

# 2024 Vessels Maturity

*An open 2024 Maturity for  
4-Year-Olds and Up*

*To be run in June/July of the 2024 meet*

***Winner receives a presumptive invitation to  
the \$750,000 Champion of Champions***

**\$100,000 Added  
\$150,000 Guaranteed**

For foals of 2020 and Older  
Grade 1 • 400 Yards

***2023 Purse - \$150,000***



**NOMINATIONS CLOSE  
December 15, 2023**

*Original Nomination Payment - \$300*

**Race finals limited to 10 fastest qualifiers.**

**No Consolation.**

*No administrative fees!*

2024 Vessels Maturity Payment Schedule	
\$300	December 15, 2023
\$400	February 15, 2024
\$500	April 15, 2024
\$1,000	Trial Entry Fee
Late Payments	
	April 15, 2024
	\$3,000 Plus all fees (\$4,200)

2024 Vessels Maturity Purse Distribution			
1st	42%	6th	5%
2nd	17%	7th	4%
3rd	12%	8th	3%
4th	7%	9th	2%
5th	6%	10th	2%

**2024 Vessels Maturity • Nomination Deadline - December 15, 2023 • For foals of 2020 and Older**

Name of Horse                      Sex      Sire                      Dam                      Breeder                      Date of Birth

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Owner                      Date                      Check for \$                      enclosed herewith, \$300 per entry

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Must be signed by AQHA Owner or Agent

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City                      State                      Zip

Phone                      e-mail

Make check payable to:  
**2024 Vessels Maturity**  
Mail before midnight, December 15, 2023  
LAQHRA  
4961 Katella Ave.  
Cypress, CA 90720  
(714) 820-2801

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

The undersigned represents that he/she and all persons for whom he/she is acting have read and are familiar with the Rules of Racing and regulations of the California Horse Racing Board and the race meeting conditions and agree to be bound by and comply with the same and with the acts and decisions of the California Horse Racing Board and horse racing officials, and that all animals shall be subject to the same and to the acts and decisions of the race officials and are bound by the following terms and conditions: All stable reservations and entries in stakes and all other races are received and accepted subject to all conditions, rules and regulations of the California Horse Racing Board and the Racing Association.

## ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION AND PAYMENTS

Nominations and eligibility are open to foals of 2020 and older which are registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. Horses registered in partnership or to any business entity shall be nominated by the authorized partner, principal officer, owner of the business entity or authorized agent. By subscription of \$300.00 each which shall accompany the nomination not later than December 15, 2023 and to remain eligible by payment in accordance with schedule of payments as set forth elsewhere in this nomination blank. Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association reserves the right to cancel or postpone any race for any reason which it deems good and sufficient. The Association also reserves the right to, at its discretion, to transfer any maturity to any race track situated in California.

Nominations or subscriptions to these races may be refused or cancelled without liability, by Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association or the track at which said race is to be run at any time prior to the actual running thereof, except for the return of any nomination and entry fees paid.

Nominations to the Vessels Maturity does not guarantee a stall for the nominated horse. Stalls are allotted by the racing association at whose track these races are to be run. Should stall space be refused, Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association is obligated only for the return of any nomination fees which have been paid, provided the horse meets all of the requirements to be eligible for the race.

It is the sole responsibility of the current owner to each eligible entry to make timely payments to maintain eligibility. Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association accepts no responsibility for providing any notice of deadlines or eligibility to any nominator or owner. Any notice provided by Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association is only for the convenience of the nominator or owner. Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association may elect to provide payment reminder notices, eligibility lists, or any other notice, but Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association is under no obligation to do so. Failure to mail or receive any notice shall in no way absolve the current owner from ultimate responsibility to insure timely payment.

Nominations, sustaining fees, and late or supplemental payments will be accepted after the payment deadlines only through the United States mail post-marked no later than midnight of the payment deadline. For all nominating, sustaining and late or supplemental payments, except the trial entry fee, there will be an automatic (no penalty) grace period of 48 hours in establishing acceptable postmarks. Walk-ins are also permitted within the 48 hour grace period. In case of dispute, the only satisfactory evidence of payment shall be a certified mail receipt or a registered mail receipt bearing a postmark on or before the due date. For all nominating, sustaining and late or supplemental payments, except the trial entry fee, during a period including the thirtieth (30) day following each deadline any owner may establish/re-establish his entry/s eligibility by submitting a per entry payment of twice the regular fee due on the prescribed deadline. This thirty(30) day period shall be reduced in cases where the trials for a race are being run prior to the expiration of this thirty(30) day period. In such cases, a per entry payment of twice the regular fee must be submitted no less than four(4) days prior to the running of the trials. Issuance on an 'NSF Check' or stopping payment on a check tendered to cover any fee shall be absolutely prohibited. Starters in the trials will be limited to those horses which have started at a recognized American Quarter Horse Association race meet. These horses must meet the qualification standards as set up by the racing association at whose track this race is to be run and shall be stabled on the grounds no later than the deadline for the other horses participating at this meeting. There will be no refunds of nomination or sustaining fees for horse which fail to meet any of the above listed requirements.

