Rules of the Breeders Halter Futurity

Purpose:
To promote the breeding of quality halter horses that will be marketable in today’s horse industry and to create an event that is appealing to the general public.

Futurities Offered:
Amateur Division

Weanling Divisions:
There will be two classes offered - Weanling Mares and Weanling Colts (stallions and geldings will show together as weanlings). Nomination and Pre-entry is required to show. See nomination and entry schedule below. An additional bonus will be given to the top three placing Junior Babies and Youth. An additional bonus for Owner/Breeder/Exhibitor in both classes as follows: 1st-10th, $10,500, $7000, $4550, $3550, $2450, $2100, $1750, $1400, $1050, and $700. This additional bonus is in addition to their overall placing.

Yearling Division:
There will be three (3) classes offered - Yearling Stallions, Mares and Geldings. Nomination and Pre-entry is required to show. See nomination and entry schedule below. Any horse that finishes in the top 10 in any Breeders Halter Futurity weanling class is ineligible to show in the yearling classes. Horses that finish 11th – 20th place are still eligible to show in the yearling classes.

Two-Year Old Class:
There will be three (3) classes offered - Two-year old Stallions, Mares and Geldings. Nomination and Pre-entry is required to show. See nomination and entry schedule below. Any horse that finishes in the top 3 in any AQHA World Show – Open, Amateur, Select or Youth, as well as any Breeders Halter Futurity, is ineligible for the two-year old class. The winner from each of the two-year old classes will be brought back into the arena for a Champion of Champions.

Open Division

Weanling Divisions:
There will be four classes offered - Jr. Mares, Sr. Mares, Jr. Colts/Geldings, & Sr. Colts/Geldings. An additional bonus will be given for Owner/Breeder/Exhibitor & Youth in those classes as follows: 1st $2,500 2nd $1,500 3rd $1,000 in addition to their overall placing. Nomination and Pre-entry is required to show. See nomination and entry schedule below. The cutoff date between the Sr. and Jr. classes is determined by the breeding date of the mare, not the foaling date of the foal. Foals out of mares that were bred prior to April 1st will be in the Sr. class and foals born out of mares that were bred April 1st or later will be in the Jr. class.
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Please note for Open Division:
- All weanlings, yearlings & two-year olds need to be nominated each year.
- The Open classes are open to all exhibitors!
- Entry Fee schedule will be the same as the Amateur Classes.
- The Open classes are for horses by the 50 nominated stallions.

Eligibility:
1 - All of the horses that finish in the top 10 in any of the weanling classes (open or amateur) are ineligible to show in the B.H.F. yearling classes.
2 - All horses cannot have won an AQHA World or Reserve World title in Open, Amateur, Select, or Youth.
3 - Without exception, all horses must be registered and parentage verified prior to the beginning of the show with one of the following associations: AQHA, APHA, or ApHC (no Arabian bloodlines).
4 - All horses shown in any class must have registration papers into the show office 24 hours before the show.
5 - All horses must have current health and coggins papers
6 - BHF does not recognize horse leases.
7 - If your horse is eligible for both amateur and open divisions you must choose one, you cannot show in both.

NO HORSES OWNED BY ANY AMATEUR STALLION OWNER WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW IN THE AMATEUR CLASSES. HORSES SOLD BY AMATEUR STALLION OWNERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW BUT THE SHOW MANAGEMENT MAY REQUIRE PROOF OF LEGITIMATE TRANSFER AND A CLEAR CHECK!
Exhibitor Eligibility & Rules:

1 - In order to show in any B.H.F. amateur class you must be an Amateur/Owner or Youth/Owner holding a current AQHA, APHA or ApHC Amateur or Youth Membership and must furnish a copy of the card at time of pre-entry in the Futurity and at the B.H.F.

2 - If you have won three World Championships in halter with AQHA (Amateur, Open, Select, or Youth) in the last five years, or 10 AQHA (Amateur, Open, Select, or Youth) World Championships in halter in your lifetime you are ineligible to show in the amateur classes, but we welcome you to show in the Open classes.

3 - The winning Exhibitor of each class is not eligible to show in that class the following year (ex. If a participant wins the weanling mare class, the next year they cannot show in the weanling mare class but they are eligible to show in the other classes).

4 - NO professional coaching (This will be STRICTLY enforced)

5 - NO AMATEUR stallion Owner, Owner’s family members, employee, or employee’s family members are eligible to show in the AMATEUR classes, but may show in any Open class with an eligible horse.

