

TN Saddlebred Futurity - Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake FAQ

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

Limited Breeder's Stake Futurities encourage the breeding and showing of American Saddlebred horses on a level playing field. Stallion owners graciously donate breeding services to the annual Limited Breeder's Stake Stallion Service Auction, where mare owners can acquire these services, frequently at reduced rates. The subsequent foal becomes eligible for a significant prize fund, generated by auction proceeds. Unlike standard futurity classes, none of the participants have previously evaluated or selected their eligible foal from existing prospects. Presenting a foal in a Limited Breeder's Stake can increase its market value and enhance the reputations of its sire and dam.

Professionals, amateurs, and juveniles may present an eligible foal in the Limited Breeder's Stake. The event should entertain both the audience and competitors, showcasing the American Saddlebred's best qualities while fostering fun, competition, and good sportsmanship. This class offers financial returns and a valuable opportunity to introduce your young prospect to the show ring in a positive light, gaining critical training and show exposure for future success.

How does a Limited Breeder's Stake work?

Organizers approach stallion owners nationwide to request a breeding service donation to our Stallion Service Auction. The auction is conducted in January each year to offer donated services to mare owners for the current breeding season. Once a mare is confirmed in foal, her offspring is designated by Dec 15 of the breeding year to be eligible for the next year's Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake. Auction proceeds are added to the subsequent Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake prize fund and distributed to shown foals 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 on January 7, 2026. Unsold services may be purchased until 12pm EST, Feb 15, 2026.

Donated stallions will have a starting bid of \$350 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	8th	9th	10th
1	100%									
2	70%	30%								
3	45%	30%	25%							
4	35%	27%	23%	15%						
5	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%					
6	30%	24%	16%	13%	10%	7%				
7	29%	23%	15.5%	12.5%	10%	7%	3%			
8	28.5%	22%	15%	12%	10%	7%	3%	2.5%		
9	27.5%	21%	15%	12%	10%	7%	3%	2.5%	2%	
10+	27%	20%	15%	12%	10%	7%	3%	2.5%	2%	1.5%

Please visit us at www.TNSaddlebredFuturity.com for more info.
Further questions? Please contact TNSaddlebredFuturity@gmail.com

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 and Model 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 directly supports American Saddlebred breeding programs. If your stallion's service sells, you receive a complimentary, non-transferable entry for the Limited Breeder's Stake class. TSF will promote your stallion on our website, social media platforms, e-blasts, and through the annual TSF Sire Rating. The 2026 Top Sire will receive a \$500 award.

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

Buying offers TWO foals eligible for the Limited Breeder's Stake prize fund. Your foals will be more marketable, even if you do not show them. If your stallion's service does not sell, buy one non-transferable entry for \$250 within 30 days of the auction's close. Stallion owners may buy their own stallion's service at auction or after, and show TWO entries in the Limited Breeder's Stake by their stallion or sell one entry. You keep your courtesy entry. Selling or giving a service to your customer helps reward mare owners who show your stallion's foals. Broodmares sold carrying an eligible Limited Breeder's Stake foal also have a market advantage. You can breed as many mares as you wish and have until Dec 15 to choose which will be designated for the next year's Limited Breeder's Stake.

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

Your purchase supports the 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 has 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 forfeited.

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 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.