

## **The Ultimate Futurity**

### **Purpose:**

This futurity is a breeding program designed to encourage breeders to raise high quality show prospects through careful selection of breeding animals. It gives breeders a chance to demonstrate their judgment, knowledge and skills to produce superior offspring. Futurity nominating horses enhances their marketability and increases your opportunity to showcase your animals and breeding program. The Futurity is a means to give a monetary reward to the breeder for their knowledge in breeding.

### **Eligibility:**

All horses must be ASPCA/AMHR registered at the time of the futurity show. Owners need not be members of MWMHSPO.

### **Duration of MWMHSPO Futurity:**

The MWMHSPO Futurity is a four year program for your horse. The weanling, yearling, & 2 year old years shall be halter classes. The 3yr old year shall be a driving class. If entries warrant in the driving classes (at least 3 per division) there shall be a country driving class & a pleasure driving class; otherwise there will be one driving class per height division.

### **Nominating Stallions:**

The Stallion nomination fee is \$40.00 per year, due by Futurity Show of the year any of that stallions offspring are to show. Stallion owners are required to completely fill out stallion nomination forms. Stallions may also be nominated by a non-owner by providing written permission from the stallion owner.

All stallions nominated shall receive a free 1 page listing in the Futurity Stallion Directory. It shall be the stallion owner's responsibility to provide a picture and other information to this publication for inclusion. Stallions will be listed with or without photo. Additional advertising space may be purchased by contacting futurity chairperson.

### **Nomination of Get:**

Weanlings \$30

Fees and completed nomination forms are due entry date of the Futurity Show of the year the horse is to show. Any horse may be entered into the futurity at any age without prior nomination. However, NO get may be entered if the sire has not been nominated.

### **Sustaining Fees:**

After initial nomination of the horse is made, subsequent futurities may be entered with payment of a \$30.00 sustaining fee each year. The sustaining fee must be paid each year by Futurity Show of the year the horse is to be shown in the futurity. If the sustaining fee is not received by the deadline (Futurity Show) you must wait until the next year. Your horse may "skip" a year, however the sustaining fees shall accrue. The fee shall include the current year's sustaining fee, any missed years sustaining fees plus a \$10 late fee. Remember, NO get may be entered if the sire has not been nominated for the current year!

**Futurity Show:**

The futurity is to be held at the last approved multiple judge MWMHSPO show each year. Mares, Stallions & Geldings will be shown together in their respective age groups according to the standard show heights set by ASPC/AMHR.

Under Division	Over Division
Weanling 30" & under	Weanling 30"-32"
Yearling 30"-32"	Yearling 32"-36"
2 Yr old 31"-33"	2 Yr old 33"-37"
3 Yr old 34" & under	3 Yr old 34"-38"
Shetland Foundation	
Shetland Classic	
Shetland Modern	
Shetland Show Pony	

Horses nominated, but found not to conform to the height standards set forth above, will not be allowed to show in the current year. All nomination or sustaining fees shall be forfeited to the futurity and distributed equally between all other futurity classes. If a horse is ineligible to show because of height, they may show the next year (assuming sustaining fees are paid) if they conform to the height standards.

Ribbons and pay backs shall be awarded to first place through fifth. Additionally perpetual trophies or other awards may be offered to winners.

Classes are to be judged in accordance with ASPC/AMHR rules and standards for both halter and driving. This is an open halter class. Youth must be thirteen years of age to handle any age of stallion. Halter classes MUST be judged using the following pattern: Each horse is to enter the ring at a walk clockwise on a loose lead to a designated point marked by a cone (or other appropriate marker) approximately 20 feet from the gate and then proceed at a trot past the judges (approximately 50 feet) to be viewed from the side in motion and then line up. Horses are to remain in the same order in which they came in. Next each entry will be asked to walk straight to the judges and trot straight away to a designated marker. Next, horses will be lined up head to tail along the side of the arena to be judged standing still. Either side of the arena may be used.

Ponies shall be shown on the rail, and then lined up under the judge's direction.