6 - Unsportsmanlike conduct or any other form of misconduct that is irresponsible, illegal, indecent, profane, intimidating, threatening or abusive is prohibited by any person on the show ground either directly or indirectly involved with the BHF.

7 - No person shall treat any horse in a cruel or inhumane manner.

8 - In order to be eligible for Owner/Breeder/Exhibitor Awards, you must meet the following relationship criteria: owner, spouse, children, parent, stepchildren, grandchildren or legal guardianship.

9 - There will be random drug testing

10 – Cell phone usage and testing in the arena is strictly prohibited.

Class Procedures:

1 - Entries will enter the arena by age. Beginning with the youngest of that calendar year to the oldest.

2 - Stallions and mares will be mouthed and 2 Year Old Stallions will have testicles checked by a BHF Official prior to entering the Arena or at the discretion of the Judges. Geldings are not required to be mouthed.

3 - Entry will jog at judge’s area and continue to jog around corner cone to the left and to end marker. Failure to adequately evaluate the gait will be left to the judge’s discretion.

4 - Soundness will be evaluated at the judge’s discretion

5 - Entries will line up at the end of the arena at direction of the ring steward.

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7 - Any request to speak to a Judge must be made through the Ring Steward.

8 - There will be no fraternization between an exhibitor and judge during the show.

9 - Judging will be complete after a final unified decision of placing from the judge’s panel.

10 - The judge’s decision is final. Once the judges have marked their card and places for awards have been made, there shall be no changes. Exception: BHF committee findings that rule has been violated, the BHF Committee has the right to change or disqualify any entry they deem fit. At that point, all awards and monies must be forfeited immediately by that entry and placing of that class will be moved accordingly.

11 - All awards will be given in the arena. Prize money will be awarded during the BHF Award Presentation.
Judges and Scoring System:
1 - Judges are selected by private nomination ballot of each of the eleven (11) owners of the BHF, LLC.
2 - Upon acceptance to judge the BHF, the judge will keep total confidentiality about the specifics concerning the judging and class placings of the BHF. If for any reason the judge does not comply with this agreement, he or she may be removed by the BHF without reason and his or her contract will be considered null and void.
3 - Neither the Judge or member of his or her family shall exhibit or act as agents, representatives in any capacity of any horse he or she is officiating at BHF.
4 - Designation to judge the BHF is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the BHF Committee according to the procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. A judge shall judge the BHF in accordance to its rules, regulations, and guidelines issued by BHF. A judge shall honestly and fairly judge each horse and exhibitor with impartiality by him or her, and judge strictly on the horse’s conformation.

SCORING SYSTEM:
Classes will be judged on a three (3) judge panel.
The judge’s panel may and will judge the class in an individual and group format used solely at the judge’s panel’s discretion.
If sufficient entries warrant, BHF reserves the right to implement a 1st go round and a finals at BHF discretion.
Judging will be complete after the judge’s panel comes to a final, unified decision. The judge’s decision is final.

Nomination Schedule for both Amateur & Open

Weanlings
$200 nomination fee within 60 days of foaling
Or the late nomination fee of $300 is due by June 1st
If you have not nominated by June 1st the fee goes up $100 every month
$400 late nomination payment due by July 1st
$500 late nomination payment due by August 1st
$600 late nomination payment due by September 1st
$800 final late nomination payment due by December 31st

Yearlings and Two-Year Olds:
$200 nomination fee is due by March 1st each year.
Or the late nomination fee of $300 is due by June 1st
If you have not nominated by June 1st the fee goes up $100 every month
$400 late nomination payment due by July 1st
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Entry Fee Schedule

*At the time of Entry owner must declare if foal will be shown in either Open or Amateur

If in by July 15th: $400
Late entry September 1st: $800

Credit/Refunds/Substitutions/Payment Methods: All applicable fees must be paid in full in order to exhibit at the BHF.
If you have a paid entry on a weanling or yearling and choose to sell before the futurity the entry can be transferred to a new eligible owner/exhibitor for a $75 change fee. An exhibitor may switch an eligible entry from open to amateur, or amateur to open for a $75 change fee.

In the event of the death of a weanling or yearling that has a paid entry the owner will be allowed to substitute another NOMINATED eligible horse in its place for a $75 change fee. There will be no refunds. Payments can be made by check or credit card.

Any rules herewith can be changed, added to, or denied at the discretion of the Futurity Committee. The B.H.F. will have the final word in interpreting or supplementing the rules and conditions of the Futurity if the need arises.

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