

2017 Rules of the Amateur 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.

The BHF Amateur division is for AQHA, APHA, and ApHC (no Arabian bloodlines) foals sired by Stallions nominated by the slot owners.

CK Kid (foals of 2013- 2015)

Ecredible (foals of 2017)

Fearles (foals of 2013- 2016)

Grand Slam Touchdown (foals of 2015 - 2017)

Hear the Cheers (foals of 2013)

Heza Secret Agent (foals of 2016 -2017)

Iem The One (foals of 2017)

Ikon (foals of 2014-2017)

Image of Kid (foals of 2013 and 2014)

Kid Coolsified (foals of 2013-2017)

My Intention (foals of 2013-2017)

PTMA Star Kid (foals of 2013-2017)

Secret Gunfighter (foals of 2015-2016)

TD Kid (foals of 2013)

Telasecret (foals of 2014-2017)

The Amazing Gunslinger (foals of 2016-2017)

The Exceptional One (foals of 2014 - 2015)

The Home Run Kid (foals of 2013-2017)

The Top Secret (foals of 2013)

Western Gunslinger (foals of 2013 and 2014)

Classes Offered:

Youth are eligible in all classes except for yearling stallion, two-year old, and three and four year old stallion classes

Weanling Divisions:

There will be four classes offered – Jr. Weanling Mares, Sr. Weanling Mares, Jr. Weanling Colts, and Sr. Weanling Colts (stallions and geldings will show together as weanlings). The cutoff date between the Jr. and Sr. classes is determined by the breeding date of the mare. Foals out of mares that were bred prior to April 1st will be in the Sr. Classes and foals out of mares that were bred April 1st or later will be in the Jr. Classes. Nomination and Pre-entry is required to show. See nomination and entry schedule below.

–There will be additional bonus money for Owner/Breeder/Exhibitor and Amateur Progeny Rewards in these classes. A weanling foal can be eligible for either OBE or APR, you cannot be eligible for both. These bonuses are paid in addition to their overall placing. Horses that have ever placed in the top 3 at an AQHA World Show in an Amateur or Open Halter Class are ineligible to show at the BHF. Any horse that finishes in the top 3 in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes. The top 20 horses will be placed in this class.

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 3 in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes. Horses that have ever placed in the top 3 at an AQHA World Show in an Amateur or Open Halter Class are ineligible to show at the BHF. The top 20 horses will be placed in this class.

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. Horses that have ever placed in the top 3 at an AQHA World Show in an Amateur or Open Halter Class are ineligible to show at the BHF. Any horse that finishes in the top 3 in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes. The top 10 horses will be placed in this class.

Three and Four-Year Old Class:

There will be three (3) classes offered – Three and Four-Year Old Stallions, Mares and Geldings. Nomination and Pre-entry is required to show. See nomination and entry schedule below. Horses that have ever placed in the top 3 at an AQHA World Show in an Amateur or

Open Halter Class are ineligible to show at the BHF. Any horse that finishes in the top 3 in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes. The top 5 horses will be placed in this class.

Grand and Reserve Champion:

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined from all the Class Winners in each sex division. If an Amateur Exhibitor has more than one horse eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion, another Amateur Exhibitor can show one of these horses. If a horse is an Amateur Class Winner and a Youth Class Winner, it is at the discretion of the Amateur or Youth Exhibitor as to who will show the horse.

Eligibility:

- 1 - All horses that finish in the top 3 in **any** of the BHF classes are ineligible to show in any future BHF classes.
- 2 – All horses cannot have placed in the top 3 at any AQHA World Show Halter Class – Open or Amateur. The top 3 placing is at the AQHA Amateur or Open World Show. Horse placings changing after the event will not affect the eligibility for the BHF.
- 3 - Without exception, all entries must be registered and parentage verified prior to the beginning of the show with one of the following associations: AQHA, APHA, or ApHC (excluding ApHC horses with 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 can show in both provided it is the shown by the same Amateur Exhibitor. An entry fee will be required for each class.
- 8 – A horse that is eligible for the Amateur division may also show in the Youth Division providing they meet class and exhibitor eligibility.

