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Introductory Nomination Specifications for 2010
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I. Mission of the USHJA Hunter Development Incentive Fund:

To encourage and reward quality show hunters bred and foaled in North America. Young hunter development and hunter breeding will be spotlighted through USHJA special event hunter divisions at exclusively selected special member events.

II. Nomination Guidelines in 2010

The USHJA Hunter Development Incentive Fund (thereafter, HDIF) awards stallion, horse owners, mare owners and breeders who breed to nominated HDIF stallions, nominate their eligible horse(s) and compete at HDIF events. A percentage of the nomination fees will be paid out at the end of the competition year, based on earned HDIF points. Stallion and Horse nomination documents must be received in the USHJA office prior to the deadlines below. Horse nominations must be received by the USHJA office on or before the first licensed day of a competition for points to count towards HDIF points and prize monies. Payment is due at the time of nomination and must accompany the nomination form in U.S. funds.

III. Stallion Nomination Process

General Information

Stallions must be re-nominated annually in order for any successive breeding season foals to be eligible. Once a stallion is enrolled, the stallion's foals born in the subsequent year are eligible to be nominated. Only offspring of mares named on the current season's stallion breeding report will be accepted for nomination (see the 2010 Stallion Nomination Fee Schedule on page 5). Subsequent additions to the stallion breeding report may affect the amount due to the fund. USHJA will publish a list of nominated stallions and will have, as a part of a stallion's permanent records with USHJA, the stallion's eligibility status regarding the fund. Stallion and horse results, photos and biographies will be placed online on the HDIF website after each special member event.

Completed stallion nominations are due in the USHJA office prior to December 31 of each breeding season. Any late nominations will be required to pay the nomination fee plus a late fee of one-half of the nomination fee based on the number of mares for the most recent breeding season. Nomination fees are not refundable. Nomination fees may be transferable at the discretion of USHJA.

The USHJA Hunter Development Incentive Fund Program's breeding season is based on the calendar year-January 1 through December 31.

2010 Stallion Nomination Process

Nominations for the 2010 breeding season and for previous breeding seasons (2005-2010) are due December 31, 2010. Below are the special limited-time discount nomination fees for 2010 and 2010. Stallion owners who wish to nominate and make all offspring HDIF eligible may nominate for previous breeding seasons at a special limited-time discount rate.

Stallion Qualifications and Residency

A permanent domicile is defined as where the stallion breeds and/or is collected. If a stallion breeds any mare in Europe, he is subject to the Foreign Stallion Fee. The stallion must reside within the continent of North America for over 6 months of the competition year (December 1 – November 30); a stallion that does not meet this qualification is considered a foreign stallion. Foreign based stallions will follow the stallion fee schedule with an additional annual \$500 foreign stallion fee.

Stallions who emigrate or immigrate to/from the continent of North America and cover mares within and outside of the continent of North America, during the competition year, have 2 options for nominating:

- 1) Include all mares covered in that year and pay the additional \$500 Foreign Stallion Fee.
- 2) Only include the mares covered in North America and follow the stallion nomination fee schedule.

Nomination Process Checklist:

- The stallion must have stood the entire breeding season solely in North America in the year that the conception occurred to be eligible for HDIF OR pay the additional \$500 foreign stallion nomination fee.
- The stallion must have an active USHJA Horse Registration Number (refer to GR1102.3).
- The nominator and owner must be active or lifetime individual member(s) of USHJA. In the case of USHJA Farm Memberships, the farm owner must be an active member of USHJA.
- Breed registration papers or verifiable pedigree (five generations preferred) must be attached to the nomination form. At a minimum, the sire and dam must be reported for the stallion to be eligible.
- All respective breeding reports must be included with the stallion nomination.
 - All mares bred must be listed on each report with an indication of which mares have been reported in foal.
 - The breeding date and location must be included on each breeding report.

Embryo Transfer and Frozen Semen

Embryo transfer foals will be accepted. USHJA reserves the right to request DNA and parentage verification of any nominated horse. In the event that a previously nominated HDIF stallion dies and has frozen semen; he can be nominated according to the number of mares from his previous breeding season. Stallion owners who wish to continually nominate a deceased stallion with frozen semen may do so based on the normal stallion fee schedule, on an annual basis only.

