

ATOA Breeders Legacy 2025



Preserving Paint Pedigrees

American Tobiano Overo Association

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Want to Increase Your Paint Horse's Market Value?

Then you'll want to be a part of the **American Tobiano Overo Association's Breeders Legacy Program**. Whether you're a **mare owner, stallion owner, or show and performance competitor**, the ATOA incentive program can increase your horse's value by paying **yearly cash dividends directly to you**.

The **Breeders Legacy Program** was created to provide added incentive for Paint Horse owners to **showcase and promote their horses** in the show pen, or in performance events. This program rewards participation and performance by paying **cash dividends based on points earned by nominated horses** at ATOA-approved events.

Our Breeders Legacy Program offers **simple, flexible, and rewarding features** including:

- Affordable **two-part stallion enrollment** process.
- **Extended deadlines** for newly purchased or leased stallions.
- **Discounted foal nomination fees** when registered and nominated early.
- **Eligibility for both show and performance divisions**.

The Breeders Legacy Program is designed so that **everyone contributing to the success of an exceptional foal is rewarded** — the **stallion subscriber, foal nominator, and horse owner** all share in the earnings.

Join the movement that's **building value, recognition, and opportunity** for Paint Horse owners across the nation.

How the ATOA Breeders Legacy Program Works

• Stallion Enrollment:

Stallion owners must make their initial enrollment payment by **January 31 of the breeding year** to avoid late fees.

Stallions standing their **first season** may enroll without penalty until **March 31** of the breeding year.

The **final enrollment fee** is due by **November 30** and is based on the total number of mares bred.

• Foal Nomination:

Foals resulting from that stallion's breeding's may be **nominated for life** with a **one-time fee** ranging from **\$100 to \$1,000**, depending on the age of the horse at nomination.

Discounted nomination rates apply to **weanlings registered and nominated early** through the ATOA online system.

- **Eligibility:**

Foals must be **registered with the American Tobiano Overo Association** to be eligible.

Horses that have earned points in other association programs prior to nomination may not qualify for enrollment.

- **Annual Dividends:**

Breeders Legacy funds are **divided and paid out annually**, beginning when a subscribed stallion's foals reach their **yearling year**.

Payouts are based on the **total number of point-earning horses** nominated and the **points earned** by those horses at **ATOA-approved events** during that year.

- **Dividend Distribution:**

- **20%** – Stallion Subscriber
 - **10%** – Foal Nominator
 - **70%** – Recorded Owner of the Horse
- **Stallion Listing:**

A current list of **enrolled stallions** and their advertised **breeding fees** will be available on the **ATOA official website: www.americanobianooveroassociation.com**.

Information for Stallion Subscribers

All stallions must be **subscribed annually** to participate in the **ATOA Breeders Legacy Program**. The stallion subscription makes the stallion’s foals produced during that breeding year **eligible for nomination** to the Legacy Program.

Stallion Subscription Fees

Subscription fees are paid in **two installments**, with the total not to exceed the stallion’s **highest advertised breeding fee** for that breeding year.

First Installment — Initial Enrollment Fee

- **ATOA-Registered Paint Stallions** **\$150**
- **Due by January 31** of the breeding year.

Second Installment — Based on Stallion Breeding Report (SBR)

- **ATOA-Registered Paint Stallions** **\$100 per mare bred**
- **Due by November 30** of the breeding year.

Fee Caps and Private Treaty Stallions

- Payment **caps at the stallion’s highest advertised stud fee** for that breeding season, unless late fees apply.
- Stallions standing at **Private Treaty** will cap at their **highest fee charged** during the season.
- Stallions **not offered to the public** will cap at their **estimated breeding value** as determined by the owner.

Program Reminder

Timely subscription ensures your stallion's foals are **eligible for nomination, exhibition, and annual dividend earnings** within the ATOA Breeders Legacy Program. Late payments may result in additional fees or loss of eligibility for that breeding year.

Examples & Special Rules for Stallion Subscribers

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- **Example 1:**

ATOA Stallion 1 has a stud fee of **\$1,500**.

The owner pays the **\$150 initial enrollment fee** on **January 31**.

The stallion breeds **20 mares**, and the second installment totals **\$1,350** — bringing the total paid to the capped fee of **\$1,500**.

- **Example 2:**

ATOA Stallion 2 has a stud fee of **\$750**.

The owner pays the **\$150 initial enrollment fee** on **January 31**.

The stallion breeds **three mares**, and the second installment totals **\$300**.

Unsubscribed Stallions or Defaulted Payments

If a stallion owner **does not subscribe** their stallion or **defaults** on the second installment, a **mare owner or resulting foal owner** may request a **waiver (signed by the stallion owner)** allowing them to subscribe the stallion by paying the applicable or remaining fees **without penalty through May 15** of the foaling year.

