



Bluegrass Miniature Horse Club

Futurity Rules & Instructions

What is the Bluegrass Miniature Horse Club Futurity (BMHC Futurity)?

The BMHC Futurity is a breeder's incentive program designed to encourage breeders to raise high quality show prospects. Breeders plan stallion and mare crosses, and then nominate those sires and dams into the futurity program. The BMHC Futurity is a four-year program. If a horse is kept eligible, it can be shown in any futurity year. The horse doesn't have to be shown each year but the sustaining fee must be paid by the deadline each year in order to remain eligible to show in future years. Once a payment is missed, the horse is no longer eligible to show in the BMHC Futurity.

Some advantages of the BMHC Futurity are:

- 1) Promotional opportunities for your horses as well as your farm.
- 2) Increased potential sales. Nominated horses can be more attractive to potential buyers because there is an opportunity to make some of the sale price back through futurity purses. Money is paid back for placing in the futurity class from entry fees, nomination fees, sustaining fees and any added donations.

How to nominate to the BMHC Futurity:

Membership - Nominators must be members in good standing of the Bluegrass Miniature Horse Club by March 1st of current year. If a nominated horse is sold, the horse can be shown by a non-member in the year that it was sold; however, the new owner must become a member in order to sustain the horse in the following years.

Sire Nomination – To nominate a stallion to the BMHC Futurity, it is necessary:

- 1) That the stallion be registered with AMHA or AMHR and
- 2) That a fee of \$25.00 be paid to the BMHC Futurity on or before March 1st of the year in which the foal is born.
* The stallion nomination fee is only paid once each year to make that year's foal crop eligible. The nomination can be made by the stallion owner or the mare owner.

Dam Nomination – To nominate a mare to the BMHC Futurity, it is necessary:

- 1) That the mare be registered with AMHA or AMHR and
- 2) That a fee of \$5.00 be paid to the BMHC Futurity on or before March 1st of the year in which the foal is born.
* It is the responsibility of the mare nominator to determine whether the sire of the foal has been properly nominated.

Weanling Eligibility – To keep a weanling eligible to the BMHC Futurity, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- 1) The sire and dam must have been nominated by March 1st of the foaling year.
- 2) In order to show in the weanling class, the foal must be registered with AMHA or AMHR. If your paperwork is not back from the registry you must provide a letter from the appropriate association stating the foals name, valid registration number and the name and registration number of the sire and dam in order to verify BMHC Futurity eligibility.

Yearling Eligibility – To keep a yearling eligible to the BMHC Futurity, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- 1) The sire and dam must have been nominated by March 1st of the foaling year.
- 2) A yearling sustaining fee of \$10.00 must be paid to the BMHC Futurity by March 1st of the yearling year.
- 3) A copy of the AMHA or AMHR registration papers must be included with the March 1st yearling payment.

Two-Year-Old Eligibility – To keep a two-year-old eligible to the BMHC Futurity, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- 1) The sire and dam must have been nominated by March 1st of the foaling year and the yearling fee paid by March 1st of the yearling year.
- 2) A two-year-old sustaining fee of \$10.00 must be paid to the BMHC Futurity by March 1st of the two-year-old year.

Three-Year-Old Eligibility – To keep a three-year-old eligible to the BMHC Futurity, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- 1) The sire and dam must have been nominated by March 1st of the foaling year, the yearling fee paid by March 1st of the yearling year and the two-year-old fee paid by March 1st of the two-year-old year.
- 2) A three-year-old sustaining fee of \$20.00 must be paid to the BMHC Futurity by March 1st of the three-year-old year.

Registration – All horses must be registered with **AMHA** or **AMHR** in order to show. To show in the weanling class – if your paperwork is not back from the registry you must provide a letter from the appropriate association stating the horses name, valid registration number and the name and registration number of the sire and dam in order to verify BMHC Futurity eligibility. This is the responsibility of the **OWNER** not the show manager. Horses must meet all height requirements for their registry.

Divisions and How Shown – The BMHC Futurity will be held each year in four divisions: weanlings, yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds. In-hand classes are offered for each division and will be divided into two sections; fillies and colts/geldings. In addition to the in-hand classes, three-year-olds can also be shown in pleasure driving OR roadster. A

three- year-old can show in two classes, either in-hand and pleasure driving or in-hand and roadster. The same horse cannot be entered in both driving classes. All horses entering classes for the Futurity must have their entries in or postmarked by the deadline date on the entry form. There will be no late entries accepted. **(NO Exceptions)**.

Distribution of Prize Money:

In the 2014 weanling classes (Foals of 2014) – All stallion and mare nomination fees received from the March 1st payment are included in the purse. From this total, 35% is taken out and held back for the 2014 foals at the 2015 show. The remainder of the purse is then split evenly between the fillies and colts/geldings. Entry fees for the weanling futurity classes are added to the purse for their respective class (i.e: filly entry fees stay with the filly purse and colt/gelding entry fees stay with the colt/gelding purse).

In the 2014 yearling classes (Foals of 2013) – All yearling sustaining fees received from the March 1st payment and the 35% that was held back in 2013 are included in the purse. From this total, 35% is taken out and held back for the 2013 foals at the 2015 show. The remainder of the purse is then split evenly between the fillies and colts/geldings. Entry fees for the yearling futurity classes are added to the purse for their respective class (i.e: filly entry fees stay with the filly purse and colt/gelding entry fees stay with the colt/gelding purse).

In the 2014 two-year-old classes (Foals of 2012) – All two-year-old sustaining fees received from the March 1st payment and the 35% that was held back in 2013 are included in the purse. From this total, 35% is taken out and held back for the 2012 foals at the 2015 show. The remainder of the purse is then split evenly between the fillies and colts/geldings. Entry fees for the two-year-old futurity classes are added to the purse for their respective class (i.e: filly entry fees stay with the filly purse and colt/gelding entry fees stay with the colt/gelding purse).

In the 2014 three-year-old classes (Foals of 2011) - All three-year-old sustaining fees received from the March 1st payment and the 35% that was held back in 2013 are included in the purse. The purse is then split evenly between fillies, colts/geldings, pleasure and roadster. Entry fees for the three-year-old futurity classes are added to the purse for their respective class (i.e: filly entry fees stay with the filly purse, colt/gelding entry fees stay with the colt/gelding purse, pleasure entry fees stay with the pleasure purse and roadster entry fees stay with the roadster purse).

Payout - In each division, the payout will be as follows:

- 1 in class –100%
- 2 in class – 60% 40%
- 3 in class – 50% 30% 20%
- 4 in class – 40% 30% 20% 10%
- 5 in class – 35% 30% 20% 10% 5%

Payment of Nomination and Sustaining Fees – Payments can be made by check or money order payable to the Bluegrass Futurity and mailed to the current Futurity Chairperson listed on the nomination and sustaining forms. Payments must be made on or before the dates herein specified, or bear U.S. postmark before midnight of such dates. In the event a closing date falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, postmark bearing the date of the following day will be accepted. Note: U.S. Postal Service postmark supersedes a postage meter date. There is no grace period.

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

IF A PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED HORSE IS SOLD, IT IS THE SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE NEW OWNER OF PAYMENT DUE DATES.

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

