

USEF RULES FOR SHOWING IN HAND

All American Saddlebred Registry (ASR) affiliated Futurities should include the following statement on the nomination form:

All USEF rules governing the In Hand division as stated in Subchapter SB-13 of the current USEF Rule Book shall apply.

PROTESTS, CHARGES AND HEARINGS

Protests, charges and hearings at USEF affiliated competitions shall follow procedures as stated in Chapter 6 of the USEF Rule Book. If a show is not USEF affiliated, the nomination form should clearly state how protests, charges and hearings will be handled.

NOMINATION FORM

The nomination form or entry blank should be complete in every respect. The following should be included:

- A. Specific dates on which payments are due for stallion and mare nomination fees, weanling, yearling and two-year-old payments. If a three-year-old division is offered, the payment due date should also be included.
- B. Specific classes, how entries are to be shown and the appointments allowed. (If this is not done, USEF rules take precedence).
NOTE: *Classes should be restricted to age, i.e., weanlings only, yearlings only; a division may not be listed as three-year-olds and under. Weanlings should not compete against yearlings and yearlings should not compete against two-year-olds in a championship.*
- C. An explanation of the distribution of the prize money.
- D. A place for the entrant's social security or tax ID number.

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION

- A. The value of the prize fund each year is the total amount of money paid in fees, added donations, interest earned and miscellaneous fees, less administrative costs.
- B. If awards are made to the nominators of sires and dams of the first and second place winning horses in any age group, this amount is deducted from the total prize fund; the remaining money is divided equally among the divisions showing.
- C. Percentage of the total money should be specified for each place. To be determined by each futurity.
- D. Prize money should be dispersed as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days following the competition with weanlings still conditionally registered being the only exception. If the prize money is awarded in the ring, care should be taken in determining how this is to be done, to avoid loss of checks or errors due to incorrect results.

REPORTING TO ASR

- A. A copy of the nomination form should be submitted to ASR each year for review and to be kept on file.
- B. Results of the competition should be submitted to ASR within thirty (30) days following the competition.

- C. A form will be provided by ASR to identify the names and addresses of two officers of the Futurity and the person responsible for administration of the Futurity.
- D. ASR should be notified of any changes in the administration of the Futurity.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO ORGANIZERS

The following recommendations to Futurities are not requirements to maintain affiliation; however, they are recommendations that have been reviewed and approved at State Futurities Committee meetings.

- A. Amateur and Open Futurities should be maintained as separate Futurities.
- B. Divisions of Age Groups (when offered):

Weanlings	Colts and Fillies
Yearlings	Colts and Fillies
Two-Year-Olds	In Hand, Fine Harness, Walk/Trot, Three-Gaited
Three-Year-Olds	Three-Gaited, Five-Gaited, Fine Harness, Show Pleasure, Park Pleasure, Under Saddle
- C. Weanlings and yearlings should not be required to show back in a championship to be awarded prize money from the age group class. If this is a requirement, it should be clearly stated on the nomination form.
- D. In two-year-old and three-year-old divisions, entrants may compete in one in hand class and one performance class, if both are offered.
- E. It is strongly recommended that all Futurities be held at USEF affiliated competitions. Through USEF affiliation, the Futurity is assured of the enforcement of USEF rules, drug testing and a procedure by which protests can be heard.
- F. All facets of the Futurity competition must be coordinated with other horse show activities.



**Questions about ASR Affiliated Futurities?
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AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY

Guidelines for American Saddlebred Registry Affiliated Futurities



PURPOSE

Futurities are held to encourage the breeding and showing of American Saddlebred horses. Showing a foal in a Futurity enhances its value and increases its earning potential; the value of the sire and dam may also be enhanced through the success of their progeny shown in Futurities. Amateurs and juveniles, as well as professionals, have the opportunity to show young horses in Futurities. The experience should be entertaining, to both audience and participants, and should present the American Saddlebred at its best, providing an opportunity for fun, competition and good sportsmanship.

