

# Standardbred Advisory Board Proposal for the Year 2016

*Approved by the Standardbred Advisory Board on 1/9/16.  
Approved by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission on \_\_\_\_\_.*

The Standardbred Advisory Board has worked closely with participants of the Standardbred Industry in preparing their proposal for the year 2016. These participants included the Indiana Standardbred Association, representatives from Hoosier Park Racing & Casino, and the Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee. Many of the elements of the Board's proposal are so closely intertwined with the Standardbred Breed Development Program that the majority of their meetings are held jointly with the Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee and many of the program elements overlap and are also included in their proposal.

The 2016 proposed budget is as follows:

## ANNUAL BUDGET

<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Spent</b>	<b>2016 Proposed</b>
Advertising	\$12,000	\$21,006	\$20,000
Awards/Promotional Items	\$15,000	\$15,395	\$15,000
Awards Banquet	\$8,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Board Member Per Diem	\$1,500	\$600	\$1,500
Drug Testing – Veterinarian/Assistant	\$23,000	\$18,223	\$20,000
Drug Testing – Laboratory Fees	\$75,000	\$49,653	\$60,000
Drug Testing Administration	\$16,000	\$18,485	\$20,000
Operational Money – ISFC	\$147,500	\$146,500	\$147,500
ISFC Fair Advertising	\$5,000	\$1,780	\$5,000
Race Secretary/Officials Mtg.	\$500	\$476	\$500
Misc. (includes postage, printing, etc.)	\$7,500	\$5,523	\$7,500
IHRC Standardbred Staff (% Charged to ISAB)	\$20,000	\$22,396	\$24,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$331,500</b>	<b>\$307,538</b>	<b>\$329,500</b>

### 2016 Revenue

Appropriation	\$193,500
ISFC Nomination % retained	\$22,000
Stallion Reg. Fees	\$15,000
	<b>\$230,500</b>
Utilize from reserves	\$100,000
Total Available for 2016	<b>\$330,500</b>

## **Overview of Budgetary Items:**

**Advertising:** The Standardbred Advisory Board (Board) continued to advertise in trade magazines to provide information about the program to participants. The Board also offsets a portion of the cost of the printing of the annual nomination booklet which provides horsemen with staking information about the Indiana racing program. The Board will also continue their matching advertising program for Indiana's fairs that host the ISFC racing program, in which the Board reimburses each fair up to \$500 per race meet for any funds spent on promoting the horse racing program at the fair. In addition, the Indiana Standardbred Association also offers each fair an additional \$500 for advertising. The Board hopes that more fairs will take advantage of it during 2016.

**Awards/Promotional Items:** The Board will continue to honor the winners of the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit Championship races and Indiana Sires Stakes Finals with blanket and trophy presentations at the time of these races. In addition the Board recognizes the owners of the Indiana Sires Stakes champions, Indiana Sired Fair Circuit overall champion, and ISS Pacing and Trotting Sire of the year at the annual Standardbred Awards banquet. Furthermore, the Board plans continue to work with the Indiana Standardbred Association on the annual awards banquet.

**Indiana Sired Fair Circuit Program:** The Board has worked closely with the Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee to continue the successful Fair Circuit Program. Funding from the Breed Development Fund allows purses for the ISFC program to be contested at \$3,000 per division. Two series of races are offered during the fair racing program for two-year olds and three-year olds which are Indiana Sired and Bred.

**Drug Testing/Identification:** The Standardbred Advisory Board fund administers and funds the drug-testing program for the ISFC. IHRC staff, contract staff and veterinarians are utilized for these programs. This program includes drawing of samples for blood gas testing and post-race blood and urine testing. The blood gas testing program was implemented in 2009 at the county fair level, will be continued. In addition, staff is utilized to identify horses competing in the ISFC.

Part-time employees will continue to be utilized for the administration of the drug testing program. These employees are necessary in maintaining the chain of custody and integrity of this program. In addition, the Board employs test barn assistants and veterinarians to help with this program.

**Operational Funding:** Each ISFC host site receives operational funds per day of racing from the Board. The funds are used to offset the expenses (required race officials, equipment, promotions, etc) incurred by the host site in conducting the ISFC racing program. In order to assist the fairs in adequately managing costs, the Board allocates an amount of \$3,500 per day for fairs with fifteen (15) races or less and an amount of \$4,000 per day for fairs with 16 or more races.

**Supplemental Money:** The Board provides a 50% match program for Indiana owned, sired or bred overnight races during the ISFC Program. The Board matches 50% of the host site's contribution of purse money for these races.

**Indiana Sires Stakes:** The Board works closely with the Standardbred Breed Development Committee on the Indiana Sires Stakes Program. The structure of the Indiana Sires Stakes was changed in 2014. The Board only made minor modifications to the Indiana Sires Stakes conditions for 2016. This modification clarified the allowances given for a horse using a line from a good/sloppy track in order to meet the qualification requirements for the Indiana Sires Stakes.

**Staff Funding:** As approved by the IHRC at its August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 meeting, a portion of the applicable salaries of the Standardbred Breed Development Coordinator and Standardbred Clerk charged to this account.

# Ruling Log

Ruling Number	Ruling Date	Name	Breed	Violation Date	Violation	Fines	Suspended From	Suspended To	Days Suspended
15659	12/3/2015	Bethany Pandolfi	TB	10/29/2015	Omeprazole Sulfide	Warning			
15658	12/3/2015	David Paulus	TB	10/28/2015	Phenylbutazone	Warning			
15176	12/8/2015	Jason Miller	SB	11/14/2015	Cobalt	Warning			

# AGENDA ITEM #6

Introduction of additional administrative law judges

# AGENDA ITEM #7

Introduction of Blue Ribbon Committee creation and purpose -  
Discussion only - to be presented by Chairman Thomas Weatherwax