

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey on approval of the New Jersey Racing Commission has amended its rules to change eligibility and registration requirements for resident and non-resident mares.

The rule requires that, to be considered a resident mare, the mare must reside in New Jersey continuously from November 1 of the year prior to the foaling. The old rule required resident mares reside in New Jersey from September 1 of the year prior to foaling. The TBA feels that this rule change would eliminate problems associated with mares located outside of New Jersey who could not be shipped back to New Jersey by the old deadline of September 1 due to illness or safety concerns associated with the transportation of pregnant mares during hot summer months.

The rule amendment also changes the date that a mare purchased at public auction is considered a New Jersey resident by increasing the current August 17 date of the year prior to foaling to October 17.

13:70-6.53 Eligibility; registration required

(b) To qualify for such registration, the said horse must have been foaled in the State of New Jersey by either a resident New Jersey mare or a non-resident New Jersey mare or conceived by a resident "New Jersey Stallion."

1. A resident New Jersey mare is a mare that resides in New Jersey continuously from **November 1** of the year prior to the foaling through the date of foaling. A mare purchased at public auction subsequent to **October 17<sup>th</sup>** of the year prior to foaling, is considered a resident New Jersey mare provided that she commences residence in New Jersey within two weeks of her purchase and continuously resides in New Jersey through the date of foaling. For the purpose of this paragraph, public auction is defined as an auction generally regarded as a public auction in the thoroughbred horse industry and recognized as same by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey.
2. A non-resident New Jersey mare is a mare that has not returned to New Jersey by **November 1** of the year prior to foaling. The resulting foal can still be registered as a New Jersey-bred provided the mare is bred to a registered New Jersey stallion the season of the birth of said foal and remain in New Jersey for a continuous period of 90 days after foaling.

The TBA has also petitioned the New Jersey Racing Commission to eliminate the definition of a "non-accredited" New Jersey-bred foal. The TBA has asked to eliminate the non-accredited program after the foal crop of 2010.

The TBA feels that the non-accredited program has not had the intended impact it had hoped for when the rule was initiated in 2004. The TBA has discussed the non-accredited program with the NJSEA and the NJTHA and all groups are in agreement that the program should be eliminated. All non-accredited foals born between 2005 and 2010 will still be considered

registered New Jersey-bred foals and will remain eligible for all races and incentives under the original program.

You will receive additional notice regarding the elimination of the “non-accredited” program upon a ruling from the New Jersey Racing Commission.