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# Indiana Standardbred Breed Development

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Program Guide





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## About Standardbred Breed Development

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Welcome to an exciting time for the horse racing industry in Indiana. In 2007, legislation was passed which approved slot machines at Indiana's pari-mutuel racetracks. Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs both opened their slot operations in June of 2008. The Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Fund receives 50% of the revenue generated from slot machines that is allocated for Standardbred racing.

The purpose of the Standardbred Breed Development program is to provide incentives to the owners and breeders of Indiana Sired (IS), Indiana Bred (IB), and Indiana Sired & Bred (ISB) horses. These incentives are provided through racing programs at Indiana's two pari-mutuel racetracks, county fairs and state fair. Additional incentives are provided directly to owners and breeders through owner bonuses and breeders awards. **The intent of this program is to stimulate the agri-business sector of the state's economy while encouraging the breeding of quality standardbred horses.**

The Standardbred Breed Development Program has been modified for the 2009 breeding season and beyond to provide you, the owner/breeder, with a program with three levels of participation. You will be able to decide at what level you would like to commit to Indiana, and will receive incentives based on these levels. ***This booklet outlines the Standardbred Breed Development Program for mares bred during or after the 2009 breeding season (foals of 2010 and beyond).***



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## What categories of horses are eligible for the program?

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There are three types of horses which are eligible for the Standardbred Breed Development Program. They are as follows:

**Indiana Sired (IS):** A foal sired by a stallion standing in Indiana and registered with the Indiana Horse Racing Commission the year the foal was conceived.

- The mare of an Indiana Sired (IS) foal does not have to reside in the state and can be bred by shipped semen.
- An IS foal does not have to be foaled in the state of Indiana.
- An IS foal does not have to be Indiana owned.

**Indiana Bred (IB):** A foal from a mare which resides in the state continuously from June 1st of the breeding year through time of foaling and is properly registered with the IHRC.

- An IB foal may be sired by a Standardbred stallion standing outside of Indiana.
- An IB foal does not have to be Indiana owned.

**Indiana Sired and Bred (ISB):** A foal sired by a registered Indiana stallion and from a mare which resides in the state continuously from June 1st of the breeding year through time of foaling and is properly registered with the IHRC.

- An ISB foal must be sired by a registered stallion and foaled in the state of Indiana.
- An ISB foal does not have to be Indiana owned.

## What is each category of horse eligible for?

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### Indiana Sired (IS)

**Indiana Sires Stakes** - Indiana's premier event for Indiana Sired horses which consists of a separate series of races held at Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs for three year olds. Two series of races are held at Indiana Downs for two year olds. Each series consists of legs in which horses earn points to compete in the series final. The purses for Sires Stakes legs are guaranteed regardless of the number of divisions. In addition, there is a Sires Stakes event held each year for horses four years old and older.

**Indiana Sired Late Closing Program** - Late closing series for Indiana Sired horses at Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs. Features low nomination fees, a variety of conditions written each year and guaranteed purses regardless of the number of divisions.

**Mini Series** - Special overnight series written for Indiana Sired horses at Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs. These races feature no nomination or entry fees and enhanced purses for finals.

**Supplemented Overnight Races** - Overnights which fill exclusively with Indiana Sired horses are boosted to be contested with larger purses than regular overnights.

### **Specialty Events at Indiana County Fairs** -

There are currently special events held at Indiana county fairs. They currently are as follows:



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**ISA Elite Series** - Sponsored by the Indiana Standardbred Association, a signature race with an increased purse held at a county fair.

**Elkhart County Classic** - A race for three year old pacers held at the Elkhart County Fair.

**Maple City Trot** - A race for three year old trotters held at the Elkhart County Fair.

**Hoosier Home Run Bonus Program** - Lucrative bonus award for any three year old which wins both finals of the Indiana Sires and the Elkhart Classic/Maple City Trot.

## Indiana Bred (IB)

**Indiana Bred Bonus Program** - Bonus paid to the owner of an IB horse when that horse competes in open company and finishes 1st or 2nd at an Indiana pari-mutuel racetrack.

## Indiana Sired and Bred (ISB)

Eligible to all the events an IS horse is eligible for, which are as follows:

- Indiana Sires Stakes
- Indiana Sired Late Closing Program
- Mini Series
- Supplemented Overnight Races
- Specialty Events at Indiana County Fairs
  - ISA Elite Series
  - Eklhart County Classic/Maple City Trot
- Hoosier Home Run Bonus Program

**Plus as an added incentive, an ISB foal is also eligible for the following:**

**Indiana Fair Circuit** - Series of races at Indiana's county fairs for two and three year olds in which horses earn points to compete in the Championship race at the Indiana State Fair. Features low nomination and entry fees as well as guaranteed purses regardless of the number of divisions.

