

# **Rules – Amateur Futurity**

## **Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**DIVISIONS AND HOW SHOWN** – The Amateur Futurity of Minnesota will be held each year in three divisions: WEANLINGS, YEARLINGS and TWO-YEAR-OLDS shown IN HAND. Colts and fillies are shown and judged as one class, however, weanling classes may be split into colt and filly qualifying classes, if the number of entries warrants.

**SHOWING PROCEDURE FOR IN HAND ENTRIES** – Entries will be led into the ring shown in bridle or halter without quarter boots, blinkers, blindfolds or other appliances, one at a time showing at a trot. Entries are to be judged individually, standing, than at a walk and trot on the lead. To be led down the right hand rail to the end of the ring, return to the judges at a trot, and then be judged on conformation. On the return lead, entries are permitted to trot past the judges to the end of the ring, if so desired, and then return to the judges. Entry will then be led to the opposite rail at a walk, out of the way of subsequent entries. Entries are not to be judged lunging. Refer to the IN HAND rules of the U.S. Equestrian Federation. Weanlings and Yearlings must be unshod. Two Year Olds may be shod.

**AMATEUR STATUS** – All entries are to be shown in the ring by amateurs only, including tailer; however, an entry may be owned by either an amateur or a professional.

**STALLION NOMINATION** – To nominate a stallion to the Minnesota Amateur Futurity it is necessary:

1. That the stallion be registered with the American Saddlebred Registry.
2. That a fee of \$100.00 be paid to the Minnesota Futurity on or before June 15 each year a foal is born.

**MARE NOMINATION** – To nominate a mare to the Minnesota Amateur Futurity it is necessary:

1. That the mare be registered with the American Saddlebred Registry.
2. That a fee of \$25.00 be paid to the Minnesota Futurity on or before June 15 each year a foal is born.

NOTE: In the year of nomination, the donor mare must be nominated for each foal/embryo that she will produce that year. A \$25.00 dam nomination fee, per foal/embryo will be due on or before June 15.

#### **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MARE OWNER TO VERIFY THAT THE SIRE OF THE FOAL HAS BEEN NOMINATED**

**WEANLING ELIGIBILITY** – To keep a weanling eligible to show in the Minnesota Amateur Futurity, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

1. The sire and dam must be nominated to the Minnesota Amateur Futurity by June 15 of the year in which the foal is born.
2. A weanling fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the Minnesota Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the foal is born.
3. In order to show, a copy of the registration papers must be presented to show management. Any misrepresentation automatically disqualifies the entry.
4. If not shown as a weanling, the foal must be registered by December 31 of the foaling year to maintain eligibility. Pending applications (including DNA testing) must be completed by March 31 of Yearling year.

**YEARLING ELIGIBILITY** – To keep a yearling eligible to show in the Minnesota Amateur Futurity the following conditions must be fulfilled:

1. The horse must have been nominated as a weanling, in the Amateur Futurity and all conditions and requirements must have been fulfilled.
2. That a fee of \$50.00 to be paid to the Minnesota Futurity on or before June 15 of the yearling year.

**TWO-YEAR-OLD ELIGIBILITY** – To keep a two-year-old eligible to show in the Minnesota Amateur Futurity the following conditions must be fulfilled:

1. The horse must have been nominated as a weanling and yearling to the Amateur Futurity and all conditions and requirements for a weanling and yearling must have been fulfilled
2. That a fee of \$50.00 to be paid to the Minnesota Futurity on or before June 15 of the two-year-old year.

**PRIZE FUND** – The value of the prize fund of the Minnesota Futurity each year shall be the total amount of money paid in fees, miscellaneous funds, added donations, and interest, less 10% for expenses. Any added donations shall be allocated pro-rated based on nominations to each division. Nominators must provide a social security or tax ID number to receive prize monies. All prize fund monies to be distributed.

**DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY** – The nominator of the Stallion and Mare of the Weanling Champion will receive \$50.00 each. The nominator of the Stallion and Mare of the Reserve Weanling Champion will receive \$25.00 each. The remaining prize money shall be divided equally between Weanling, Yearling, and Two-Year-Old divisions. In classes divided by sex, the prize money will be equally distributed among the filly & colt classes. In each class the winner will receive 34%, second 24%, third 19%, fourth 14% and fifth 9% of the purse.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** – Unless previously paid for the current year, a membership fee of MSHA of \$45.00 must accompany the nomination form. All payments for nominations must bear a postmark before midnight of the due date, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**LIABILITY** – No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in, but there will be no return of payment. The right is reserved to reject any entry and bar any entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of this futurity.

THE MINNESOTA FUTURITY AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED HORSES. IT IS THE OWNER/NOMINATOR RESPONSIBILITY TO CAREFULLY REVIEW ALL PREVIOUSLY FUTURITY NOMINATED HORSES BY RETAINING COPIES OF PREVIOUS NOMINATIONS.

***For future reference, keep a copy of all nominations and rules.***

# Rules – Special Events Futurity Classes

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS** – The Special Events classes will be held each year during the MN Futurity Horse Show. Horses must be properly nominated to the current MN Open Futurity or MN Amateur Futurity to be entered into the Special Events classes, with the exception of the Three Year Old horses, who must have been nominated to either the Open or Amateur futurity as a weanling, yearling and two year old to be entered into the Special Events class. Horses properly nominated and entered in Special Events classes need not have shown in another class to be eligible for these events.

### **DIVISIONS OFFERED –**

**Mare and Foal Class:** This class is open to Weanlings properly nominated in the current MN Open or Amateur futurity. A nomination fee of \$25.00 must be paid by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the year the foal is nominated into one of the weanling classes. Both the mare and foal must be shown. The mare and foal shall be led into the ring at the walk and then stand. The foal will be asked to show at a walk and trot on the lead. In this event the conformation and finish of both the mare and foal shall be judges. In addition, the way of going of the foal will be considered. The mare may be shown in halter or bridle.

**Minnesota Owned Weanling Class:** This class is open to Weanlings properly nominated in the current MN Open or Amateur futurity. A nomination fee of \$45.00 must be paid by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the year the foal is nominated into one of the weanling classes. The owner of the foal must be a resident of Minnesota. Judging procedure will follow other futurity weanling in hand classes.

**Two-Year-Old Park Pleasure Driving Class:** This class is open to Two Year Olds properly nominated in the current MN Open or Amateur futurity. A nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Entries shall be shown to a two wheel vehicle and judged according to USEF rules for the Park Pleasure Driving division.

**Three-Year-Old In Hand Class:** This class is open to Three Year Olds properly nominated to the MN Open or Amateur futurity as a weanling, yearling and two year old. A nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Will show at a walk and trot on the lead.

**Midwest Breeders Jackpot Class:** Open to three- or four-year-olds that are the result of breedings purchased at Minnesota, Wisconsin or Iowa Limited Breeders Auctions. The entry must be verified that it is the foal of the declared mare to the state Limited Breeders auction of the correct year. Horses to be shown under saddle at animated or flat walk, trot and canter in a full or snaffle bridle, cut or uncut tail. Stand and back readily.

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