

TN Saddlebred Futurity - General Rules & Information

PURPOSE - What is a futurity & why participate?

Futurities encourage the breeding and showing of American Saddlebreds. Showing a foal in Futurity increases its value and earning potential; success also enhances the value of the sire and dam. Professionals, amateurs, and juveniles may show young horses in Futurities. The experience should entertain both audience and participants, showcase the American Saddlebred at its best, and offer fun, competition, and good sportsmanship.

MISSION - How are we different from other futurities?

Our futurity supports local and neighboring Saddlebred owners and breeders, striving to provide a welcoming space for all. We are the only ASHBA-affiliated futurity with Model classes, a place to show your foal without running. In 2025, we introduced a Color class, and in 2026, we will add a Small Breeder class, enabling each group to compete amongst their peers. Join now to earn on your investment with this fun and inclusive program!

ELIGIBILITY - Who can nominate and be nominated?

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 Saddlebred to the futurity.

FEES & DEADLINES - What will it cost to nominate?

Your nomination fee serves as your class entry fee. These nomination fees are paid for each class you wish to participate in.

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 prize fund value for each class, each year, is the total 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	8th	9th	10th
1	100%									
2	70%	30%								
3	45%	30%	25%							
4	35%	27%	23%	15%						
5	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%					
6	30%	24%	16%	13%	10%	7%				
7	29%	23%	15.5%	12.5%	10%	7%	3%			
8	28.5%	22%	15%	12%	10%	7%	3%	2.5%		
9	27.5%	21%	15%	12%	10%	7%	3%	2.5%	2%	
10+	27%	20%	15%	12%	10%	7%	3%	2.5%	2%	1.5%

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 October 15th of the foaling year, or earnings shall be forfeit. Please ensure your contact information is kept up to date for payouts. Unless otherwise specified, payouts will be sent to the nominator. Payouts will be forfeited if SS#/EIN is not provided.

SHOWING - Where & How to Show Your Foal

The TN Saddlebred Futurity will be held Oct 1-3, 2026 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.. All horses must be registered and nominated to show.

WEANLING DIVISION -

All Weanling entries to be shown in show halter and lead, with roached mane and natural, unset tail.

Open & ETSA In-Hand & Limited Stake entries will be led at the walk and trot inside the ring and stood up for conformation.

Amateur Model 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.

Open Color Model entries will be led inside the ring and stood up for conformation only. Tobiano, cream, and grey color variations only.

Open Small Breeder Model entries will be led inside the ring and stood up for conformation only. Way of going is not considered. Open to owner-exhibitors with fewer than 5 foals in the last 2 years.

YEARLING DIVISION -

All Yearling entries to be shown in show halter and lead, with full mane and natural uncut or bustled tail.

Open & ETSA In-Hand entries will be led at the walk and trot inside the ring and stood up for conformation.

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

Open Color Model entries will be led inside the ring and stood up for conformation only. Tobiano, cream, and grey color variations only.

Open Small Breeder Model entries will be led inside the ring and stood up for conformation only. Way of going is not considered. Open to breeders that have produced less than 5 foals in the last 2 years.

2YR OLD DIVISION -

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

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/jog under english or western saddle in snaffle bit. Martingale allowed. Full bridle prohibited.

3YR OLD DIVISION -

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.