**PLEASE NOTE: In addition to any other race condition(s) that may apply individually to this race, the eligibility of horses nominating to, entering into, and/or competing in this races is expressly restricted, conditioned, and/or limited to horses that have not been administered and/or which do not test positive for the presence of Clenbuterol, Albuterol, Zilpaterol, and Ractopamine, in either pre- or post-race test samples, whether conducted under testing authorized by the CHRB, or pursuant to a contract between LARC and the PCQHRA.**

## CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

In case of change of ownership, either the currently listed owner or the new owner of any eligible entry shall immediately notify Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association of the change of ownership. Every new owner shall execute and file with Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association the appropriate nomination form. The filing of subsequent nomination forms for the same entry shall in no way impair the original nominator's claim if any, to nominators awards. No entry shall be eligible to start in the trials or finals of any sponsored race unless an entry form, executed by the current owner, is on file with Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association.

## ELIMINATION TRIALS

Each trial shall not exceed ten (10) horses. The trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the futurity. Ten (10) horses shall be selected from the trials to participate in the futurity; there will be no also eligible list. All horses shall be selected on a time trial basis; however should variable exist which would prevent this from being feasible, the stewards may then select the finalists in their order of finish in the trials. If for any reason a tie exists, the horses involved shall draw lots to determine which shall participate in the finals. In case of disqualification, the horse disqualified shall be given the time plus one thousandth of a second of the horse which he is placed behind. **LARC and the PCQHRA have adopted hair sample testing processes and procedures in order to ensure that this race and certain other specified races are conducted under conditions that further protect and enhance the integrity and fairness of each contest. Accordingly, all qualifiers (top ten) will be hair and blood tested within 72 hours after the trials by LARC supervising track veterinarians, utilizing the UC Davis Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory. All qualifying horses having a "positive" test for the presence of Clenbuterol, Albuterol, Zilpaterol, and Ractopamine, or their metabolites or analogues, in either pre- or post-race test samples, whether conducted under testing authorized by the CHRB or pursuant to a contract between Los Alamitos and the PCQHRA, will be deemed ineligible, given a "non-time," and will not be permitted to start or run in the finals. Five or more additional horses (i.e. 11th - 15th fastest qualifiers) may also be tested with hair and blood samples. The decision of the Testing Committee and/or stewards in all such matters shall be final, and entries are accepted on the condition that those persons nomination and/or starting a horse in the trials or futurity agree to abide by the decision s of either or both.**

## PURSES

Trial purses will not be deducted from the added money or nomination or sustaining fees. Trial purses shall be distributed in the same manner as the regular races carded by the track.

## MATURITY

The purse for the Vessels Maturity shall be \$100,000 added, \$150,000 guaranteed, \$175,000 estimated plus one hundred percent (100%) of all nomination, sustaining fees plus all entry fees for maturity trials. Purses will be distributed as follows: 42% to winner, 17% to second horse, 12% to third horse, 7% to fourth horse, 6% to fifth horse, 5% to sixth horse, 4% to seventh horse, 3% to eighth horse, 2% to ninth horse, 2% to tenth horse.

If a horse that qualified for the final should be unable to enter due to racing soundness, or scratched for any reason other than a positive drug test or Rule violation, the horse shall be deemed to have earned and the owner will receive last place purse money. If more than one horse is scratched from the final, then those purse monies shall be added together and divided equally among those owners. If a qualifier(s) for a final is disqualified for ineligibility or a rule violation after the time trials are declared official but prior to entry for the final, the non-qualifier(s) with the next fastest time shall replace the disqualified horse(s). If a qualifier(s) for a final is disqualified after entry for the final for any reason other than racing unsoundness, illness, or death the purse shall be redistributed equally among the remaining qualifiers.

NO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

## LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

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