

RACEHORSE REIMAGINED 2026

SHOWCASE & ADOPTION AUCTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

November 14, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Wishbone Ranch, Hastings, Minnesota

This Old Horse, Inc. offers horses through a conditional adoption process designed to match each horse with a safe, appropriate, lasting home. By bidding, participants acknowledge the following terms, subject to the final written adoption agreement and any published auction-specific rules.

1. Bidder applications and preapproval

Prospective adopters may request preapproval before the event by emailing ajohnson@thisoldhorse.org or may apply at the auction. Advance approval is encouraged but not required to place a bid. All applicants are subject to This Old Horse's screening and approval process. Approval of an applicant does not necessarily mean approval for every horse.

2. Conditional bids and final approval

Every bid, including the highest bid, is conditional. The highest bidder is not automatically entitled to adopt the horse. A bid may proceed to acceptance only after This Old Horse approves the prospective adopter for that particular horse and applicable adoption requirements are met. This Old Horse may reject a proposed placement, regardless of bid amount, if it determines the match is not in the horse's best interests.

3. Adoption agreement and restrictions

An approved adopter must sign This Old Horse's current adoption agreement before transfer. That agreement governs the adoption, including any applicable restrictions on racing, commercial use, resale, transfer, required follow-up, and return of the horse. If there is any inconsistency between this summary and the signed adoption agreement, the signed agreement controls.

4. Horse descriptions and evaluations

Information about age, background, health, temperament, training, and potential future use is provided in good faith from available records and observations. Horses' condition, behavior, and suitability can change. No future performance or suitability for a particular rider or purpose is guaranteed. Bidders should review available records, ask questions, and consider an independent veterinary examination before completing an adoption.

5. Payment, paperwork, and release

A horse will not be released until final placement approval, required signatures, and all applicable financial obligations are completed. Payment instructions, deadlines, and any auction-platform procedures will be communicated to the approved adopter. Transportation arrangements and costs are the adopter's responsibility unless otherwise agreed in writing.

6. Withdrawal or cancellation

This Old Horse may withdraw a horse from the auction or discontinue a proposed placement before transfer when needed for the horse's health, safety, welfare, or suitability of the match. Any treatment of a payment already made in that circumstance will be determined by the published auction payment terms and applicable law.

7. Bidder acknowledgment

By placing a bid, the bidder acknowledges that this is a conditional adoption auction, not an unconditional sale; that an application may be submitted before or during the auction; and that final placement requires approval by This Old Horse and completion of the adoption agreement.

The highest bid is not necessarily the winning placement. The right home is always our priority.

Questions or preapproval: ajohnson@thisoldhorse.org