



Reining Excellence Program – Performance-Québec

RULES OF PERFORMANCE-QUÉBEC PROGRAM

MANAGED BY «ASSOCIATION DES ÉLEVEURS DE CHEVAUX DE REINING» ('Quebec Reining Breeders Association')
AND APPROVED BY «ASSOCIATION QUÉBÉCOISE DE REINING» ('Quebec Reining Association')

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Quebec Reining Association has created an excellence and young horses promotion program intended for reining competition and, by all means, for the breeding of reining horses: The program is called Performance-Québec.

This program has a four-year reining competition span:

- Bit Futurity as 3-year old
- Derby as 4-year old
- Derby as 5-year old
- Derby as 6-year old.
- Note: a 3-year old Snaffle Bit Futurity is still held in 2009, 2010 and 2011 for foals of 2006, 2007 and 2008. Starting in 2012, there will not be a Snaffle Bit Futurity anymore for offspring foaled in 2009 and after. Performance-Québec is therefore focused on a 3-year old Futurity and a 4-5-6-year old Derby.

As Performance-Québec has overlapping years, each program year is duly identified with nominees foaling year. I.e.: Performance-Québec 2008 puts together all 2008 nominated foals that will be eligible to enter P-Q reining activities to be held in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

The Performance-Québec #1 goal is to spur on the reining horses market in Eastern Canada and Northeast USA with yearly guaranteed added prize monies, adding valued attractions to nominated foals sale.

All nominators will receive an official document to certify participation in Performance-Québec following receipt of a registration certificate copy of each nominated foal.

GENERAL RULES

Article 1: DEFINITIONS

I: ASSOCIATION

"Association" means «**Association des Éleveurs de Chevaux de Reining**» ('Quebec Reining Breeders Association') and/or «**Association Québécoise de Reining**» ('Quebec Reining Association').

II: BREEDER / OWNER

Breeder / Owner: Person or entity who pays for the nomination of a foal. This person or entity must be a member of 'Quebec Reining Association' as of nomination date.

Article 2: ELIGIBILITY

Any foal eligible for a recognized breed registry, holder of a registration certificate of this breed and respecting nomination terms, is eligible for Performance-Québec.

Article 3: GENERAL POINTS

I: Nomination fees (including late nomination penalties) and events entry fees (including late entry penalties) as well as payment methods are set up by the Board of Directors of the Association.

II: Payment of nomination fees and events entry fees – with a cheque or money-order payable to «**Association des Éleveurs de Chevaux de Reining**» (or **AECR**) – must be mailed as per dates mentioned in program's rules and entry forms. The post-mark makes up for payment reception. Credit card is also acceptable.

III: No refund is allowed for nomination or entry fees. No cheque stop payment is either permissible for nomination or entry fees: Payee must then refund any stop payment or NSF cheque amount plus banking charges. An additional \$50 is payable if these amounts are not refunded within thirty (30) days. In case of failure to pay such amounts, it may result as a suspension for the nominated horse and breeder/owner from the Association.

IV: The owner or breeder filling a nomination form must be a current member of the 'Quebec Reining Association'. The foal owner must afterwards be a current member for each Performance-Québec event entry.

Article 4: ADMINISTRATION and ADVERTISING

I: Fifteen per cent (15%) of nomination fees and late nomination fees (maximum \$50) is retained by the Association as advertising and administration expenses related to Performance-Québec.

II: Each Performance-Québec event entry calls for judges and office fees on top of entry fees. The penalties for a late entry are forfeited by the Association.

Article 5: NOMINATION MODES

The owner of foal(s) – eligible for nomination (see Article 2) – must abide by the following payment modes:

I: Pay nomination fee before December 31 of foaling year at a cost of \$275.00. A foal could also be nominated after the original December 31 (following amounts include both nomination and late nomination fees):

- Yearling: \$550 (before December 31 as a yearling foal)
- 2 year-old: \$1,000 (before December 31 as a two-year old foal)
- 3 year-old (and over): \$2,000.

No refund or substitution is allowed.

NOTE : All 2008 foals can be nominated for \$275 – no late penalty fee – up to April 1, 2009.

II: A further entry fee is payable by each nominated foal entering a Performance-Québec event (see articles 4 II and 7).

III: The Performance-Québec administrator is appointed to sort out – during the first thirty (30) days of each calendar year – all nominations received by December 31 of the preceding year. After this date, there is no possible recourse.

Article 6: PRIZE MONIES

After deduction of 15% administration fee (maximum \$50), the balance of nominations income (including late nomination fees) is paid out as follows:

For 2008 (and before) foals:

- 15% for 3-year-old Snaffle Bit event
- 50% for 3-year-old Bit Futurity event
- 35% for 4, 5 and 6-year-old Derby event – divided equally for each of the three related years.

For 2009 (and after) foals – 2012 Futurity and after and 2013 Derby and after:

- 60% for 3-year-old Bit Futurity event
- 40% for 4, 5 and 6-year-old Derby event – divided equally for each of the three related years.

