

NEXUS

an incentive to further promote 5-State nominated stallion

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 29th 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. NEXUS was created to make our program more valuable and give the 5-State open horses in our area an opportunity to run at bigger payouts.

2026 will mark our 6th anniversary of NEXUS. There will be a guaranteed \$30k 5-State payout and a TBD payout at The Blitz. The remainder of the events to be determined by the number of nominations. If your horse ever has been or currently is eligible for the 5-State, it is eligible for the NEXUS incentive. 2026 will also mark the first year of events with a stallion payback (to those that are currently paid in) and expansion into our mare program.

In 2025, we paid out \$16k at the 5-State, \$7k at The Blitz, \$7k at The Gridiron, \$7k at the Dash and Dance, \$7k at the SD Heartland, and \$2600 at the Spring Fling in Gillette, the First Out in Spearfish, Smashin Cans in Huron, and the Kaylie Haun Memorial in Torrington – a total of \$53,800. Again, the focus is on OPEN barrel horse, but in 2026 we will pay out \$2k at the 5-State breakaway. 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. 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:

2026 nomination schedule (one time enrollment fee):

___\$225 for yearlings (born in 2025)

___\$250 for 2 and 3 years of age (born in 2024 and 2023)

___\$350 for any horse over 3 years old (born 2022 or earlier)

Nominations for the 2026 year will only be open from January 1 – March 1st, 2026..

Horses purchased between March 1st 2026 and November 1st, 2026 that are 4 and older (born 2022 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 or mare 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 2025 deadline is March 1, 2026.

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.

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To enter the NEXUS events, you will send an entry form to LI Productions, LLC along with the NEXUS event entry fee. 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 current W9.

\$30k 5-State payout

\$7500k in each D

1st \$1600

2nd \$1400

3rd \$1200

4th \$1000

5th \$800

6th 600

7th \$400

8th \$300

9th \$200

5-State Stallion/Mare Payout Each D

1st \$100

2nd \$100

3rd \$100

4th \$100

5th 100

**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.