

Arabian Horse Association of Southern California PERFORMANCE FUTURITY AND MATURITY

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The A.H.A.S.C. Performance Futurity and maturity was created to increase interest in raising and buying performance horses by offering large purses to the winners of these classes. The Futurity and Maturity classes will be held in conjunction with the Arabian Horse Association of Southern California's Fall Show in Santa Barbara, California.

II. GENERAL RULES

1. Eligibility

- a. Nominations are open to all Purebred and Half-Arabian three, four and five year old mares, stallions and geldings; regardless of owner's state of residence or horse's state or country of birth. Trail Horse, Reining Horse and Senior Maturities are open to horses 6 years and over.
- b. There will be no cross-entering between Futurity or Maturity sections; with the exception that Western Pleasure, Trail Horse, and Country English Pleasure Futurity and Maturity horses may be shown in the Purebred Hunter Pleasure Futurity and Maturity classes.
- c. Horses may enter in the Maturity classes whether or not they have previously shown in the Futurity classes.
- d. Horses shall be ridden by the same rider in the elimination and final sections. The type of snaffle bit or hackamore used can be changed from elimination to final sections.
- e. Riders in the Amateur to Ride classes must be either a junior or an adult with a current USEF amateur card.
- f. Horses may show in both the open and amateur classes. If they do show in both, they are not required to have the same rider or use the same equipment in the different classes.
- g. Martingales, tie-downs, running rings, tongue ties, and/or any illegal artificial devices used with the bit are prohibited in all classes except in the English Pleasure Futurity and Country English Pleasure Futurity classes, where a running martingale is optional.

2. General rules for Purebred and Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Futurity – Open

- a. Nominees shall be three years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. Bridle as defined as any bit that has a shank.
- b. Entries will be shown in a single snaffle bit or hackamore. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single, rounded, unwrapped, smooth mouthpiece of 3/8" to 3/4" diameter metal as measured 1" from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee, or center mounted without cheeks and with no attachments of hooks for curb, headstall or reins. If curb strap is used, it must be below the reins. Hackamores shall be round in shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible rawhide or leather core. No other material of any kind is to be used in conjunction with the hackamore, i.e. steel, metal or chains (Exception: smooth plastic electrical tape is acceptable; mechanical or rope hackamores are prohibited). See USEF Rule Book.
- c. Entries will show and be judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rules Book for Western Pleasure Junior Horse.

3. General Rules for Purebred and Half-Arabian English Pleasure Futurity and Country English Pleasure Futurity – Open

- a. Nominees shall be three years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. Bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.

- b. Entries will be shown in a single snaffle bit. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed, single, rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 3/8" to 3/4" diameter metal, as measured 1" from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee or center mounted with no attachments of hooks for curb, headstall or reins. Half cheeks and running martingales are optional. Cavessons are required.
 - c. Entries will show and be judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rules Book for English Pleasure Junior Horse or Country English Pleasure Junior Horse.
- 4. General Rules for Purebred and Half-Arabian English, Western Pleasure and Country English Pleasure Maturity – Open & Amateur to Ride
 - a. Nominees shall be four or five years old except in Amateur to Ride classes where nominees may be 5 years old & Under.
 - b. Entries shall be shown in the equipment described by the English Pleasure Junior Horse, Country English Pleasure Junior Horse or the Western Pleasure Junior Horse Class specifications in the Arabian Division of the current USEF Rule Book.
 - c. Entries will show and be judged under the class specifications as set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for English, Country English or Western Pleasure Junior Horse.
- 5. General Rules for the Purebred and Half-Arabian Hunter Pleasure Futurity – Open
 - a. Nominees shall be three years old.
 - b. Entries will be shown in a single snaffle bit. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed, single, rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 3/8" to 3/4" diameter metal, as measured 1" from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee or center mounted with no attachments of hooks for curb, headstall or reins. Half cheeks and running martingales are prohibited. Cavessons are required.
 - c. Entries will show and be judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Arabian Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse, with the exception of the type of bit allowed (see 5b for bit description).
- 6. General Rules for the Purebred and Half-Arabian Hunter Pleasure Maturity – Open & Amateur to Ride
 - a. Nominees shall be four or five years old except in the Amateur to Ride classes where nominees May be 5 years old & Under.
 - b. Entries shall be shown in a single snaffle bit as defined in Article 130.2, Arabian Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse, in the USEF Rule Book.
 - c. Entries will show and be judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Arabian Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse.
- 7. General Rules for the Purebred and Half Arabian Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Country English Pleasure Senior Maturity—Amateur
 - a. Nominees shall be six years old or over. Five year olds may elect to show in the bridle in the Western Pleasure Senior Maturities rather than the Western Pleasure Maturities.
 - b. Entries will be shown in the equipment as described in the Arabian Horse division of the current USEF Rule Book as described for their particular discipline.

