

# 2021 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.

**PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE FOR A CURRENT LIST OF PARTICIPATING STALLIONS.**

## **Classes Offered:**

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

### **Weanling Divisions:**

The following five classes will be offered – Jr. Weanling Mares, Sr. Weanling Mares, Jr. Weanling Colts, Sr. Weanling Colts, and All Age Weanling Geldings. 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 1<sup>st</sup> will be in the Sr. Classes and foals out of mares that were bred April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 in these classes. These bonuses are paid in addition to their overall placing.

Two additional classes will be offered for those Exhibitors who 'Do It Yourself'(DIY). All Age Weanling Mares and All Age Weanling Colts and Geldings. All horses competing in this class must meet the following criteria.

1. Foals must be sired by one of the BHF Amateur Stallions. EXCEPTION: DIY Classes are now available to BHF Open and BHF Color Division Stallion who pay a fee in order to make their foals eligible to participate in the DIY Classes. The fee of \$2000 will make all their 2021 Weanling Foals eligible. If you are interested in making your stallion eligible for the DIY Classes, please contact [kkennedy.nhc@gmail.com](mailto:kkennedy.nhc@gmail.com).
2. Exhibitor 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 to be eligible to show.
3. Exhibitor must be personally responsible for the care and preparation of their horse. A Trainer cannot be involved in any way with this horse for 90 days prior to the BHF.
4. Exhibitor cannot have ever won a World Championship in Halter in ANY equine association in the previous 5 years.
5. Exhibitor cannot have placed 1<sup>st</sup> in ANY BHF Weanling or Yearling Class.
6. Winning Exhibitor of each DIY Class is not eligible to show in that class the following year.

7. Winning Horse is eligible to return to Amateur or Open BHF Classes.

Horses that have ever placed 1st at an AQHA World Show in a Level 3 Amateur or Open Halter Class are ineligible to show at the BHF. Any horse that placed 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Show, EXCEPTION: DIY CLASSES.

### **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 placed 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES. Horses that have ever placed 1st at an AQHA World Show in a Level 3 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 1st at an AQHA World Show in a Level 3 Amateur or Open Halter Class are ineligible to show at the BHF. Any horse that placed 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES. The top 10 horses will be placed in this class.

### **Three and Older Class:**

There will be three (3) classes offered – Three, Four, Five, and Six 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 1st at an AQHA World Show in a Level 3 Amateur or Open Halter Class are ineligible to show at the BHF. Any horse that placed 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES. Payouts in these classes will be based on nominations and entries.

### **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 eligible Amateur Exhibitor can show one of these horses.

### **Eligibility:**

1 - All horses that placed 1st in **ANY** of the BHF classes are ineligible to show in any future BHF classes, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES.

- 2 – All horses cannot have placed 1st at any AQHA World Show Halter Class – Level 3 Open or Amateur. 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 a horse is eligible for more than one class and it is to be shown by an Amateur Exhibitor that same Amateur Exhibitor must show the horse in all entered classes at the BHF. EXCEPTION: A Youth may show in the Youth Class and an Amateur Exhibitor may show the same horse in the Amateur Classes and/or Open Classes. 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 provided 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. ALL HORSES SOLD ARE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW BUT SHOW MANAGEMENT MAY REQUIRE PROOF OF LEGITIMATE TRANSACTION!

### **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 verbal 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 they may show in any **Open and/or Youth** class with an eligible horse. A person standing one of the Amateur Stallions is considered an employee, therefore, that individual and their family members are ineligible to show in an Amateur Class.

- 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 – Exhibitors in DIY classes will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the horse has been Trainer Free for 90 days prior to the BHF. Anyone found falsifying their affidavit will relinquish their winnings.
- 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 and Older 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 ten (10) 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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% 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 BHF 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 1<sup>st</sup>

**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 1<sup>st</sup>

\$800 final late nomination payment by December 31<sup>st</sup>

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, 2 Year Olds, 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds, 5 Year Olds, 6 Year Olds:**

\$200 nomination fee is due by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Or the late nomination fee of \$300 is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>

**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 1<sup>st</sup>

\$800 final late nomination payment by December 31<sup>st</sup>

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>: \$800

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

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