



BC THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

"One Voice for Thoroughbred owners & breeders in British Columbia"

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BC Thoroughbred Racing Incentive Programs

The racing associations have been working together throughout the winter to try and encourage owners to bring more horses to B.C. and also find ways to strengthen the declining foal count in our province. The following is the series of incentive programs that are being offered. Links to each program are also available on the BCTOBA website.

Broodmare Incentive Program

Open to All CTHS Members Who Are British Columbia Residents

All fillies and mares (including maiden fillies and mares) that were not bred in 2014 are eligible for the Broodmare Incentive Program.

Owners of qualifying broodmares will receive up to a total of \$2,000 in the form of payments from the Broodmare Incentive Program and discounts from the owners of stallions registered for the Program.

Owners of mares eligible for this Program will, upon signing a breeding contract for the services of a British Columbia stallion registered for this Program, receive a payment of \$500 towards costs (such as stallion booking fees, veterinarian expenses, board and shipping) without proof of expenses, provided they sign a letter of commitment to foal in British Columbia and either race the horse in BC, or sell it privately or through a sale conducted by the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (BC Division).

A further payment of \$500 will be made to owners of eligible mares when a licensed veterinarian certifies the mare as being in foal.

A final payment of \$500 will be made to the owners of stallions eligible for the Program upon receipt of a live foal report. The amount of the final payment will match the \$500 discount the stallion owner must provide in the breeding contract to make the stallion eligible for the Program.

The maximum benefit to the mare owner of \$2,000 will be realized with the three payments of \$500 and the \$500 discount from the advertised stud fee in the breeding contract.

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Broodmare Purchase Program

To be eligible you must be a British Columbia Resident.

Those buyers who purchase a broodmare in foal at an auction outside of British Columbia from November 1st 2014 through May 31st 2015 for at least \$10,000 will be eligible to receive \$5,000.

Buyers must commit to foaling purchased mares in British Columbia. Monies will be payable upon the mare being landed in British Columbia.

Application for funds must be made to the CTHS (BC Division) upon the mare being landed in British Columbia.

Two or Three Year Old Purchase Program

To be eligible you must be a British Columbia Resident.

Buyers who purchase 2 or 3 year-olds at auction in 2015 outside of British Columbia will receive \$2,000 for the purchase of a colt or gelding and \$3,000 for the purchase of a filly.

Horses purchased under this program are not eligible for the Ship N Win Program.

The monies will be payable upon the purchased horse being stabled at Hastings Racecourse, provided the buyer commits to racing the horse at Hastings Racecourse.

Application for funds must be made to the Racing-Secretary upon arrival at Hastings Racecourse.

Wintering Money for Lower Level Claiming Horses at Hastings

The industry Associations, in recognition of the economic realities of wintering and training lower level claiming horses, have implemented a plan to provide an incentive of \$2,000 for horses that made their last start of 2014 at Hastings and come back to Hastings and make their first start in 2015 for a claiming price of \$5,000 or less. The \$2,000 bonus will be paid to the owner's account immediately following an eligible horse's first start at Hastings in 2015.

Horses that start elsewhere after making their final 2014 start at Hastings are not eligible for this incentive program. The Associations' intention is to reward those horses committed to racing at Hastings; therefore, the incentive is available only for horses that made their last appearance at Hastings in 2014 and make their first start for 2015 at Hastings for \$5,000 or less.

A background image of a horse race track at dusk or dawn, with a dark sky and silhouettes of horses and jockeys on the track.

SINCE 1889
HASTINGS
BRED FOR EXCITEMENT

SHIP N WIN

\$150,000

in total rewards for new horses

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR 2015 HASTINGS "Ship N Win" PROGRAM

A Program for Horses That Have Previously Started Elsewhere

- A **guaranteed \$500 bonus** for any horse's first start at Hastings Racecourse whose previous start was made outside of British Columbia. Horses that raced or were stabled previously at Hastings Racecourse are not eligible.
- An **additional \$500 bonus** after the **horse's second start** *(Same conditions as above)*.
- An **additional \$2000** after the **horse's third start** *(Same conditions as above)*.
- Further, there will be an **additional 30% bonus** applied to the horse's purse earnings provided it finishes first, second or third in its first start at Hastings Racecourse. This will only be paid after the horse's third start at Hastings Racecourse and provided it starts three times in 2015. *(Same conditions as above)*.
- Stakes races are excluded from this program.
- All horses must have started for \$5,000 or more in their last three starts to qualify. If a horse has not started three times, then all of its lifetime starts must be for \$5,000 or more.
- First-time starters and horses participating in the Two and Three Year-Old Purchase Programs do not qualify for the Ship N Win Program.
- Horses that have been shipped from British Columbia to other jurisdictions are not eligible.
- Application must be made to the racing secretary upon arrival at Hastings Racecourse to establish eligibility.