

Stallion Incentive Program (S.I.P.) Class Information and Rules

The Stallion Incentive Program (S.I.P.) class is held each year in conjunction with the AHR National Futurity. In 2016, the AHR Futurity Committee enacted a rule change where all stallions—in addition to mares—needed to be nominated in order for their weanling offspring of that year going forward to be eligible for the futurity. All weanlings participating in the AHR National Futurity are eligible, with the top three weanlings from each age group selected to compete in the SIP class each year.

Monetary awards are also given to the Stallion-of-the-Year and Reserve-Stallion-of-the-Year. Year-end placing is determined by the number of points a stallion's offspring accumulate in the Pot of Gold class. Prizes and the title of Stallion of the Year will be awarded to the stallion whose offspring have garnered the highest number of points. The Stallion-of-the-Year will receive a 10% payback, and the runner up will receive a 5% payback. Stallion payback will be given based on the amount of payout dollars available before class payouts are divided and dispensed.

The deadline to nominate stallions is the same deadline as mare nominations. In 2017, that deadline coincides with the AHR futurity enrollment due date, which is June 30th. The list of nominated stallions is on the AHR website and Facebook page, and is also included in each issue of the magazine, along with owner contact information; so the sooner you nominate your stallion, the more free advertising you receive! The cost of nomination is based upon the number of mares bred in the previous breeding year. Stallion owners should pay \$20 for EACH mare bred. If stallions are not nominated by the deadline, the fee is doubled. Yearlings who were not enrolled as weanlings must paid the late nomination fee for stallions (and mares), including the late fee, if sire and/or dam were not nominated.

Are you interested in volunteering? We are always on the lookout for interested individuals with a desire to help with fundraising, competitor contact, and nominations. Have any ideas? Contact a member of the AHR Futurity Committee.

1. Current year weanlings that are AHR registered and who are paid up in the regular AHR futurity are eligible for the S.I.P. class. The top three weanlings of each age group will compete in the S.I.P. class.
2. All stallions with offspring in the AHR Futurity must have paid \$20 by the deadline for each mare successfully bred in the previous breeding year in order for their offspring to participate in the Futurity and be eligible for the S.I.P. class.
3. S.I.P. exhibitors must wear the same competitor's number as assigned by the Futurity (one number per horse).
4. All weanlings, regardless of age or sex, will be shown together.
5. All weanlings will be asked to walk, trot and stand for inspection.
6. At the judge's discretion, weanlings may be asked to show on the triangle.

7. Class will be judged on conformation and movement. Consideration of manners will be at the judge's discretion.
8. All weanlings are expected to be properly cleaned and groomed.
9. Clipping is acceptable, but not required.
10. No weanlings are to be shod.
11. Hoof polish is acceptable, but not required.
12. It is recommended that sport weanlings be shown in a well-fitted brown leather halter with matching lead.
13. It is recommended that hitch weanlings be shown in well-fitted white patent leather halter with matching lead.
14. Paybacks and ribbons will be presented to ten places.
- 15. No ribbons earned in weanling futurity classes are to be worn in the S.I.P. class.**
16. Exhibitor dress code will be governed by the AHR National Show Rules.
17. Money will be paid to exhibitors in the ring by proportional calculation (i.e. the total S.I.P. pot is divided by the total number of weanlings actually shown. The resulting figure is multiplied by the number of weanlings actually shown in each division, hitch/sport, to determine the total payout for that division.) Payouts in each division are then calculated based on the following percentages: The S.I.P. "Pot of Gold" Class will be a 100% payout class.
18. The judge's decision is final.
19. S.I.P. "Stallion of the Year" awards will be presented to the stallions whose get earn the highest number of accumulated points in the hitch and sport S.I.P. classes.
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