



**VIRGINIA PRESIDENTIAL PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
(VAPPFHA)
VIRGINIA BRED PROGRAM RULES
Effective January 2017**

The VAPPFHA Virginia Bred Program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Virginia Horse Industry Board (VHIB)

Program Description: The program's primary goal is to promote quality Virginia bred paso fino horses as the all around versatile horse that youth, amateurs, seniors, and professionals can enjoy.

Eligibility: The horse must be registered with the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA) and was foaled in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The horse's PFHA Registration Certificate must list the state foaled as Virginia. Owners of the horses must be a member of PFHA in good standing and must be a member of the VAPPFHA in good standing. There is not a separate entry form or a separate entry fee for this Virginia Bred Program. The following documents from the PFHA show entries will be used:

1. PFHA Entry form with payment for the VAPPFHA show
2. PFHA Registration Certificate
3. Negative coggins
4. PFHA membership card or membership form for owner and rider/exhibitor
5. VAPPFHA membership card or membership form for owner and rider/exhibitor

Any horse that test positive for a PFHA/USEF identified illegal drugs or other rule infraction will forfeit all money and awards.

Classes: All classes in the VAPPFHA 2017 shows will be included in the Virginia Bred Program. Classes may be added to or modified at any time with the approval of the VAPPFHA. The VAPPFHA show committee in attendance will settle any dispute concerning rules of this program.

Fees: An nomination fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be required for each horse. This entry fee will allow the horse foaled in Virginia to be eligible to compete in as many classes as they enter.

Cash Awards: Cash awards will be given to the six top Virginia bred horses in a class. The six Virginia bred horses to receive the cash awards in each class will be determined by totaling points for the placement made by each of the PFHA/USEF certified show judges. There will not be a separate judging of Virginia Bred horses. The class placements from each judge will be used to determine the point earned by the horse. From each judge, the horse will receive the following points.

- 1st place will receive 6 points,
- 2nd place will receive 5 points,
- 3rd place will receive 4 points,
- 4th place will receive 3 points,
- 5th place will receive 2 point,
- 6th place will receive 1 point.

With the two judges per show, the points earned by each judge will be added together to determine the total points earned in the class. The Virginia bred horse with the highest total number of points will be

awarded 1st place in the class, the Virginia bred horse with the second highest number of points will be awarded 2nd place, and so on until the top 6 Virginia bred competitors in the class are determined. If a tie results, moneys will be split evenly for the places that tied.

The total purse amount will be determined based upon the VHIB grant funds and any sponsorship funds. The total “purse” will be divided by the number of class entries of Virginia bred horses in all the classes for each show. A horse may be entered in multiple classes. Each entry will carry a set amount into the class. For example, if the total amount of grant funds and sponsorship funds is \$2,000 for both shows then each show will be allotted \$1,000. Then, if there are 50 Virginia bred horse entries in the first show, then each entry will carry \$20 into the class derived by dividing 1,000 by the 50 entries. The purse for each class will be the product of the numbers of Virginia bred horses in the class times the amount carried in by each entry. A class with 6 Virginia bred entries will have a purse of \$120 (6 horses times \$20 per horse). A class with only 1 Virginia bred entry will only have a purse of \$20.

The top Virginia bred competitors in each VAPPFHA class will receive cash awards based upon the following payback schedule.

Placement	If there are 6 Virginia Bred Horses	If there are 5 Virginia Bred Horses	If there are 4 Virginia Bred Horses	If there are 3 Virginia Bred Horses	If there are 2 Virginia Bred Horses	If there is 1 Virginia Bred Horse
1 st	40%	41%	44%	49%	60%	100%
2 nd	20%	21%	23%	28%	40%	
3 rd	15%	16%	18%	23%		
4 th	12%	13%	15%			
5 th	8%	9%				
6 th	5%					
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The purse money will be disbursed via check, sent by USPS regular mail, within 6 weeks from the end date of the show unless awaiting drug test results.