

THE AMERICAN SADDLE HORSE BREEDERS FUTURITY OF TEXAS
Limited Breeder's Weanling Stake

Questions and Answers

1. **What is Limited Breeder's Weanling Stake?**

It is a program designed to promote the breeding and showing of American Saddlebred Horses.

2. **How does a Limited Breeder's Weanling Stake work?**

The organizers of the event 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 mares are then bred and the following December the buyers of the stallion services make a declaration of the mare they have chosen (bred to the stallion whose services they purchased) to have the foal they wish to enter in the competition. The year the foal is to be foaled the stallion, mare and foal must be properly nominated to the Texas Futurity. In the fall of the year in which the foal is born there will be a class held for the Limited Weanling Stake colts/fillies, in which only they may compete. They will be awarded prize money (75% to foal owners, 25% to stallion owners). This prize money will be derived from proceeds from the auction and any donations, less 10% for administrative costs.

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

Firstly, and most importantly, you are helping to promote the American Saddlebred Horse. Secondly, you will get exposure for your stallion in the auction promotions by way of the auction website. Thirdly, monetary compensation in the form of transport fees and mare care. And fourthly, the potential to win more than most stallions stand for if your stallion sires one of the top winning foals.

4. **As a mare owner, why should I buy a service at a Limited Breeder's Weanling Stake auction?**

As with the stallion owner, the most important reason is to promote the American Saddlebred Horse. You do not have to show, or even intend to show, to have a benefit. Since the bidding starts at ½ of the stallion's advertised fee or \$250.00 minimum, many times you will be able to buy a service to that stallion you otherwise might not be able to afford. As an added incentive, if you do choose to show and happen to be one of the top foals, you could win a significant amount of money, sometimes considerably over the money you paid at auction.

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

Even though you own a service to a stallion in the auction, you may not compete with that stallion's foal unless you also bought his service at the auction. If you had a mare you believed could have a very good foal to the stallion involved and intended to show the resultant foal, the Limited Breeder's Weanling Stake then becomes a futures or commodities game - you are risking X dollars in hopes of winning X+Y dollars. Breeders have been known to buy the same stallion at several auctions for use on a single mare, simply for the potential to win prize money with the foal.

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

For the right to compete in the class with the resultant foal, with the potential to win much more than the amount invested at the auction.

7. **What benefit would I have by purchasing my stallion services for my mares in the fall? Why not just choose a stallion in the spring and not have the money paid out so long before I breed my mare?**

In most cases, you will be able to buy a particular stallion's service at a discount, which makes it worthwhile. Also, by buying that stallion's service at the auction, you have the right to show with the potential to win not only your investment, but additional monies as well.

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

The amount you paid for the service at the auction will be refunded.

9. **If my mare doesn't get in foal, can I try next year and show next year?**

No. Depending on your contract with the stallion owner, you may have return privileges to the stallion you bought.

10. **If I buy a service at the auction, is a live foal guaranteed?**

The Limited Breeder's Weanling Stake has no involvement in this. All guarantees, if any, and other arrangements are entirely between the stallion and mare owners. Since service contracts vary, with some offering full guarantee, some offering limited guarantees, and some offering no guarantees, it is advised that you contact the owner of the stallion in which you are interested and request a contract prior to the auction.

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

You will not be able to show as you will not have a foal born that year to that stallion/mare combination. You may have a return privilege. However, the foal of that mating would not be eligible to compete in the Limited Breeder's Weanling Stake.

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

Yes. Only one service is sold at the auction. However, **stallion owners have the option to buy a second service to their donated stallion for the same purchase price as the original donated service.**