NO HORSES OWNED BY ANY BHF BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW IN THE AMATEUR CLASSES. HORSES SOLD BY BHF BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW BUT SHOW MANAGEMENT MAY REQUIRE PROOF OF LEGITIMATE TRANSFER AND A CLEAR CHECK!

Exhibitor Eligibility & Rules:

- 1 - In order to show in any BHF amateur class you must be an Amateur or Youth holding a current Amateur or Youth Membership in the respective breed association and you must meet relationship eligibility requirements. You must furnish a copy of the card at time of pre-entry or at the BHF.
- 2 - If you have won three World Championships in halter with AQHA (Amateur or Open) in the last five years, or 10 AQHA (Amateur or Open) World Championships in halter in your lifetime, you are ineligible to show in the BHF Amateur classes, but we welcome you to show in the Open classes. Performance Halter is considered a Performance Class not a Halter Class.

3 – When a Youth Exhibitor reaches the age limit for Youth Classes and they are no longer eligible for BHF Youth Classes, they are eligible to show in the BHF Amateur Classes even if they have won AQHA Youth Halter World Championships. When this exhibitor wins three World Championships in halter with AQHA (Amateur or Open) in the last five years or 10 AQHA World Championships (Amateur or Open) in their lifetime, they become ineligible to show in the BHF Amateur Classes.

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

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

6 - NO BHF Board of Directors Board Member or family members, employee, or employee's family members are eligible to show in the AMATEUR classes, but may show in any **Open and/or Youth** class with an eligible horse.

7 - 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.

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

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

10 – The Amateur Progeny Rewards Program is a bonus for those individuals who purchase a weanling foal from one of the current BHF Amateur Stallion Owners. The following rules will apply:

- a. Must be purchased directly from one of the current BHF Amateur Stallion Owners.
- b. The breeder of the foal must be one of the current BHF Amateur Stallion Owners.
- c. Certificate of Eligibility will be provided to buyer following purchase.
- d. Certificate of Eligibility cannot be transferred – no exceptions.
- e. Certificate of Eligibility must be presented at the Show Office at least 24 hours prior to exhibiting the horse.
- f. Exhibitor must possess a current Amateur or Youth Card in their respective breed association and meet the relationship eligibility requirements.
- g. Bonus Money to be paid in Amateur Weanling Classes.
- h. Bonus Money will be the same as the Amateur OBE payout.

11 -There will be random drug testing.

12 – Cell phone usage or texting 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, 3, and 4-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 - Entries will jog to the judges 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 the direction of the ring steward.
- 6 - Entries will line up at the direction of the ring stewards, head to tail in the order that they entered the arena.
- 7 - There will be no fraternization between an exhibitor and judge during the show.
- 8 - Judging will be complete after a final unified decision of placing from the judge's panel.
- 9 - 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 Board of Directors finds that a rule has been violated, they have 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.
- 10- All awards will be given in the arena. Prize money will be awarded at the conclusion of the show.

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 - A Judge shall not judge a horse which is owned or exhibited by anyone from whom he or members of his immediate family have been paid or received a salary, commission, or any type of remuneration or consideration, directly or indirectly, within 60 days of the date of the show. EXCEPTION: Breeding fees, mare care, vet expenses, shipping fees or any other fees related to breeding.
- 5 - 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.
- 6 - Current year judges are allowed on the show grounds only when serving in an official capacity.

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.

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 and choose to sell said horse 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 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.

A 3% Convenience Fee will be charged to all credit card transactions.

\$50 fee for Returned Checks or Declined Credit Cards.

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.

Nomination Schedule for All Divisions

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 by December 31st

Yearlings, 2 Year Olds, 3 Year Olds, 4 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

\$500 late nomination payment due by August 1st

\$600 late nomination payment due by September 1st

\$800 final late nomination payment by December 31st

Entry Fee Schedule

***Entry fees are charged for all applicable classes. A \$75 change fee will apply to any changes made after the entry is received by the BHF Office.**

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

A \$25 Office/Drug Testing Fee will be charged to every horse that is entered.

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