

TN Saddlebred Futurity - Weanling Limited Breeder's Stake Rules

PURPOSE - What is a limited stake & why participate?

Limited Stake Futurities are held to encourage the breeding and showing of American Saddlebred horses on a level playing field. Stallion owners graciously donate breeding services to our annual Limited Stake Stallion Service Auction, where mare owners may purchase the service, often at a great discount. The resulting foal will be eligible for a large prize fund, supplied by the sold breeding services. Unlike traditional futurity classes, none of the participants have seen their eligible foal, or cherry picked them from a field of prospects. Showing a foal in a Limited Stake enhances its value and increases its earning potential; the value of the sire and dam may also be enhanced through the success of their progeny shown in the Limited Stake. All exhibitors, from professionals to amateurs and juveniles, may show an eligible entry in the Limited Stake. The experience should be entertaining, to both audience and participants, and should present the American Saddlebred at its best, providing an opportunity for fun, competition, and good sportsmanship.

MISSION - How are we different from other futurities?

Our futurity is here to encourage and promote local owners and breeders, and welcome neighboring Saddlebred enthusiasts to join us. Start earning back on your investment with this fun opportunity to work and show off your young horses!

We are the only ASHBA affiliated futurity Limited Stake to currently offer a complimentary entry to the stallion owner, a token of our appreciation for their donation, and an invitation to join us in celebrating these magnificent babies! Additionally, all monies earned are paid to the entry and are not split between parties, as they are with other limited stakes.

AUCTION - When is it held & what does it cost?

The TN Saddlebred Futurity Limited Breeder's Stake Stallion Service Auction will open online at: www.ShowHorseSales.biz January 2025. Unsold services may be purchased until 12pm EST, Feb 15, 2024.

Donated stallions will have a starting bid of \$350, half their normal stud fee, OR a limit set by the stallion owner. The buyer must pay for their stallion service within 10 days of being notified of their high bid. An NSF fee of \$100 will be charged if a check does not clear the bank. The buyer will have 5 business days from notification of the returned check, to settle the account.

Stallion owners whose stallions have sold by Feb 15 have a courtesy entry for the limited stake. This entry is non-transferable, and the dam of said entry must be designated by Dec 15 of the auction year. If the designated mare is sold, eligibility will remain with that mare's foal. Stallion owners who elect to purchase their own stallion, may designate an entry for the purchased service, as well as a second courtesy entry, for the limited stake. The purchased service may be resold by the stallion owner at their discretion, prior to mare designation, due by Dec 15 of the auction year. If a stallion receives no bids, a single non-transferable entry may be purchased by the stallion owner, within 30 days of auction, for \$250.

ELIGIBILITY - Who can nominate and be nominated?

This futurity is open to any purebred American Saddlebred weanling registered with ASHBA or ASHA of Canada resulting from a stallion service purchased through our annual Limited Stake Auction and used to breed a mare designated by Dec 15 of the Auction year. In order to show in the Limited Stake, eligible weanling entries must also complete and submit their nomination and fees for the Open and/or Amateur class to the TN Saddlebred Futurity.

Anyone may nominate an eligible weanling to the Limited Stake.

FEES & DEADLINES - What will it cost to nominate?

Your stallion service purchased through the Limited Stake auction or post-auction sale serves as your class entry fee. Stallion owners whose stallion's service sold, are provided a non-transferable, complimentary entry. There will be no additional entry fee at the show.

A refund may be provided if a stallion dies prior to the buyer's mare being bred, upon request.

July 1 (auction year) - Refund request must be submitted or will be forfeit.

Dec 15 (auction year) - Designation due for Mares carrying eligible foals.

Sept 15 (show year) - Eligible weanling nominations due.

PRIZE FUND & DISTRIBUTION - What can you win?

The value of the prize fund for the Limited Breeder's Stake, each year is the total amount of money paid in stallion services, added donations, interest earned and miscellaneous fees, less auction and administrative costs. Added allocated donations and fundraising funds shall be distributed to the prize fund at the discretion of the futurity board.

Shown	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th+
1	100%						
2	70%	30%					
3	55%	30%	15%				
4	40%	30%	20%	10%			
5	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%		
6+	25%	20%	18%	15%	12%	10%	Ribbon

Prize Money shall be distributed to participants with completed registration within 30 days of the show. Weanlings shown under conditional registration must complete their registration by December 15th of the foaling year or earnings shall be forfeit. Please make sure your contact information is kept current for payouts! Unless otherwise submitted, payouts will go to the nominator. Payouts will be forfeit if SS#/EIN is not provided.

SHOWING - Where & How to Show Your Foal

The TN Saddlebred Futurity is expected to be held in October of 2026 at the Smoky Mountain Equine Fest in White Pine, TN.

WEANLING LIMITED BREEDER'S STAKE -

This class will follow USEF rules & guidelines for In-Hand classes, which may be found in Subchapter 13 of the USEF rulebook. All weanlings must be registered, nominated, and eligible to show.

Limited Stake entries to be shown in show halter and lead, with roached mane and natural, unset tail. Entries will be led at the walk and trot inside the ring and stood up for conformation.

CONTACT - For further questions & nominations

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