donation, stallion owners are gifted one (1) non-transferable courtesy entry for the Limited Breeder's Stake class when your stallion's service sells.

Stallion Owner - Why buy my own stallion's breeding service?

In addition to the advantages of having TWO foals eligible for the large Limited Breeder's Stake prize fund, your foal(s) will have increased marketability to sell, even if you do not wish to show for yourself. If your stallion does not sell, you may purchase one non-transferable entry, for \$250 within 30 days of the auction's close. Stallion owners may also purchase their own stallion at auction, and show TWO entries in the Limited Breeder's Stake by their stallion, or sell one entry, while keeping their courtesy entry. Having a service to sell or give away to one of your current customers is a great way to incentivise and reward mare owners for showing your stallion's foals. Broodmares sold carrying an eligible Limited Breeder's Stake foal also carry a market advantage. As the stallion owner, you can breed as many mares as you want, and you will have until Dec 15 to decide which of those in-foal mares you would like to designate for the following year's Limited Breeder's Stake.

Mare Owner - Why buy Limited Breeder's Stake breeding(s)?

Your purchase contributes to promotion, breeding, and showing of the American Saddlebred. You will often find your favorite stallions available at generous discounts. Bidding starts as low as \$350! You may even find a hidden gem of a stallion that wasn't on your radar. Your foal will be eligible to earn back that purchase and more at the following year's Limited Breeder's Stake.

Mare Owner - I have a breeding, why buy through auction?

To give your foal eligibility to earn back your purchase and more, all while joining us in promoting our beloved breed, the American Saddlebred! Many breeders will purchase a stallion through multiple stallion service auctions to give their foals increased earning and marketing opportunities.

Does the breeding service come with a Live Foal Guarantee?

All guarantees, if any, are between the stallion and mare owners. TN Saddlebred Futurity and Limited Breeder's Stake program have NO involvement. Please contact the owner/agent of any stallions you are interested in, for their terms and conditions on the donated breeding service, prior to the auction.

What if a stallion dies or becomes unfit to breed?

In the event a stallion is unable to fulfill his breeding commitment, a refund may be provided, upon request. This request must be made no later than July 1 of the breeding year, or the refund will be forfeit.

What if a mare does not get in foal, or loses the foal?

If a mare fails to conceive or loses the foal prior to the Dec 15 designation, you may substitute a different mare to breed or foal for the following year's Limited Breeder's Stake. In the event a mare loses her foal after the Dec 15 designation, you will not have an eligible entry for the Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake, no refunds will be issued, and eligibility cannot be extended to a future year.

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

Yes, a stallion may have up to two entries in any given year. One breeding service may be sold at auction, and one courtesy entry is provided to the owner of sold stallions.

Please visit us at www.TNSaddlebredFuturity.com for more info.
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