**Indiana Sired and Bred Bonus Program** - A bonus award paid to the owner of an ISB horse who finishes 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any race (except the tracks lowest claimer) contested at a pari-mutuel track in Indiana. This includes races restricted to Indiana



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Sired horses, such as the Indiana Sires Stakes, Late Closers and Mini Series. In addition, the amount of this award is **not** added to the horse's earnings.

**Breeders Awards** - An award paid to the breeder of an ISB horse based on the horse's total win earnings from all races contested at Indiana's pari-mutuel tracks and the Indiana Fair Circuit Championship races. This award will be a percentage of the total pool equal to that horse's percent of combined win earnings of all eligible horses.

In addition, when adequate population of ISB horses exist, additional races exclusively for ISB horses may be written.

## Eligibility at a Glance

The following chart provides an easy reference to know what your horse is eligible for:

Event	Indiana Sired & Bred (ISB)	Indiana Sired (IS)	Indiana Bred (IB)
Indiana Sires Stakes	Yes	Yes	No
Indiana Sired Late Closers	Yes	Yes	No
Mini Series	Yes	Yes	No
Supplemental Overnights	Yes	Yes	No
ISA Elite Series	Yes	Yes	No
Elkhart County Classic	Yes	Yes	No
Maple City Trot	Yes	Yes	No
Hoosier Home Run Award	Yes	Yes	No
Indiana Fair Circuit	Yes	No	No
IN Sired & Bred Bonuses	Yes	No	No
Breeders Awards	Yes	No	No
Indiana Bred Bonus Program	No	No	Yes

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Do I have to live in Indiana to participate in the Standardbred Breed Development Program?***

No, the Standardbred Breed Development Program is set up so that it is inclusive to anyone who wishes to participate. You do not have to be an Indiana resident to participate in any part of the program.

### ***How is my eligibility affected if I bred a mare to the program prior to 2009?***

The program outlined in this booklet only applies to mares which are bred during the 2009 breeding season or after (foals of 2010 and beyond).

If you bred a mare to an Indiana Stallion during or prior to the 2008 breeding season (a foal of 2009 and prior), your foal will remain eligible for all events in Indiana that it was eligible for at time of conception. In other words, the events your foal is eligible for will not change.

### ***How will you verify that the mare of my ISB foal is residing in Indiana?***

You will need to complete a mare registration form and file this form with the IHRC by June 1 of the breeding year. You will provide information on this form indicating where the mare is residing. The IHRC has inspectors who will go to the location and inspect the mare on a periodic basis.



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***In order to participate in the ISB part of the program, does my mare have to be in state at the time of breeding?***

Only if the breeding occurs on or after June 1. A mare must be in the state and registered by June 1 in order for her foal to be eligible to the ISB program.

***What if I need to move my mare from the location I submitted to the IHRC?***

Anytime you need to change the location within the state where your mare is residing, you must notify the IHRC with this change. The IHRC staff will provide you with the proper paperwork necessary to make this change. In addition, there are certain procedures in place for emergency situations, such as having to move a mare for urgent veterinary medical treatment. Please contact the IHRC office for additional information regarding these procedures.

***I am from out of state. I have always participated in Indiana's program and now do I have to bring my mare to Indiana in order to participate?***

The Standardbred Breed Development program has many positive attributes, and one of these is that as the breeder you get to choose your level of program participation.

As you see from the eligibility chart, you may continue to breed your mare outside of the state to an Indiana Stallion and remain eligible for a majority of the Breed Development Program. If you choose to make that extra commitment to Indiana, and bring your mare to reside during the required time period, then you will be rewarded with additional incentives.



You choose at what level you participate. Regardless which level you choose, with the addition of slot revenue in Indiana, your horses will be able to compete for more purse money than ever before.

***I don't want to bring my mare to Indiana, yet I would like to be able to participate in the ISB part of the program. What can I do?***

You can always attend one of Indiana's Yearling Sales and to purchase an ISB yearling or purchase an ISB horse privately to participate in that part of the program. Once a foal is ISB, that foal does not lose its ISB eligibility, regardless of who the owner is and remains eligible for all the benefits of the program.

***What is the difference between a Bonus & a Breeder's Award?***

A Bonus is paid to the owner of an ISB horse. A Breeder's Award is paid to the breeder of an ISB horse.



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### Where to get additional information?

If you have any questions regarding the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Program or would like to receive additional information, please contact the offices of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission at (317) 233-3119 or visit our website at [www.in.gov/hrc](http://www.in.gov/hrc).