Prize monies distribution (for Bit Futurity and Derby only):

- 60% Open
- 30% Non Pro
- 5% for the original nominator of the high score from Level 4 Open division Finals.
- 5% for the original nominator of the high score from Level 4 Non Pro division Finals.

Prize monies distribution (for Snaffle Bit only):

- 65% Open
- 35% Non Pro

Article 7 : ENTRY FEES

All entry fees, payment dates and late entry penalties for all Performance-Québec events are established by the Association's Board of Directors.

The Association retains 20% of event entry fees to cover administrative costs.

Article 8: EVENTS

I – Divisions:

The following divisions are offered (except for 3-year old Snaffle Bit event):

- Open Level 1
- Open Level 2
- Open Level 4
- Non Pro Level 1
- Non Pro Level 2
- Non Pro Level 4

For 2009, 2010 and 2011 Snaffle Bit Futurity, the following divisions are offered:

- Open Level 4
- Open Level 1
- Non Pro Level 4

All these divisions are approved by NRHA as Cat. 6 «Closed Aged Events».

II – Snaffle Bit Futurity

A Performance-Québec 3-year-old Snaffle Bit event still stands in 2009, 2010 and 2011 (for nominated 2006, 2007 and 2008 foals). All competitors enter a one-go-round class and are awarded 100% of prize monies. Any entry in the Open Level 1 class must also enter the Open Level 4 or the Non Pro Level 4 class.

III – Bit Futurity

All competitors entered in Open Level 4 and Non Pro Level 4 also show in the first go-round together with the other divisions but must qualify for restricted Finals: 50% of top Open first-go scores – minimum of 15 entries – and 50% of top Non Pro first-go scores – minimum of 10 entries – qualify for Finals. Only scores from Finals decide for official placings of the division.

The prize monies repartition of these divisions is 20% for the first go-round and 80% for finals.

Winners of any division, other than Open Level 4 and Non Pro Level 4, are determined with only first go-round results and are paid 100% of respective total purse.

Any entry in Open Level 1 or Level 2 or Non Pro Level 1 or Level 2, must also upgrade with an entry in a higher division.

If a Non Pro rider also wishes to enter an Open division, he must abide by Open payment dates or pay late entry penalties.

IV – Derby

All competitors entered in Open Level 4 and Non Pro Level 4 also show in the first go-round together with the other divisions but must qualify for restricted Finals: 50% of top Open first-go scores – minimum of 15 entries – and 50% of top Non Pro first-go scores – minimum of 10 entries – qualify for Finals. Only scores from Finals decide for official placings of the division.

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V – Added monies

All monies accumulated in the program are therefore added to each event as per the following (except for 3-year old Snaffle bit):

- Open Level 4: 60% of Open division monies
- Open Level 2: 30% of Open division monies
- Open Level 1: 10% of Open division monies
- Non Pro Level 4: 60% of Non Pro division monies
- Non Pro Level 2: 30% des of Non Pro division monies
- Non Pro Level 1: 10% of Non Pro division monies

For 3-year old Snaffle Bit events:

- Open Level 4: 100% of Open division monies
- Open Level 1: \$500 added: sponsored by «Quebec Reining Association»
- Non Pro Level 4: 100% of Non Pro division monies

At the start of each calendar year, the Association also votes upon extra amounts, if necessary, to add to Performance-Québec monies. The Association then sends in show applications to NRHA as per total added monies.

All late nominations received afterwards, and up to the final closing date of each event, will be part of Performance-Québec added prize monies and all purses calculations take into account all last minute modifications.

Article 9: NON PRO STATUS

Non Pro: any exhibitor holding an NRHA Non Pro card or Youth Non Pro card is eligible. Current year NRHA Non Pro card is mandatory.

For a horse shown in any Non Pro division, Performance-Québec refers to current NRHA rules regarding ownership.

Article 1: GENERAL POINTS

These actual Performance-Québec rules take effect on January 15, 2009 with foals of 2003 and after.

There is no restriction as per the number of foals an owner (or breeder) may nominate. However, any competitor is permitted a total of three (3) horses for any Performance-Québec event.

Both rider and owner of a nominated horse must be a current member of «Quebec Reining Association» and of NRHA to enter any Performance-Québec event.

The Association may cancel any event, any time before the actual event: the only responsibility of the Association is to refund all entries.

All prize monies are paid by cheque payable to owner, within ten (10) days following each event, except if owner advises otherwise. All cheques are mailed to the party having made entries for an event: if there is a doubt and the rider is different from owner, cheque is made payable to owner and mailed to rider.

All show rules are part of the current National Reining Horse Association Handbook except if otherwise approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

All dollar values expressed in these rules are Canadian funds.

These actual Performance-Québec rules may be amended at all times by the Board of Directors of the Association. The French version of these rules prevails over any other language.