



2017 East Coast Stock Horse Association

Virginia Bred Program

Rules and Regulations

Mission Statement

The ECSHA Virginia Bred Program (VBP) is a program intended to provide owners of any stallion that is a sire of ranch type horses with an avenue to promote their stallions and services. The ECSHA VBP will educate mare owners and encourage them to consider quality breeding when selecting stallions for their potential breeding, with emphasis placed on breeding to Virginia stallions. The ECSHA VBP will also assist mare owners in promoting and selling their foals from these breedings. Incentives will be provided to support this structure. The ECSHA will provide a venue for four Virginia Bred Program classes at each of the ECSHA sanctioned shows held every year. Any offspring sired by a nominated stallion and foaled in the Commonwealth of Virginia may participate in these classes.

Stallion Eligibility

Stallions of any breed are eligible to be nominated for participation in the VBP. If registered, copies of the stallion's registration papers must accompany the nomination form.

Nominations must be renewed for participation every year. A stallion can be nominated at any time during the show year.

Stallion Nomination Fees

The stallion nomination fee is \$150 per year. The nomination fee must accompany the nomination form.

There is a \$50 fee on any returned checks. Once the nomination fee and form have been received, the stallion will be advertised on the ECSHA website.

Offspring Eligibility

Offspring of a nominated stallion that have been foaled in Virginia and are owned by a Virginia resident are eligible to compete in the Virginia Bred classes. Horses must be a minimum of two years old in order to participate in the classes.

The stallion nomination fee must be paid in full before offspring are eligible to participate in the VBP classes.

Virginia Bred Program Classes

At each of the sanctioned ECSHA show there will be four classes available for VBP eligible horses. These classes are:

Virginia Bred Ranch Rail Pleasure
Virginia Bred Ranch Trail
Virginia Bred Stock Horse
Virginia Bred Ranch Reining

Exhibitors in the VBP classes must be Virginia residents. Exhibitors and owners must be members of the ECSHA. The membership form or forms can be submitted when registering for classes. Horses brought for entry in the VBP classes must have a current Coggins or they will be removed from the facility.

A separate entry form will be provided for the VBP classes. For horses that are registered, a copy of the association registration form must accompany the entry form.

Classes will be judged according to the ECSHA rules. The judge's decision is final.

Payback Schedule

Payouts will be awarded to the riders placing 1st – 3rd in each class using a graduated scale (50/30/20) and will be paid out within 15 days of the completion of each show. Ribbons showing class placings will be issued immediately following each class. Twenty (20%) of the winnings will be awarded to the person paying the stallion nomination fee with the remainder being paid to the exhibitor.

The amount to be paid back will be determined by the number of stallions nominated and number of entries in the classes. Cattle fees for the Virginia Bred Stock Horse class and the Office Charge fees are not calculated in the payback total.

These rules are subject to change during the show year by the ECSHA VBP staff. Changes shall not be made during a show.

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