- c. Entries will show and be judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for their particular discipline.
8. General Rules for the Reining Horse Futurity Open
 - a. Open to both Purebreds and Half Arabians
 - b. Entries to be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Reining Horses.
 - c. Entries must be three, four, or five years old and must be shown in a smooth snaffle or bosal.
 - d. Three year old entries will have ½ point added to their final score.
 9. General Rules for the Reining Horse Maturity – Open & Amateur
 - a. Open to both Purebreds and Half Arabians
 - b. Entries to be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Reining Horses.
 - c. Entries must be five years old or over and must be shown in a bridle as per the current USEF Rule Book. Five years old may not also show in the Reining horse Futurity.
 10. General Rules for the Western Trail Horse Futurity
 - a. Open to both Purebreds and Half-Arabians.
 - b. Entries to be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Trail Horses.
 - c. Entries must be three, four, or five years old and must be shown in a smooth snaffle or bosal.
 11. General Rules for the Western and English Trail Horse Maturity Open & Amateur to Ride
 - a. Open to both Purebreds and Half-Arabians.
 - b. Entries to be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Trail Horses.
 - c. Entries must be five years old and over and must be shown in a bridle as per the current USEF Rule Book. Five year olds may not also show in the Trail Horse Futurity.

III. NOMINATIONS & SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Nominations must be received on or before the dates listed on the Official Entry Form. No exceptions will be allowed.
2. There are NO post entries in the Futurity/Maturity classes.
3. Nominations will be made in two installments. One in the spring and the final payment at the closing of entries for the Fall Show at Santa Barbara. Money received from all nominations will be allocated for Prize Money as specified below.
4. Nominations will be made on the Official A.H.A.S.C. Performance Futurity and Maturity Entry Form. NOTE: Horses must also be entered in the A.H.A.S.C. Show.
5. Refunds will be made only with a legitimate veterinary certificate. Requests must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the show. Only 50% of the nomination fee paid will be refunded.
6. The class that a nominated horse is entered in may be changed at the time of the second payment at a \$25.00 charge.

7. An owner may substitute a horse in an already entered class up to the close of entries for a \$50.00 charge. An owner may substitute a horse in an already entered class at the time of the show providing a vet excuse is presented for the originally entered horse.

IV. JUDGING

1. At least two judges will be utilized for all classes with the exception of the Reining and Trail Horse classes where the number of judges utilized will be at the discretion of the show committee. The judges used will be those judges officiating at the annual A.H.A.S.C. Show. Their names will be printed in the premium list for the show.
2. The Futurity committee will designate which judge will be the #1 or "Call Judge" and which will act as the #2 Judge.
3. Both judges will judge equally and will select the ten best horses in each judge's opinion and will place horses first through tenth. The ten horses with the highest total points will be named Champion, and the horse with the second highest total points will be name Reserve Champion. If less than 20 horses are in a class, judges will place 50% of those shown.
4. A tie on points will be broken by the rankings on the #1 Judge's card.
5. Dividing classes into elimination and final sections will be at the discretion of the Futurity/Maturity Committee.

V. PURSES

1. All nomination payments will be deposited and credited toward the specific class entered. Therefore, classes with a higher number of entries will have a larger purse. Division of the purses are as follows:

25% to be paid to the Champion, 15% to the Reserve Champion, and remaining 60% to be divided equally between the Top Ten or the number placed.
2. Administrative costs, cost of advertising and class prizes will be deducted from the purses of each class.
3. The official number in the futurity and maturity classes will be those horses in the ring at the close of the gate.

VI. CHANGES IN RULES

The rules may not be changed for the futurity or maturity Class for which nomination fees have been accepted. The changes may be made prior to distributing nomination forms provided the changes are also distributed with the nomination forms. After the rules have once been approved and accepted by the A.H.A.S.C., they can only be changed by a majority vote of the Futurity/Maturity Committee members followed by the majority vote of approval of the A.H.A.S.C. Board of Directors.

In the event the Futurity/Maturity Committee and the A.H.A.S.C. Board of Directors, at the time, decide the Performance Futurity/Maturity does not have sufficient interest to justify its continuation, all fees collected shall be returned to the enrollees and the Performance Futurity/Maturity discontinued.