Once these fees are paid, the individual who made the payment will be recognized as the **official stallion subscriber** for that breeding year and will receive the **subscriber's portion of the Breeders Legacy dividend** for all foals nominated from that year.

Eligibility

All stallions recognized by the **American Tobiano Overo Association** are eligible to participate.

Third-Party Subscriptions

With the stallion owner’s written consent, **any person may subscribe a stallion** to the Breeders Legacy Program.

The **subscriber**, not the stallion owner, will receive the **earnings for that breeding year**.

A **notarized waiver** signed by the stallion’s recorded owner must accompany such subscriptions.

Deadlines

- To qualify at the **regular enrollment rate**, both the **subscription form** and **initial enrollment fee** must be **postmarked by January 31** of the breeding year. *(Postal meter dates are not accepted.)*
- **First-year stallions** have until **March 31** of their first breeding season to be enrolled without penalty. *(Prerequisite: No prior stallion breeding report may exist with ATOA, AQHA, or The Jockey Club.)*

Newly Purchased Stallions

If a stallion is **purchased between February 1 and June 30** of the breeding year, it may be **enrolled without late fees** provided the subscription is postmarked **within 30 days of the purchase date** as shown on the transfer report.

Exclusions: Transfers between joint and single ownership, between members of the same household, or to/from entities partially or wholly owned by the previous owner **do not qualify** for this extension.

Stallion Subscription Late Fee Schedule

First Installment — Initial Enrollment Late Fees

February 1 – March 31 (of breeding year):

- ATOA-Registered Paint Stallions \$225

April 1 – December 31 (of breeding year):

- ATOA-Registered Paint Stallions \$300

After Breeding Year:

- ATOA-Registered Paint Stallions \$375

Second Installment Late Fee — Based on Stallion Breeding Report (SBR)

December 1 of the breeding year and later:

- ATOA-Registered Paint Stallions \$200 per mare listed on SBR

Refunds & Transfer Policy

Once a stallion is subscribed, **no portion of the subscription fee is refundable**, except in the event of the **stallion's death** or if the stallion is **gelded prior to breeding any mare** for that subscribed season.

At no time is a **stallion subscription transferable** to another stallion, owner, or breeding season.

Breeders Legacy Re-Enrollment Plan

To remain eligible to receive the **Recorded Owner's Share (70%)** of **ATOA Breeders Legacy Program** payouts earned by their horse, new owners must pay a **\$100 Re-Enrollment Fee** when the horse's ownership is **transferred** into their name with the **American Tobiano Overo Association** (in addition to regular transfer and membership fees).

Re-Enrollment Guidelines

- The **\$100 Re-Enrollment Fee** applies to **all new owners** of nominated horses.
- If a new owner **does not re-enroll** at the time of transfer, a **late Re-Enrollment Fee of \$150** will apply.
- A **90-day grace period** is granted from the **date the transfer is completed** by ATOA before the late fee takes effect.

- Points earned by a horse **before the re-enrollment is paid** will **not** count toward owner payouts. Points begin to accrue **once the re-enrollment fee is received and processed** by ATOA.
- If an owner **chooses not to re-enroll**, the stallion subscriber and foal nominator will still receive their respective dividend shares (20% and 10%).
- The **owner's share (70%)** of earnings will remain in the Breeders Legacy Fund and be held until a qualifying owner re-enrolls according to current program rules.
- Any **future buyer** may re-enroll the horse at the time of transfer for **\$100** to regain eligibility.

All re-enrollment fees are added directly to the **ATOA Breeders Legacy Fund**, to be distributed annually as follows:

- **70%** – Recorded Owner of the Horse (as of December 31 of the show year)
- **20%** – Stallion Subscriber
- **10%** – Foal Nominator

Note: The owner of record as of **December 31** receives the annual owner's payout, even if the horse is leased during the show year.

Re-Enrollment Scenarios

Scenario #1 – Horse Sells and New Owner Re-Enrolls

Joe purchases a nominated horse but does **not re-enroll**. The horse earns **5 points** on March 1.

Joe sells the horse to Mary on May 1, and she **pays the \$100 re-enrollment fee** at transfer.

The re-enrollment posts on **May 15**, and the horse earns **10 additional points** after that date.

→ Mary receives payment for the **10 points** earned **after** re-enrollment.

Scenario #2 – Horse Sells and New Owner Does Not Re-Enroll

Linda owned a nominated horse before the re-enrollment rule took effect.

She earned **20 points** before selling the horse to Jack on May 1.

