

## **DQHA Stallion Service Auction (SSA) Regulation**

### **§ 1 Participation Conditions**

- (1) The owner of the stallion has to be a DQHA member at the time of the nomination of the stallion.
- (2) The following aspects are requirements for an American Quarter Horse stallion to participate in the Stallion Service Auction. The stallion must fulfill all requirements:
  - a) The stallion has to be AQHA registered.
  - b) If the stallion is stabled in the geographical area of the DQHA, the stallion has to be registered with the DQHA and the equine passport must hold a breeding certificate of a breeding association that is approved within Europe.
  - c) A DNA-analysis of the stallion must be available.
  - d) A Five-Panel Test for the stallion must be available and the DQHA has the authorization to publish these results. The results of these tests only serve to inform breeders and will not influence whether the stallion will be paid-in or not.
  - e) Bullet point d) is invalid, if there are complete negative AQHA Five-Panel Tests available for the sire and the dam of the stallion. The DQHA is authorized to publish these results as well.
  - f) For progeny of the stallion IMPRESSIVE a negative HYPP-test (HYPP N/N) must be available.
  - g) During the breeding season (03/01 until 06/30 of the respective year) the stallion must be stabled in Germany/Europe. If frozen or cooled semen are used, the semen must be available in Germany/Europe throughout the whole breeding season.
- (3) The nomination becomes valid once all fees are paid and all documents have been handed in at the DQHA office.
- (4) In case of default of the SSA requirements the nomination fee will be paid back to the stallion owner with a deduction of a 20% service fee.
- (5) Geldings are eligible to participate in the SSA if their semen is available. The rules of the SSA apply as well.

### **§ 2 Stallion Nomination Fee**

- (1) The nomination fee is generated from the breeding fee and all additional fees that arise from breeding. While the breeding fee is calculated from the highest fee charged by the owner during this year, the lowest additional costs are used to calculate the additional fees. In case of a purchase at the auction or an after-sale, the stallion owner must cover the lowest additional fee of the initial insemination himself. Other additional costs such as shipping fee for the semen, daily allowance for the mare or veterinarian fees will not be taken into account.
- (2) The lowest nomination fee possible is 500 €, even if the regular breeding fee is lower than that.
- (3) If a stallion owner specifies the breeding fee as "private treaty", a nomination fee of 3,000 € will be administered.

### **§ 3 Refund**

- (1) If the breeding of a stallion is auctioned or sold in the after-sale, the owner will be refunded 50% of the nomination fee by the DQHA as soon as the bidder/buyer paid his fees.

### **§ 4 Deadlines and Fees in order to nominate a Stallion**

- (1) The editorial deadline for the stallion catalogue will be announced via the association's media channels. Those stallions that have been nominated (paid-in) on time will be published in the stallion catalogue of the DQHA as well as in the online catalogue. Stallions that have been nominated after the editorial deadline can only be listed in the online catalogue.
- (2) Stallions can be paid-in through a 50% payment of the nomination fee until the day previous to the auction. Owners who do not wish for an auction of the breeding service have to pay the full price.

- (3) Stallions can be late-registered until the 31st of March of the respective breeding year through payment of the full nomination fee. If the breeding service is not supposed to be offered for sale in the after sale, the owner must pay a late fee of 100 €.
- (4) Stallions can be late-registered until the 31st of July of the respective breeding year through payment of one and a half times the nomination fee. In that case a late purchase is not possible.
- (5) Stallions can be late-registered until the 31st of December of the respective breeding year through payment of twice the nomination fee. In that case a late purchase is not possible.
- (6) Additional to the nomination fee the owner pays an entry fee of 50 € which will be distributed as prize money at the regional futurities.
- (7) The date of the post stamp or the date of the e-mail/fax is essential to prove the date of receipt of the nomination documents.
- (8) Stallion and mare owners will each receive a voucher, which allows a free Futurity/Maturity entry for one horse. These vouchers are either eligible for the main or the regional futurities of the DQHA. The voucher can only be used for an eligible horse.

### **§ 5 Breeding Requirements**

- (1) The DQHA only operates as an intermediary for the breeding contract and is not responsible for the correctness of the information given by the stallion owner. Therefore only the individual agreements - also regarding the costs - that arise from the breeding requirements and the breeding contract of the respective stallion are valid.
- (2) The DQHA will not take responsibility for or guarantee the correct execution of the breeding or the quality of the semen.
- (3) The DQHA will not acknowledge any claims of damage or pecuniary loss from the stallion or the mare owner.

