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All AHA program and event deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by hand delivery, postal service, fax, e-mail, internet, or other electronic means.

Note: Owners must submit U.S. funds when entering the U.S. National Halter Futurity Program.

MEMBERSHIP

For all membership requirements refer to Chapter 7.

1. An individual or Business Membership is required for enrollment and renewal in the Halter Futurity Program.
2. Each participant at an AHA Regional and National Championship Show, Ride or Event must submit a valid AHA Competition Card or join AHA (Membership with Competition Card). Proof of membership with a Competition Card must accompany Show/Competition results when the member joins at the show. (BOD 8/04) (Refer to MEM 105 and 107)
3. Single Event Membership is not acceptable at Regional or National Shows, Rides or events.

FUT 101. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The U.S. National Halter Futurity Program (Res. 10-80) is a progressive program for three-year-old Arabian colts, fillies, and geldings, and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian fillies and geldings. (Res. 73-71) Horses (sires, dams, and foals) must be registered with the Arabian Horse Association Registries, the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry, or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Register.
2. The U.S. National Show Commission will be responsible for: (BOD 12/15)
 - a. Dividing classes
 - b. Class entry fees
 - c. Close of entry date
 - d. Scheduling classes

FUT 102. ELIGIBILITY

1. Nominations –
 - a. The nomination must be made on the dam of the foal postmarked/electronic transaction dated on or before **December 31** of the year prior to birth, and the fee of \$30 per mare per country paid to the Arabian Horse Association. Nominations postmarked/electronic transaction dated after **December 31 will be accepted through February 15** of the year the foal is born with an additional \$100 fee per horse per country. (BOD 11/05)
 - b. Nominations must be made on an official AHA In-Utero Foal Application and information shall include name and number of dam; name and number of sire; and year foal is due.
 - c. There is a \$45 processing fee per mare to be paid at the time of original nomination. (BOD 3/17) This is in addition to your nomination fee and is a one-time charge only. The \$100 late fee for a new nomination will be retained by the AHA office.
 - d. No fees shall be refunded if nomination requirements are not fulfilled, the mare nominated does not produce a foal if the nominee dies or if the nominee is gelded or spayed before the date of the show in which he or she would be eligible to show as an entire colt or filly.
 - e. All fees are non-transferable with the following **exception**: Upon presentation of a veterinary certificate stating that a mare has not produced a live foal (defined as a foal that stands and nurses within 30 days after parturition) the nominated mare's nomination fee will be applied to a new nomination in the consecutive year. The nomination fee

for the consecutive year may be transferred to another mare having the same ownership. This consecutive year's transaction will require payment of an additional \$30 processing fee. (Res. 24-94)

- f. If a transfer is to be made to a succeeding year's foal, a new entry form must be submitted by the nominator.
- g. When multiple embryo transfers (by the same sire/dam/owner/foaling year) are submitted, the first registration application(s) received for that particular cross by AHA will be linked to the in-utero foal record(s). In the event that the nominator makes application for registration at the exact same time for more embryo transfer foals than he/she has in-utero nominations available, then the nominator will be contacted for an official order in which he/she wishes the foals to be registered. (BOD 11/12)

2. Renominations –

- a. In order to show, a Futurity entrant must pay the following fees:
 - 1) Nomination fee is \$30 per mare postmarked/electronic transaction dated on or before **December 31** prior to year of birth, along with a \$45 processing fee. (BOD 3/17)
 - 2) \$35 per horse postmarked/electronic transaction dated on or before **December 31** of year of birth (weanling).
 - 3) \$35 per horse postmarked/electronic transaction dated on or before **December 31** of first year after year of birth (yearling).
 - 4) \$35 per horse postmarked/electronic transaction dated on or before **December 31** of second year after birth (two-year-old).
 - 5) \$100 before closing of show entries for the show holding the National Futurity classes the third year after birth (three-year-old).
- b. If a change in ownership occurs for a CAHR or CPAR registered horse, the new owner must notify the AHA office in order for the record to be changed. If a futurity nominee is sold that is registered with CAHR or CPAR, it becomes the responsibility of the new owner to inform AHA of the change of ownership and the new owner will be responsible for paying the renomination fees as they become due.
- c. AHA shall not be responsible for any disputes arising through change of ownership.
- d. Late Penalty (See FUT 104.2). A penalty of \$100 per horse plus the renomination fee will be accepted for RENOMINATIONS only if postmarked/electronic transaction dated between **January 1 and March 31** of each year. If an entry has been dropped from the program due to non-payment, it may be reinstated by paying the following penalty fees:
 - 1) Arabians - \$500 per horse for each year missed in addition to the \$35 renomination fee per horse for each year missed.
 - 2) Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians - \$250 per horse for each year missed in addition to the \$35 renomination fee per horse for each year missed. (BOD 11/06)

Reinstatement and buyback must be done by the original closing date for that show. Horses not reinstated into the program by this date will be notified (owners) and will be given seven (7) days to buy back into the program. (BOD 3/22)

- e. Fees already paid will not be refunded if renomination requirements are not fulfilled, if deadline is missed or if a complete payment is missed. All fees are non-transferable.
- f. Renominations will be sent to the owner of record each year. It is the responsibility of the owner to renominate their horses prior to the stated deadlines even if the owner does not receive the renomination forms from AHA for any reason.
- g. A colt upon being gelded may be transferred to the gelding class at any time prior to the close of entries for the U.S. National classes the third year after birth (three-year-old). A castration report or a copy of the Certificate of Registration of a CAHR or CPAR horse showing "gelding" must be submitted to update the record.