Jack does **not** re-enroll and earns **10 more points** during the year.

→ Neither Linda nor Jack receive payouts for those points since Jack failed to re-enroll.

Scenario #3 – Multiple Transfers During a Show Year

Juan purchases a nominated horse on February 1 and **pays the re-enrollment fee**, earning **5 points** in March.

He sells the horse to Bill in May, who does **not** re-enroll but earns **10 points** in June.

The horse is later sold to Tom in August, who **re-enrolls** and earns **20 points** in October and November.

→ Tom will receive payout for the **5 points earned by Juan** (previous re-enrolled owner) and the **20 points earned by Tom**, totaling **25 points**.

Scenario #4 – Leased Horse (Show Lease)

Mark leases his horse to Megan from January 1 through December 31.

The horse earns **5 points** during the lease period.

→ Mark, as the **recorded owner of record on December 31**, receives the payout for those **5 points**.

Information for Mare Owners

By breeding your mare to a **Breeders Legacy–enrolled stallion**, you’re giving your future foal a valuable **marketable edge**.

A foal that is eligible to earn **Breeders Legacy cash rewards** is more appealing to prospective buyers—especially those interested in showing or competing in **ATOA-approved events**. The opportunity for future earnings adds **financial value and prestige** to every foal’s registration.

Why It Pays to Breed to an Enrolled Stallion

- Foals sired by enrolled stallions are **eligible for nomination** into the Breeders Legacy Program at the time of registration.
- Even if you choose to **sell the foal**, you remain listed as the **official Foal Nominator** and receive **10% of all Breeders Legacy earnings** that horse generates throughout its lifetime.
- Buyers recognize that a foal eligible for Legacy dividends is a **smarter investment**, offering both competitive opportunity and return potential.
- Breeding to enrolled stallions enhances your mare’s **production record** and strengthens her reputation as a quality producer.

Increase Your Foal’s Value Even More [\(Coming Soon\)](#)

To further enhance your foal’s earning potential, nominate your mare to the **ATOA Breeders Futurity Program**—giving your Breeders Legacy foal eligibility for **exclusive Futurity classes and added cash awards**.

Full details about Futurity nomination deadlines, classes, and eligibility can be found in the **ATOA Breeders Futurity Brochure** or on our website at [\(Coming Soon\)](#)

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Information for Foal Nominators

Foals resulting from an **enrolled stallion’s breeding** are eligible to be **nominated for life** into the **ATOA Breeders Legacy Program** through payment of a **one-time nomination fee**.

Once nominated, the foal remains eligible to **earn annual cash dividends** based on **points earned** in approved ATOA-sanctioned events.

Who Can Nominate a Foal

- The **breeder, mare owner, or current foal owner** may nominate the horse.
- The individual who submits the nomination and fee is designated as the **Foal Nominator** and is entitled to receive the **nominator's share (10%)** of all future Breeders Legacy payouts earned by that horse.
- Foals must be **registered with the American Tobiano Overo Association** to qualify for nomination.

Foal Nomination Fees

Age at Nomination	Nomination Fee
Weanling (through December 31 of foaling year)	\$100
Yearling	\$200
2-Year-Old	\$400
3-Year-Old	\$700
4-Year-Old & Older	\$1,000

Eligibility Requirements

- The foal's **sire must be subscribed** to the Breeders Legacy Program for the breeding year in which the foal was conceived.
- Nominations are **non-transferable** but remain valid for the lifetime of the horse.
- Horses that have previously earned points in other breed association programs prior to nomination **may not qualify** for enrollment.
- All nomination applications must include the horse's **ATOA registration number, a copy of the registration certificate, and payment in full.**

Dividend Distribution

Once nominated, each foal becomes eligible to earn yearly cash awards based on performance points earned at ATOA-approved events. Dividends are distributed annually as follows:

- **20%** – Stallion Subscriber
- **10%** – Foal Nominator
- **70%** – Recorded Owner of the Horse

Refund Policy

Foal nomination fees are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable** under any circumstance, including sale, injury, or death of the horse.

How Earnings Are Calculated – ATOA Breeders Legacy Program

The **Breeders Legacy Program** was created to reward Paint Horse owners, stallion subscribers, and foal nominators for their success in the show arena and performance pen. Cash dividends are paid annually based on points earned at **ATOA-approved events**.

How Money Is Earned

Each point earned by a **Breeders Legacy–nominated horse** in eligible **Open** and **Amateur** divisions is worth a specific cash value.

Points earned at **World Shows, Youth, Novice, Green, or Alternative Competition** events do **not** count toward Legacy payouts.

