

## WCHA and The Coronavirus Pandemic

I would like everyone to know that your Executive Committee and I are monitoring the COVID-19 Pandemic situation that is changing daily and how these changes might affect our events, but more importantly what impact this virus will put on you our members. We anticipate some of you may have financial setbacks due to shutdown of businesses you might own or work at and other financial worries for your family if this “shutdown” continues very long.

Because our nomination fees for Weanlings, Yearlings and Two- Year- Olds are only \$100 per horse ***and the majority of you have already sent in*** we will keep that payment schedule in place for the most part EXCEPT, ***we will extend the date to nominate weanlings from 60 days of birth to May 30<sup>th</sup>.*** ***So, regardless of foaling date you have until May 30<sup>th</sup> to submit and pay first option to “nominate” your babies at \$100 rate, after May 30<sup>th</sup> your nomination fee will only increase by \$50. Your first option to nominate your Yearlings and Two- Year- Olds we will extend to April 15<sup>th</sup> at \$100, after April 15<sup>th</sup> it will only increase by \$50.***

The unknown is how long this pandemic will last, we all hope it will subside with warmer weather and restricted interaction of our citizens. Let’s all pray that is the case..... however, WCHA will monitor closely and ***possibly extend the first payment option into our Breeders Championship and Big Money Futurities to lessen the burden of our participants.*** If futurity payment amounts ***need to be adjusted,*** we will take that into consideration based on what is best for maximum participation in September.

For now, the Yellow Rose Futurities are still scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pinto World Championship, we will also monitor if futurity entry fees for this event will need to be adjusted as well. We have over 20 stallions nominated into this futurity already, stallion nomination fee is only \$200.

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Yours Truly,

Don Falcon – WCHA Executive Director