Stallion Classification Terms

By December 31, stallion nominator/owner must submit a completed nomination for that season to be considered “active” and for the following year’s foals to be HDIF eligible. Stallions will be marked as “pending” until the nomination is considered complete. If a nominated stallion has not submitted a complete nomination by December 31; the owner will receive a reminder letter to submit the required information within 30 days. The stallion will be marked as “pending” (and be published as such) until all necessary information is received. If the information is not received within 90 days, from the time the first reminder letter was sent, the stallion will be ineligible and suspended for that previous breeding season and/or incur additional fees. Foals will be considered eligible for nomination as long as the stallion was an Active (not suspended) stallion during the respective foal’s/horse’s breeding season.

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2010 Backdated Stallion Nomination discounts

The rate is based on the average number of mares bred in the past number of seasons (2005-2009).

When an owner nominates more than one stallion 10% is taken off the total fee.

	Nominate for 1 year Annual nomination fee	Nominate for 3 years	Nominate for all 5 years
First Breeding Season	\$300	n/a	n/a
1 mare bred on average	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
2 mares bred on average	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
3 Mares bred on average	\$300.00	\$900.00	\$1,500.00
4 Mares bred on average	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00
5-10 Mares bred on average	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
11-15 Mares bred on average	\$600.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,000.00
16-20 Mares bred on average	\$700.00	\$2,100.00	\$3,500.00
21-25 Mares bred on average	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,000.00
26-30 Mares bred on average	\$900.00	\$2,700.00	\$4,500.00
31-35 Mares bred on average	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
36-40 Mares bred on average	\$1,100.00	\$3,300.00	\$5,500.00
41-50 Mares bred on average	\$1,250.00	\$3,750.00	\$6,250.00
51-60 Mares bred on average	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$7,500.00
61-80 Mares bred on average	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00
81-100 Mares bred on average	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$12,500.00
101 or more bred on average	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$15,000.00

IV. Foal and Horse Nomination Process

Foal and Horse nominations are for lifetime participation in the USHJA HDIF. Horses foaled before 2006 are not eligible to be nominated and there will not be a five year old class offered until 2011.

In order to be eligible:

- The horse must have been foaled in North America during 2006 or later.
- The horse must have been conceived in North America (unless the stallion paid the Foreign Stallion Fee of \$500).
- The horse must have an active USHJA Horse Registration Number (refer to GR1102.3).
- The owner/nominator must have a 2010 USHJA Active Membership.
- The horse's dam must be included on the HDIF nominated stallion's breeding report for the respective year of the horse's conception.
- Breed registration papers or known pedigree must be attached. At a minimum the horse's sire and dam must be included with the nomination form.

Nominated horses are eligible to be nominated as a stallion and as a competing horse. Horses are required to nominate and pay both sets of fees according to the respective fee schedules. A horse would then receive competition point monies and his offspring would be eligible for nomination.

Horse Fee Schedule

Introductory Horse Fee Schedule- available in 2010

The nomination fee for horses 4 years of age and younger.....\$100

At the beginning of year three of the HDIF program an escalating fee schedule will be created based on the age of the horse.

V. Year End Payouts, Points and Awards

Each point earned at an USHJA HDIF approved event by a HDIF nominated horse will be worth year end money. Enrolled horses can also earn prize money at HDIF special member events. Only the top 5 HDIF Special Member Event individual class points will count towards any year end payout and awards. HDIF nominated horses will not be eligible to compete in more than 10 HDIF Special Member Events. Points are for HDIF year end points. Points will not count towards USEF HOTY.

Placing	Points Awarded Based on the Number of Exhibitors in Class					
	1-2	3-8	9-15	16-25	26-35	36+
1st (Champion)	10	15	20	25	30	35
2nd (Reserve)	5	10	15	20	25	30
3rd		5	10	15	20	25
4th		4	5	10	15	20
5th		3	4	5	10	15
6th		2	3	4	5	10
7th				3	4	6
8th				2	3	5

VI. HDIF Special Member Event Specifications

HDIF classes will be held at or in conjunction with USEF AA, A, B or C rated competitions. Competition licensees will apply through show managers to USHJA in order to participate in the program. The member event locations will be determined based on geographic location. USHJA may designate a HDIF Regional and/or National Championship competition, bringing together top HDIF competitors for head-to-head competition.