HOW A FUTURITY WORKS

A futurity is a prize program for young horses, which awards purses made up of entry fees paid over a period of time by participants. Typical payment schedules are as follows:

FOALING YEAR

Stallion and Mare Nomination

The owner of the stallion pays a fee to the Futurity for the current year, so that any of his get, born in the year of nomination, will be eligible to enter the Futurity, unless the Futurity nominations are limited or closed, as in breeders stakes or limited jackpot classes. The owner of the mare that is in foal to a nominated sire also pays a nomination fee. Only those foals whose registered sires and dams have been nominated in the foaling year will be eligible to enter the Futurity.

Weanling Payment(s)

A fee must be paid for the weanling also. During the weanling year, the owner has the choice of showing in hand in a weanling class, or paying the fee to maintain eligibility and waiting until the foal is older to show. If the weanling is shown, it must be registered before showing, i.e., the weanling must have a name and registration number; if not shown, the foal must be registered by December 31 of the foaling year to maintain eligibility into the yearling year.

Note: The ASR Kentucky, Amateur and National Three-Year-Old Futurities rules state: The foal must be registered (or application for registration received in the ASR office) by December 31 of the foaling year. Pending applications for registration (including DNA testing) must be completed before March 31 of the yearling year.

YEARLING YEAR

Yearling Payment(s)

Another fee must be paid in the yearling year. Again, the owner of the yearling has the option of showing the yearling in hand or waiting until the two-year-old year to show.

TWO-YEAR-OLD YEAR

Two-Year-Old Payment(s)

A two-year-old fee must be paid to maintain eligibility to show, if shown, it may be in hand, fine harness, under saddle, depending on which classes a particular Futurity may offer.

THREE-YEAR-OLD YEAR

Three-Year-Old Payment(s)

Some Futurities offer classes for three-year-olds, and fees are again paid to maintain eligibility. The various classes in which three-year-olds may show are three-gaited, five-gaited, fine harness, show pleasure, park pleasure, and under saddle.

An entry may discontinue payments at any time during the Futurity period, but all money paid in is forfeited. It is not obligatory to show at any level to maintain eligibility.

ASR AFFILIATED FUTURITIES

The American Saddlebred Registry (ASR) offers the following services to affiliated State Futurities:

- Accurate reporting of futurity results in the American Saddlebred Reference Directory.
- Free listing of futurity closing dates and contact information on the Association's web site www.saddlebred.com.
- Annual State Futurities Committee meeting during ASHA Annual Convention, where rules, procedures and ideas are discussed.

STARTING AND MAINTAINING

AN ASR AFFILIATED FUTURITY

- Application must be made on the application blank provided by ASR.
- The proposed nomination form must be submitted with the application.
- The Futurity must be conducted by a group, which is incorporated under the laws of its state, and must have duly elected officers.

- The officers, board members and administrator of the Futurity should be members of ASHA who have good working knowledge of United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules.
- When the application for starting a new Futurity has been approved by ASR, a contribution of \$300 will be made to that Futurity by ASR.

GENERAL RULES

- ASR Affiliated Futurities must be open to all purebred American Saddlebreds, registered with ASR or the ASHA of Canada.
- The Futurity must be conducted under the rules of the USEF.
- All current Futurity rules must be printed or included with the nomination entry blank and must be signed by the entrant. If a Futurity offers classes that are not covered by USEF rules, the nomination form must state clearly how entries are to be shown and the appointments allowed.
- Futurity rules must be made known to the entrant, prior to nomination of the sire and dam, and may not be changed until that particular Futurity "class" has matured.
- All payments must be made on the specified date, according to the postmark. No back payments are allowed. If a payment is missed, that entry will be declared ineligible.
- No foal will be allowed to show without an ASR registration number.
- Weanlings may show with a conditional registration certificate; however, no prize money should be awarded until the registration has been completed and parentage has been verified. A statement to this effect should be included in the prize list and futurity rules.

