

# TN Saddlebred Futurity - General Rules & Information

## **PURPOSE - What is a futurity & why participate?**

Futurities are held to encourage the breeding and showing of American Saddlebred horses. Showing a foal in a Futurity 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 Futurities. Amateurs and juveniles, as well as professionals, have the opportunity to show young horses in Futurities. The experience should be entertaining, to both the 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 to currently offer Model classes for our breeders and owners. Not all of us have the time or ability to run a 5k, but that's no reason not to enjoy showing your baby. So join us and show off those babies, it's what they're bred to do!

## **ELIGIBILITY - Who can nominate and be nominated?**

**ELIGIBILITY** - This futurity is open to any purebred American Saddlebred registered with ASHBA or ASHA of Canada and whose nomination forms and fees have been completed and submitted to the TN Saddlebred Futurity.

Anyone may nominate an eligible horse to the futurity.

## **FEES & DEADLINES - What will it cost to nominate?**

Your nomination also serves as your class entry fee. There will be no additional entry fee at the show.

These nomination fees are paid for each futurity you wish to participate in: Open, Amateur, and/or 3Yr Old.

WEANLINGS	\$75
YEARLINGS	\$75 (Previously nominated weanling year) \$150 (New nomination)
2YR OLDS	\$75 (Nominated weanling & yearling years) \$150 (Nominated weanling year only) \$225 (New nomination)
3YR OLDS	\$300 (Previously nominated) \$500 (New nomination)
ADMIN FEES	\$50 Returned Check fee

All fees paid to the futurity are non-refundable.

## **PRIZE FUND & DISTRIBUTION - What do you win?**

The value of the prize fund for each futurity, each year is the total amount of money paid in fees, added donations, interest earned and miscellaneous fees, less 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 will be held Oct 5-7, 2025 at Smoky Mountain Equine Fest in White Pine, TN.

**DIVISIONS** - Four age divisions will be offered. All classes, except the 2Yr Old Walk-Trot, will follow USEF rules & guidelines. These can be found in Subchapter 13 for In-hand and Model classes, Subchapter 3 for Fine Harness classes, Subchapter 4 for 5-Gaited, and Subchapter 12 for Park Pleasure classes in the current USEF rule book..

## **WEANLING DIVISION -**

All weanlings must be registered and nominated to show.

**Open In-Hand & 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.

**Amateur Model** entries to be shown by an amateur or juvenile in show halter and lead, with roached mane and natural, unset tail. Entries will be led inside the ring and stood up for conformation only. Way of going is not considered. Exhibitors must be amateur or juveniles.

## **YEARLING DIVISION -**

All yearlings must be registered and nominated to show.

**Open In-Hand** entries to be shown in show halter and lead, with full mane and natural uncut or bustled tail. Entries will be led at the walk and trot inside the ring and stood up for conformation.

**Amateur Model** entries to be shown by an amateur or juvenile in show halter and lead, with full mane and natural uncut or bustled tail. Entries will be led inside the ring and stood up for conformation only. Way of going is not considered.

## **2YR OLD DIVISION -**

All 2Yr Olds must be registered and nominated to show.

**Amateur Model** entries to be shown by an amateur or juvenile in show halter or bridle and lead, with full mane and natural uncut or set tail.

Entries will be led inside the ring and stood up for conformation only. Way of going is not considered.

**Open Fine Harness** entries to be shown in harness and buggy, with full mane and natural uncut or set tail.

**Walk-Trot Snaffle Bit** entries to be shown walk and trot under saddle in snaffle bit and martingale. Full bridle is prohibited.

## **3YR OLD DIVISION -**

All 3Yr Olds must be registered and nominated to show.

**Open Fine Harness** entries to be shown in harness and buggy, with full mane and natural uncut or set tail.

**Open 5-Gaited** entries to be shown under saddle walk, trot, slow-gait, rack, and canter in full bridle, with full mane and natural uncut or set tail.

**Park Pleasure** entries to be shown under saddle walk, trot, canter in full bridle, with full mane and natural uncut or set (unbraced) tail.

## **CONTACT - For further questions & nominations**

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