



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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## Indiana's Thoroughbred Industry – Now is the Time to Invest

With the 2016 breeding season underway and the race meet quickly approaching, now is the time to get involved in Indiana's Thoroughbred horse racing industry, specifically Indiana's Thoroughbred Breed Development Program. **During 2015, over \$15.6 million was distributed to owners, breeders and stallion owners participating in the program.** Due to legislative action taken last year, the program will offer even more for 2016.

Legislative changes, enacted in 2016, will result in an **additional \$1.4 million available** to the Thoroughbred Breed Development program annually. When combined with continuing support from Indiana Grand, we were able to make the following improvements to the program for 2016:

- Increased purses for twenty stake races, from \$85,000 to **\$100,000** each.
- The ability to offer a **15% increase** in the number of overnight races restricted to Indiana bred horses, (**approximately 48 more than 2015**), resulting in a total of 322 restricted races offered.

And, don't forget about the additional benefits of breeding, owning and racing an Indiana bred/sired horse, which include:

- **Four Signature Stakes races contested at \$150,000\***  
\* Includes an additional 25% supplement for Indiana Sired horses finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Breeder's Awards where payments are calculated at 20% of the total purse** for eligible races.
- **Out of State Breeder's Awards payments that are 10% of the winner's share of the purse** for eligible races.
- **An additional 40% in purse money** for Indiana bred horses that finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in eligible open races at Indiana Grand.
- **Stallion Owner Awards – 10% of the total purse** for eligible races.

It's not too late to enjoy the benefits this program has to offer. Indiana continues to improve its lucrative Thoroughbred Breed Development Program and if you are not already breeding, buying or racing in Indiana, now is the time to become involved. Make plans to breed, buy or race in Indiana today.

We will be happy to assist you in getting involved with the Indiana program. Please contact, Jessica Barnes, Director of Racing and Breed Development at (317) 233-3119 or [jbarnes@hrc.in.gov](mailto:jbarnes@hrc.in.gov). Additionally, information about the 2016 Thoroughbred Breed Development Program may be found on our website at [www.in.gov/hrc/tb](http://www.in.gov/hrc/tb).