

# **2022 Breeders Halter Open Futurity Rules**

## 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.

THE BHF Open Division is for AQHA, APHA, and ApHC (no Arabian bloodlines) foals sired by Stallions who have been nominated by the stallion owners.

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

### **Please note for Open Division:**

- All horses need to be nominated each year.
- The Open classes are open to all exhibitors!
- Entry Fee schedule will be the same as the Amateur Classes.
- The Open classes are for AQHA, APHA, or ApHC (no Arabian bloodlines) registered horses by the nominated stallions.
- If your 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 Exhibitor 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.
- Please read horse eligibility for your specific age division as eligibility requirements vary by age.

### **Weanling Divisions:**

There will be five classes offered - Jr. Mares, Sr. Mares, Jr. Colts, Sr. Colts, and Geldings (All age weanling geldings will show together.) The cutoff date between the Jr. and Sr. classes is determined by the breeding date of the mare, not the foaling date of the foal. Foals out of mares that were bred prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> will be in the Sr. class and foals born 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. Horses that have 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 finished 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Show, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES AND MARE POWER 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 finishes 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity class is ineligible to show in any future 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, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES AND MARE POWER CLASSES. The top 20 horses will be placed in these classes.

### **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 finished 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES AND MARE POWER CLASSES.. The top 10 horses will be placed in these classes.

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

There will be three (3) classes offered – Three and Older 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 finished 1st in any Breeders Halter Futurity Class is ineligible to show in any future BHF Classes, EXCEPTION DIY CLASSES AND MARE POWER CLASSES. Payouts in these classes will be determined by nominations and entries.

### **Grand and Reserve Champion:**

A Grand Champion and a Reserve Champion will be determined from all the Class Winners in each sex division. If an Exhibitor has more than one horse eligible for Grand Champion, the following criteria will apply: Amateur Exhibitor can show for another Amateur Exhibitor; Open Exhibitor can show for another Open Exhibitor; Amateur Exhibitor can show for an Open Exhibitor, Youth Exhibitor can show for another Youth Exhibitor, Amateur Exhibitor or Open Exhibitor.

### **Eligibility:**

- 1 - All of the horses that finish 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 in a Halter Class at an AQHA World Show – 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 (no 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 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 Exhibitor 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.

### **Exhibitor Eligibility & Rules:**

- 1- NO professional verbal coaching (this will be STRICTLY enforced).
- 2- NO AMATEUR stallion Owner, Owner's family members, employee, or employee's family members are eligible to show in the AMATEUR classes, but may show in any Open and/or Youth class with an eligible horse.
- 3 - 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 grounds either directly or indirectly involved with the BHF.
- 4 - No person shall treat any horse in a cruel or inhumane manner.
- 5 - 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.
- 6 - There will be random drug testing.
- 7 - Cell phone usage and texting while in the arena are 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 - 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.

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- 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, the BHF Board 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 show.

### **Non-Pro Division**

An additional division will be included in the Open Division in Jr. and Sr. Weanling Colts, Weanling Geldings, and Jr. and Sr. Weanling Fillies for Non-Pro Exhibitors. This will be judged as a class within a class. In order to participate, you must meet Youth/Amateur/Non-Pro eligibility and horse ownership requirements as outlined in your respective breed association.

Exhibitors must possess a current Youth, Amateur or Non-Pro Card in their respective breed association in order to participate.

**A Non-Pro Division Entry fee will apply in addition to the Class Entry Fee.**

#### **Entry Fee Schedule**

Entry by July 15	\$250
Late Entry by September 1	\$500

#### **Payment Schedule**

Entry Fees will be jackpotted to the top three exhibitors as follows: 50%, 30%, 20%

If there are less than three entries, the payout will be as follows:

2 Entries	60%, 40%
1 Entry	100%

If there are three entries, all three places will be paid out even if they do not place in the top 20 horses.

### **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 the 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 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 horse that has 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.**

## **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, Two-Year Olds, Three Year Olds, Four Year Olds, 5 Year Olds, 6 Year Olds:**

\$200 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

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## **Entry Fee Schedule**

**\*Entry fees are charged for all applicable classes. A \$75 change fee will apply to any changes made after the entry has been received by the BHF Office.**

### **For all classes:**

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.

**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.**

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