Show managers are responsible for providing or obtaining a sponsor for HDIF class prize money- exact amount to be announced. USHJA will provide ribbons through 6th place for HDIF classes. Unfilled class money may be distributed in accordance with the USEF Rule Book GR1129; however, managers are encouraged to donate unfilled class monies to the USHJA HDIF Fund for national year end payouts.

VII. HDIF Class Specifications for 2010

In-Hand Hunter Breeding Classes

Yearling thru three-year-old Hunter Breeding classes- competition management is highly encouraged to divide classes by sex where entries warrant. Hunter Breeding classes to be judged according to current USEF Hunter Breeding rules with the addition of a judge's score sheet to be available to the exhibitor of each horse at the conclusion of the division. The judges score sheets will not be available to the public. The horse's breeding must be announced after the judging is complete. It is strongly encouraged to announce the breeding, while the horse is in the competition ring, during the awards presentation. Ribbons and awards will be presented in the ring when possible.

Yearling Hunter Breeding
2-year Old Hunter Breeding
3-year Old Hunter Breeding

Performance Classes

Performance classes to be judged according to current USEF hunter rules with the addition of a judge's score card for each horse to be available to the exhibitor of each horse at the conclusion of the division. It is also required to announce the horse's breeding, while the horse is in the competition ring. Ribbons and awards will be presented in the ring when possible.

Three-Year-Old Under Saddle Class

Three-Year-Old Hunter Hack including two fences between 2'6" and 2'9" to be ridden as a trot in, canter out of at least four strides, followed by a transition to trot. Lead changes are not required.

Four-Year-Old Under Saddle

Four-Year-Old Hunter Hack including two fences between 2'9" to 3' to be ridden as a trot in, canter out of at least four strides, followed by a transition to trot. Lead changes are not required.

Four-Year-Old Baby Hunter with simple changes not to be penalized.

Four-Year-Old Young Hunter with flying changes optional.

Offered in 2011 Five-Year-Old Under Saddle and three classes over fences at 3' to 3' 3"

Offered in 2012 Six-Year-Old Under Saddle and three classes over fences at or greater than 3' 3"

VIII. Legal Statement

USHJA reserves the right to cancel the eligibility of any stallion nominated, if they should determine that the nomination fee submitted is less than the actual amount that should have been paid. USHJA will notify the nominator with the correct nomination fee who will then have 30 days in which to pay the nomination fee.

An entrant is ineligible to participate in the Association's HDIF Program where prohibited by law because of legal residence, status of approved event, or any other basis, and all or the prohibited portion of earned points or purse money shall be disregarded in calculations for an earned portion of the HDIF.

All disputes arising out of the application or interpretation of any rules or conditions of the USHJA HDIF shall be decided by USHJA. USHJA reserves the right to alter the conditions of all or part of the HDIF Program as it, in its sole discretion, determines to ensure fairness and equality to all participants.

Further, at its sole discretion, USHJA may cancel the program at any time and refund money or hold the funds until the following year, if it deems horsemen's participation is insufficient to make adequate payouts. In order for any nominator or owner to receive HDIF monies, the individual must be an Active or Lifetime member of USHJA.

USHJA may invest funds received from nominations in accordance with its current investment guidelines for USHJA's own corporate funds. Earned investment income from a particular year's fund shall be added to the HDIF. USHJA may deduct accumulated cost of administering the program from the gross proceeds from the stallion and foal nominations, not to exceed 10%.

USHJA will publish a list of nominated stallions in the USHJA *In Stride* magazine and on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org). The published list will include the stallion's HDIF eligibility status. Stallion and horse results, photos and biographies will be placed online on the HDIF website after each Special Member Event.

Protests that are point or result based are handled through the USEF hearing process.

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The participation of a stallion, mare or progeny in this program does not imply USHJA referral, endorsement or recommendation of said animals ability or quality nor any involvement one chooses to have with the owners of said animals. The USHJA shall not be liable to any individual(s) for any decision made or action taken in reliance on the information obtained from this program nor for any damages, claims or actions arising directly or indirectly from its use.