### **§ 6 Execution of the Auction and After-Sale**

- (1) Only DQHA members are allowed to participate in the auction, bid on a breeding or purchase a breeding service in the after-sale.
- (2) Breeding services can only be purchased for American Quarter Horse mares. If the mare is a progeny of the stallion IMPRESSIVE a negative HYPP-test must be available. By purchasing the breeding service, the mare owner obligates himself to present the mare's Certificate of Registration as well as the results of a genetic test (if available) to the stallion owner.
- (3) Stallions that have been paid-in on time will be presented on an information board at the annual Q International Championship and on the DQHA website. Usually the auction will take place during the DQHA Futurity/Maturity. The name of the stallion and the nomination fee will be announced.
- (4) The auction begins with a silent auction. Mare owners have to fill in a bidding form. The minimum bidding price is 50% of the nomination fee plus 50€. The bidding will be executed in at least 50€ steps. Written biddings will only be accepted until two hours – or five hours in case of online bidding - before the live auction starts and the order of the stallions in the live auction will be set up at this point.
- (5) During the live auction all stallions will be auctioned live. The order will be set by the highest bidding among the biddings handed in during the silent auction. In the first instance all stallions that have been bided on will be auctioned separately. After that, stallions that have not been bided on will be auctioned in alphabetical order. The bidder with the highest bid receives the award.
- (6) By giving the highest bid the buyer obligates himself to pay the buying fee after invoicing and to adhere to the breeding regulations of the stallion owner. By giving his bid, the buyer agrees to a contract with the stallion owner.
- (7) Breeding services of stallions that have been paid-in late until the 31st of March will be offered for auction on the DQHA website. Lowest bid must be 50% of the nomination fee plus 50€. Bidding must be in 50€ steps at least. The end of the auction (at least 14 days after publication) will be published on the DQHA website. Not auctioned breeding services will be offered for late-purchase as described in § 6 (8).
- (8) Not auctioned breeding services will be offered for late-purchase until the 30th of April of the breeding year. Late purchase fee is 50% of the nomination fee plus 100€ late purchase fee. Apart from that, the conditions are the same as with an auctioned breeding.

## § 7 Nomination of Progeny

- (1) Since the foaling year of 2011 all foals must be nominated to be futurity/maturity eligible.
- (2) Only progeny which fulfills the following requirements is eligible for nomination:
  - a) The horse has to be AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) registered. If the Certificate of Registration has not been issued for a foal in its year of birth, the “pending” status will be sufficient if a copy of the Registration Application has been handed in.
  - b) The sire of the horse has to be paid-in to the Stallion Service Auction (SSA) of the DQHA in the year previous to the insemination.
  - c) The sire of the horse has to be listed in the DQHA studbook if stabled in the DQHA-administered area and must hold a breeding confirmation of a breeding association that is approved within Europe.
  - d) The horses’ dam must be listed in the DQHA stud book at the time of the insemination and during the year of the foaling during the breeding and the year of foaling if she is stabled in the DQHA-administered area and is also must hold a breeding confirmation of a breeding association approved in Europe.
  - e) Bullet points c) and d) are invalid if the nominated horse is eligible for registration in all sections of the DQHA stud book itself due to its age.
  - f) All foals born in 1998 or later by the stallion IMPRESSIVE must hold a HYPP N/N evidence.
  - g) All foals born in 2013 or later must be born in Europe.
- (3) The nomination will be carried out as soon as the nomination form and a copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration are handed in. If the Certificate of Registration has not been issued yet for a foal in its year of birth, the “pending” status will be sufficient if a copy of the Registration Application has been handed in. A copy of the Certificate of Registration must be filed subsequently in order to list the horse in the online list.
- (4) Stallion owners that nominated their stallions in the SSA as well as mare owners that purchased a breeding service will receive a 25€ voucher for the nomination so that the nomination is free during the foaling year.
- (5) If a late insemination is executed with a breeding service auctioned at the SSA, the foal is only futurity/maturity eligible if the sire is paid-in in the year previous to the late insemination.
- (6) Nomination fees:

• until 12/31 of the foaling year:	25 €
• until 06/30 for yearlings:	100 €
• until 12/31 for yearlings:	150 €
• until 06/30 for 2 YO:	200 €
• until 12/31 for 2 YO:	350 €
• for 3-5 YO:	700 €
• for 6 YO:	500 €
• for 7 YO and older:	400 €

## § 8 Special Regulations

- (1) The regulations of the German Animal Welfare (TSchG) and the German Animal Breeding Law (TierZG) apply in their respective version.
- (2) In case of unsure questions or regulation gaps the board of the DQHA will decide how to proceed.