



NOTICE TO THE INDUSTRY

2018-19 Quarter Horse Program Approved

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Toronto, ON - The 2018-19 Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program (QHRIDP) has been approved by Ontario Racing. The 2018-19 QHRIDP was planned based on the recommendations of the Quarter Horse Advisory Group.

The main QHRIDP components will remain similar to prior years, with the 2018-19 program projected to provide over \$3.5 million in total purses and incentives.

New to the QHRIDP, a Mare Breeding Incentive will be introduced to encourage breeding of QH mares in Ontario. The goal of the new program is to increase the future racing population by providing a \$1,000 incentive to eligible participants upon breeding a mare. To accommodate the budget expenditures for the Mare Breeding Incentive, the Breeders Awards and Stallion Awards were cut by 10% to \$400k and \$40k, respectively.

The Third Start Bonus, which provides a \$1,000 incentive to the trainer of record on the completion of three starts at Ajax Downs during the season, will be continued into 2018-19. The incentive will introduce a maximum cap of \$10,000 to any one trainer.

To support increased program participation, late enrolments will now be allowed subject to a late fee. The fee for filing a late Stallion Enrolment (after January 15 for active stallions) will be \$200. Broodmare enrolments may be filed after foaling, with no time limit, upon paying a late fee of \$200 and providing proof of residency.

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