

2020 Rules of the Breeders Halter Youth 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.

HORSES SIRED BY ANY ELIGIBLE STALLION (AMATEUR, OPEN, OR COLOR DIVISION) ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE PROVIDED THE STALLION WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AGE GROUP OF YOUR HORSE.

Two Youth Classes will be offered:

Youth Geldings (And Weanling Colts): Weanling Colts and Geldings, Yearling Geldings, 2 Year Old Geldings, 3 Year Old Geldings, 4 Year Old Geldings, 5 Year Old Geldings, and 6 Year Old Geldings sired by BHF Stallions are eligible to compete. Please check the web site for stallion eligibility for each age group.

Youth Mares: Weanling Fillies, Yearling Mares, 2-Year Old Mares, 3-Year Old Mares, 4-Year Old Mares, 5 Year Old Mares, and 6 Year Old Mares sired by BHF Stallions are eligible to compete. Please check the web site for stallion eligibility for each age group.

Grand and Reserve Champion:

The class winner from the Youth Mares will compete with the other Class Winners from the Open Mares Classes for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Open Mare. The class winner from the Youth Geldings will compete with the other Class Winners from the Open Gelding Classes for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Open Gelding. If a horse is an Open Class Winner and a Youth Class Winner, it is at the discretion of the Open or Youth Exhibitor as to who may show the horse.

Eligibility:

- 1 – Any horse that has placed in the top 3 in **any** BHF Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes, EXCEPTION DIY 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 actually 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– A horse may show in the Youth Class and an Amateur Class and/or an Open Class provided they meet class and exhibitor eligibility.
- 8 – If your horse is eligible for both Amateur and Open Divisions, it can be shown in both Amateur and Open Classes. An entry fee will be required for each class. A Youth Exhibitor may show in the Youth Class and an Amateur Exhibitor may show the same horse in the Amateur Classes and an Open Exhibitor or the Amateur Exhibitor may show in the Open Classes.

Exhibitor Eligibility & Rules:

- 1 - In order to show in any BHF Youth Class, you must be a Youth holding a current Youth Membership in their respective breed association and must furnish a copy of the card at time of pre-entry or at the B.H.F. You must meet the relationship requirements for Youth Exhibitors for your respective breed association.
- 2 – Youth Exhibitors must be 8 years of age at the beginning of the show in order to participate.
- 3 - If you have won three Youth World Championships in halter with AQHA in the last five years, or 10 AQHA Youth World Championships in halter in your lifetime you are ineligible to show in the youth classes, but we welcome you to show in the Amateur or Open classes. Performance Halter is considered a Performance Class not a Halter Class.
- 4 - The winning Exhibitor of each class is not eligible to show in that class the following year (ex. If a participant wins the Youth Mare class, the next year they cannot show in the Youth Mare class but they are eligible to show in the Youth Geldings).

- 5 - NO professional verbal coaching (This will be STRICTLY enforced)
- 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 - There will be random drug testing.
- 9 - 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 - Weanling Colts and all mares will be mouthed 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 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 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 committee findings that a 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.
- 10 - All awards will be given in the arena. Prize money will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

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. Family members of current year judges are not allowed on the show grounds at any time during the BHF.

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 on a horse 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% Processing 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

Horses that are not nominated as weanlings are never eligible to show at the BHF. Horses must be nominated every year in order to be eligible for the BHF.

Yearlings, Two Year Olds, 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds, 5 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.