- Each year, the total **Legacy Fund** (made up of stallion subscriptions and foal nominations) is divided by the **total number of eligible points earned** to determine the **value per point**.
- Payments are made only on whole points. (Example: A horse earning 10.5 points will be paid on 10 points.)
- The program begins with a foal's **yearling show year** and continues **for the lifetime** of the horse.
- Points earned as weanlings are **not eligible** for Legacy payout.

All earnings are based on **official ATOA records**, which are finalized and posted by **January 31** following the close of the show year.

How Annual Payout Amounts Are Determined

ATOA's Breeders Legacy Fund is a **rolling investment** built to reward both consistency and long-term success.

Each year's payout is determined by:

- Stallion subscription fees received **three years earlier** (when the current show-year horses were conceived).
- A portion of foal nomination fees received over the previous **five years**.
- Accumulated interest from the fund's balance.

These funds are distributed over a **five-year payout cycle**, following the average show career length of a Paint Horse.

This ensures that each foal crop receives Legacy rewards proportionate to its age group and performance results.

How Funds Are Distributed

For every eligible **Open or Amateur point** earned at an ATOA-approved event :

- **20%** is awarded to the **Stallion Subscriber** (for the breeding year the foal was conceived).
- **10%** goes to the **Foal Nominator** (for life of the horse).
- **70%** is awarded to the **Recorded Owner** of the horse as of **December 31** of the year in which points were earned.

If show results are received after final record posting (by January 31 of the following year), they will not be counted toward payouts for that year.

Program Oversight & Forfeitures

- Funds due to individuals under suspension or with delinquent accounts will be **withheld** until reinstatement or settlement.
- If a suspension continues beyond **two years**, unclaimed funds will be donated to the **ATOA Youth Scholarship Fund**.
- Points earned at ATOA World or Championship Shows do not count toward Breeders Legacy cash payouts.

? Breeders Legacy Program FAQs

1. How do I enroll my stallion in the Breeders Legacy Program?

- Stallion owners must submit a **completed Stallion Subscription Form** and pay the **initial enrollment fee** by **January 31** of the breeding year to avoid late fees.
- First-year stallions may enroll without penalty until **March 31**.
- Stallions purchased mid-year may be enrolled within **30 days of purchase** if the transfer meets eligibility requirements.
- Subscription fees are paid in **two installments**, with the total capped at the stallion's advertised breeding fee.

2. How do I nominate my foal?

- Any foal sired by a **subscribed stallion** is eligible for nomination.
- The **breeder, mare owner, or current owner** may nominate the foal.

- Nomination is a **one-time fee** and ensures the horse is eligible to earn **Breeders Legacy payouts** for life.
- Fees vary by age at nomination .

3. When are payments made?

- Dividends are paid **annually** based on **points earned** in ATOA-approved events during the calendar year.
- Payments are calculated using **official ATOA show/race records**, finalized by **January 31** following the show year.
- Funds are distributed as follows:
 - **20%** – Stallion Subscriber
 - **10%** – Foal Nominator
 - **70%** – Recorded Owner as of **December 31**

4. What happens if a horse is sold or leased?

- New owners must pay the **\$100 re-enrollment fee** at transfer to remain eligible for owner payouts.
- If a horse is sold and the new owner does **not re-enroll**, the previous owner and the new owner may **forfeit payouts**, while the stallion subscriber and foal nominator still receive their portions.
- For leased horses, the **recorded owner as of December 31** receives the owner's share of payouts.

5. How are points calculated?

- Only points earned in **eligible Open and Amateur divisions** at ATOA-approved shows or races count.
- Points earned in **Youth, Novice, Green, Walk-Trot, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Competitive Trail Horse, or Alternative Competitions** do **not** count.
- Only **whole points** are paid; half points are not eligible.

6. Are there deadlines for enrollment or re-enrollment?

- Stallion subscriptions must be postmarked by **January 31** for regular enrollment; first-year stallions have until **March 31**.
- Re-enrollment for new owners must be paid **at transfer** or within a **90-day grace period** to maintain eligibility for owner payouts.
- Foal nominations should ideally be submitted **at the time of registration** to maximize convenience and eligibility.

7. Can anyone nominate a stallion or foal?

- With the **stallion owner's written consent**, any individual may subscribe a stallion to the program.
- The subscriber—not the stallion owner—receives the **subscriber's share** of payouts for that breeding year.
- Foals can be nominated by **breeders, mare owners, or foal buyers**, and the nominator receives **10% of all earnings for life**.

8. What if my horse has earned points in other associations?

- Horses that have already earned points in other breed association programs prior to nomination may **not be eligible**.
- The Breeders Legacy Program is specifically designed for **ATOA-registered Paint Horses**.