- h. Nomination fees do not include show entry fees, drug fees, stall fees, etc. Nomination into the Halter Futurity Program does not constitute entry into the U.S. National Show. A separate U.S. National Show entry form must be submitted with the appropriate entry fees prior to the close of entries in order for the horse to be shown in the appropriate Halter Futurity Class.
- i. Half-Arabians must have DNA type of the horse and horse's purebred Arabian parent placed on permanent record with the AHA Registry and the horse has been shown to qualify as an offspring of the stated purebred sire or purebred dam through DNA type testing in order to compete in the Halter Futurity classes at U.S. Nationals. DNA testing will be at the owner's expense and must be on file with the AHA office before the horse will be eligible to compete in the Halter Futurity classes. If the DNA is not on file at that time, the horse is ineligible to be shown and all nomination fees will be forfeited. (BOD 3/15)

FUT 103. JUDGING

National Futurity classes shall be judged utilizing the same judging system as employed by the National Championship Breeding and In-Hand classes. A Top Ten, National Champion, and Reserve National Champion will be selected using this system, however up to a Top Ten will be selected and not 50% of the class. If the Futurity classes are held in conjunction with the National Show, they may show in any National class, if eligible. If the Futurity classes are held at a show other than the National Show, they may show in any of the classes at that show.

FUT 104. PRIZE MONEY

1. Prize Money Pay-out:
 - a. **Arabians:** Original nomination fees will be divided equally between the filly, colt, and gelding classes. The renomination fees and show entry fees will go into the jackpot of the classes the nominee will show in.
 - b. **Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabians:** Original nomination fees will be divided equally between the filly and gelding classes. The renomination fees will go into the jackpot by gender that the nominee will show in. The show entry fees will go into the jackpot of the classes the nominee will show in. (BOD 1/02)
 - c. Breeding/In-Hand Futurity Prize money for each class shall be divided as follows: Champion 25%, Reserve Champion 15%, remaining Top Ten 7.5%. Any money not distributed shall be equally divided among all placings. This prize money shall be effective for foals conceived and entered in 1997 and thereafter. (BOD 12/15)
 - d. **Recovery of Halter Futurity Prize Money Wrongfully Received:** If, in accordance with applicable protest or disciplinary procedures of AHA, or USEF, a determination by any of these entities establishes, expressly or implicitly, that a person or horse was not qualified to participate in the Halter Futurity program and prize money was received, all such money shall be refunded to AHA within 60 days after a written demand is made by AHA. In the event that AHA is required to refer any such matter for collection to an attorney or collection agency, or to institute legal proceedings, AHA shall, in addition to the Halter Futurity prize money wrongfully received, be entitled to recover from the person receiving said money interest at the rate of 12% per annum compounded annually from the date the money was received, as well as all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees and collection agency fees.
 - e. The Futurity Commission reserves the right to pay the dollar amount as calculated and verified at the AHA office after all Vet scratches and approved refunds are taken into consideration for final payout. Prize money checks presented, and prize money received may differ due to the circumstances outlined in this paragraph.
2. Beginning in 1990, all late fees collected from horses entered in the U.S. National Halter Futurity Program will be added to the purses of the appropriate classes for which the accompanying renominating fees were paid. (Res. 45-89) Late fees received on new nominations will be retained by the AHA office, see FUT 102.1.c.

FUT 105. PRIZE MONEY PAY-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Prize money will be paid only to the recorded owner at the time of the show. Checks for prize money shall be mailed within 60 days after completion of the show. All prize money checks will be issued in U.S. funds.
2. The Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number must be on file with AHA before prize money is released. If this information is not on file or is not provided within 120 days after notification, all prize money will be forfeited. Foreign residents winning prize money at an event held in the United States will be subject to income tax of 30% per Internal Revenue Service regulations. This amount will be withheld from total winnings. To obtain more information on this matter, contact the Internal Revenue Service as the Arabian Horse Association is not able to render advice on matters of taxation. In addition, if a prize money check is issued and not presented for payment by **December 31** of the year following the year in which the prize money was won, the prize money shall be forfeited. All forfeited prize money will be divided equally between the filly, colt, and gelding classes and added to the jackpot for the following futurity year.