**Judging:**

Each judge will place the class as they see fit. Judges cards with places to 6th shall be turned into the show manager at the conclusion of each class. Judges placings will be given a point value in the following manner:

- 1st place 6pts
- 2nd place 5pts
- 3rd place 4pts
- 4th place 3pts
- 5th place 2pts

6th place 1pt

After the points have been calculated for each judge respectively all points from all judges will be added together to come up with a total score. The horse with the highest score is awarded first, the second highest score is awarded second and so forth. A tie breaker judge shall be designated, by lottery, by the Futurity Chairperson prior to the actual judging of The Futurity. The tie breaker judge shall be used in the event of a tie for any of the 5 places. A second, third, fourth and so forth tie breaker judge shall also be designated in the event of an additional tie where in the scores from first tie breaker did not result in the tie breaking. At least TWO of the following must check the results before a winner is announced: the futurity chairperson, show secretary, show manager &/or a MWMHSPO officer. The winner will be announced while the horses are still in the class. Horses will not be excused until the placings are made. Judges, however may be excused from the ring while placings are announced

**Futurity Funds pay backs:**

5% of the total monies collected from the stallion nomination fees & foal nomination fees shall go towards purchasing ribbons and/or trophies for the futurity winners.

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The remaining funds will be divided accordingly. Horse nominations will be applied to actual class that the said Horse shall show in. The stallion nomination fees shall also be applied to the actual class that their get show in. However, if the stallion has more than one of his get showing the stallion nomination fee shall be split equally between all of the classes where his get are showing. Any items or sponsor monies donated specifically to The Futurity will be awarded to the class of the donor's choice or may be split between all classes according to the wishes of the donor.

There shall be two divisions both Over & Under for Miniatures and type divisions for Shetlands as set forth by ASPC/AMHR and as explained earlier. Each division's winnings shall be calculated separately after the above funds have been allocated. The funds for each class will then be distributed according to the following schedule:

25% 1st place foal 20% Sire of 1st place foal  
16% 2nd place foal 12% Sire of 2nd place foal  
9% 3rd place foal 7% Sire of 3rd place foal  
5% 4th place foal 3% Sire of 4th place foal  
2% 5th place foal 1% Sire of 5th place foal

If there are less than 5 horses showing in any one class the following schedules will apply.

Four horses in the class  
27% 1st place foal 21% Sire of 1st place foal  
16% 2nd place foal 12% Sire of 2nd place foal

9% 3rd place foal 7% Sire of 3rd place foal  
5% 4th place foal 3% Sire of 4th place foal

Three horses in the class  
30% 1st place foal 23% Sire of 1st place foal  
18% 2nd place foal 13% Sire of 2nd place foal  
9% 3rd place foal 7% Sire of 3rd place foal

Two horses in the class  
35% 1st place foal 27% Sire of 1st place foal  
22% 2nd place foal 16% Sire of 2nd place foal

One horse in the class  
57% 1st place foal 43% Sire of 1st place foal

No Check shall be written if the award is for less than \$10.00.

Pay backs may either be awarded at the show or mailed within two weeks of the show.  
Any payback awards totaling less than \$5.00 will be retained by MWMHSPO.

**Administration of the futurity:**

Administration of this program shall be held by the futurity chairperson who shall be appointed each year by the club presidency. The futurity chairperson shall ensure that all records are kept accurately, that applications are completely filled out, that foals and stallions are nominated and that proper fees are paid in full. Additionally Futurity chairperson is responsible for publishing, or having published, the annual Futurity stallion directory.

**Refunds of the nomination fees:**

Futurity nomination & sustaining fees are not refundable. The ONLY exception is in that an eligible foal dies prior to the actual futurity show. A full refund for the current year's nomination fee will be issued to the foal owner upon receipt of a vet certificate or owners signed document stating the foals death. Stallion nomination fee's are not refundable.

**Sale of a nominated horse:**

It is up to the nominating owner of the horse or stallion to inform the Futurity Chairperson of any sale of a nominated horse. A written request must be sent if pay backs are to be sent to someone other than the nominating owner.

**Amendments:**

Amendments to The Futurity may be made no less than 30 days PRIOR to the deadline for nomination. NO amendments may be made after this date until after the current years futurity show is held. Amendments must be reviewed and voted on by MWMHSPO board of directors and pass with a majority vote.