

NEXUS

an incentive to further promote 5-State nominated stallions

No doubt, the past few years have brought a lot of change to the barrel racing industry. The change has allowed a significant expansion in payouts. However, each year it seems it has come at the expense of the stallion owner. While it has given stallion owners more choices than ever before, it has also forced many to make tough decisions. Where do I put my money? I am not sure how to express to our current 5-State stallion owners how much my family appreciates those that have stuck with us at the 5-State.

The 5-State was one of the original Breeders events to ever exist. It is one of the oldest futurity events in our area. We are now in our 28th year. Our concept has to a large extent been duplicated by other events, but to this date there is none other like it in the country. We continue to keep entry fees and stallion fees at an affordable rate. We continue to keep our focus on stallions owned in the 5-State area. We are working hard at keeping the 5-State viable and continuing to campaign for not just the big breeding programs but the many smaller programs that are just as important to our 5-State family. That being said, we have been brainstorming on how to make our program more valuable and have created an incentive to give the 5-State open horses in our area an opportunity to run at bigger payouts without further taxing our 5-State stallion owners' pocketbooks.

In 2024, we are continuing a program with the 5-State titled NEXUS. This program is currently being provided at **NO EXTRA COST TO THE 5-STATE STALLION OWNERS**, however only 5-State eligible horses will be eligible for the NEXUS incentive money. In 2024, the incentive money will be placed at least two events in our 5-State area – including the 5-State Breeders Open in Rapid City, SD and The Blitz in Bowman, ND. If your horse ever has been or currently is eligible for the 5-State, it is eligible for the NEXUS incentive.

In 2023, we paid out \$25k at the 5-State, \$10k at The Blitz, \$10k at The Gridiron, \$5k at The Crossroads, and \$5k at the Heartland. Again, the focus is on OPEN horse sired by 5-State stallions. The incentive money will be divided equally among the four divisions, with 100% of the payout going to the owner or rider of the horse. Unlike other programs, the entire check will be paid back to the riders/owners of the horse at the time of the run. None of the payout will go to breeders or stallion owners. The money will all be kept in the regional 5-State area allowing contestants to have an opportunity to win a significant payout without having to travel so many miles.

To participate in the NEXUS incentive, nominated horses will pay per the schedule listed below:

2024 nomination schedule (one time enrollment fee):

___\$225 for yearlings (born in 2023)

___\$250 for 2 and 3 years of age (born in 2022 and 2021)

___\$350 for any horse over 3 years old (born 2020 or earlier)

Nominations for the 2024 year will only be open from January 1 – March 1st, 2024.

Horses purchased between March 1st 2024 and June 1st, 2024 that are 4 and older (born 2020 or earlier) are eligible to be nominated if there has been a change of ownership. Both the updated registration and a bill of sale must be received with the nomination form showing the change of ownership date.

****Any stallion newly nominated to the 5-State will have a one-year grandfathering clause of \$250 for horses of any age older than a yearling.**

To nominate: the following form, a copy of your registration papers, and payment will need to be included. The 2024 deadline is March 1, 2024.

Horses do not need to be paid into the NEXUS program to be eligible for the 5-State Breeders Futurity or Maturity. The 5-State will remain as is. This program will be in addition to the current event.

To enter the NEXUS events, you will send an entry form to LI Productions, LLC along with \$25 at each event. You do NOT need to include copies of your registration papers unless there has been a change of ownership. You need to provide the address of where you would like your winnings to be paid to along with a W9 (if you do not already have one on file with us).

SAMPLE PAYOUTS

\$20k per event

\$5k in each D

1st \$1100

2nd \$1000

3rd \$900

4th \$750

5th \$650

6th \$550

\$10k per event

\$2500 in each D

1st \$750

2nd \$625

3rd \$500

4th \$375

5th \$250

**Should the 1D not fill at any event, the remaining funds will be transferred to a 5D payout. Should any other D not fill, the remainder of the money will go back to the bank for the payout the following year or at another event the same year.

Keep in mind, this program is for Open 4D Horses attending events in the 5-State area. Also keep in mind, the pots are limited to 5-State nominated horses, therefore your chances of winning a check are fairly high. The money will stay HERE, but it will take all of us to keep the program going!

NEXUS

Nomination Form (one time enrollment fee)

Horse's Registered Name _____

Sire _____ Year Born _____

Nominator _____

Nominator Address _____

Nominator Phone _____ email _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR REGISTRATION PAPERS

Make checks and mail to:

LI Productions, LLC

550 Muleshoe Rd

Belle Fourche SD 57717

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Date received _____ Amount _____

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