

or on behalf of, the AHA or Futurity Commission in connection with the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby.

2. Participants in the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby agree that damages for any successful claim against AHA and/or Futurity Commission which is based upon the way a class is run, the judging thereof, the scheduling, the placing of the participants, or the interpretation of the applicable rules shall be limited to liquidated damages in the amount of the nomination and entry fees.
3. If, notwithstanding the release signed by a participant in the program and the above provision of the program rules, any liability to a participant should arise on the part of AHA or Futurity Commission, such liability shall be limited as liquidated damages, to an amount equal to the nomination fees paid by the participant.

PERF 105. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND AMENDMENTS TO RULES

1. If any dispute or issue should arise regarding the implementation of the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby program which cannot be resolved solely by reference to these rules, or which requires that they be interpreted, the dispute or issue shall be resolved by decision of the Futurity Commission, upon a written petition submitted by an interested party to the Futurity Commission. The petition should not be submitted to a Commissioner(s), as all cases are reviewed on an anonymous basis. All decisions by the Futurity Commission on disputes or issues raised under the provisions of this section shall be consistent with the purpose of the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Rules and shall be final. Written notice of the decision of the Futurity Commission stating the basis for the decision shall be sent to the Petitioning party.
2. The Futurity Commission may amend these rules from time to time as it deems necessary with the approval of the AHA Board of Directors.
3. **Recovery of Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Prize Money Wrongfully Received:** If, in accordance with applicable protest or disciplinary procedures of AHA, USEF, or EC, a determination by any of these entities establishes, expressly or implicitly, that a person or horse was not qualified to participate in the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby 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 Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby 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.
4. 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.

PERF 106. ELIGIBILITY

1. Horses must be registered with AHA, CAHR, or CPAR and possess a current Certificate of Registration. In the event a Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Enrollment form is submitted for a horse that is not registered, the form will be returned to the submitter. Upon completion of the registration of the horse (permanent registration number must be assigned), the enrollment can be resubmitted. Late fees may apply.
2. Horses must be owned by a member of AHA. To nominate horses to the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby program, only one of the owners shown on the current registration papers must be a member of AHA and be in good standing. See MEM 105 for Competition membership requirements.
3. For the purposes of these Rules, a horse's age shall be determined by the USEF age standards.
4. AHA shall not be responsible for any disputes arising through change of ownership.
5. It is the responsibility of the owner to verify that their horse is properly enrolled (including the payment of all applicable fees) in the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program to compete in the designated Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby classes at the AHA National Championships.

PERF 107. ANNUAL NOMINATION

1. Nominations are required for all participants each year they are eligible to compete. Nominations include an entry (either online or submitted on an official form) and includes the required nomination fee, processing fee, and any applicable late fees. A class must be designated at the time of original nomination. Nominations without a class indicated will not be processed. **Nomination must be submitted by the close of entries for the National Show you are entering.** Nomination in an identified class will serve as the qualification for that class. A request to change classes postmarked/electronic transaction dated after **July 1** and prior to the **original** close of Sport Horse National entries and **August 1** and prior to the **original** close of U.S. National entries will be allowed with a written request and a \$100 change fee. (BOD 11/05) A request to change classes after the original close of U.S. Entries will be allowed with a written request and a \$250 change fee, until **October 1st**. (BOD 11/23) The class change fees will be retained by AHA for administrative fees. (BOD 11/12)
2. There is a \$45 one-time processing fee per class/per year you are nominating to be included with the first payment. (BOD 3/17)
3. Nominations must be made on the official nomination form. All nominations must be made prior to the close of entries for either Sport Horse or U.S. Nationals. Nominations will be entered under the current recorded owner of the horse.
4. **For U.S. Nationals:** A Nomination fee of \$700 per class (Western Pleasure Futurity/Maturity, English Pleasure Futurity/Maturity, Hunter Pleasure Futurity/Maturity, Country English Pleasure Maturity, Trail Horse Futurity, Ranch Riding, Herd Work Futurity, Reining Horse Futurity/Maturity/Derby) may be paid in full, (BOD 2/01, 3/17, 3/19, 3/24) postmarked/electronic transaction dated to AHA prior to **June 1, OR**

The Nomination fee per class may be paid as follows:

1 st Payment due June 1	\$300
After June 1 , add late fee of	\$30
2 nd Payment due July 1	\$200
After July 1 , add late fee of	\$50
3 rd Payment due August 1	\$200
After August 1 , add late fee of	\$80

5. **For Sport Horse Nationals:** A Nomination fee of \$700 per class (Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR Maturity) may be paid in full, postmarked/electronic transaction dated to AHA prior to **May 1, OR**

The Nomination fee per class may be paid as follows: (BOD 1/22)

1 st Payment due May 1	\$300
After May 1 , add late fee of	\$30
2 nd Payment due June 1	\$200
After June 1 , add late fee of	\$50
3 rd Payment due July 1	\$200
After July 1 , add late fee of	\$80

6. Nominations must be made prior to the original close of entries for the National Show you are entering, entries postmarked/electronic transaction dated after the original close of entries must pay the total nomination fee of \$745 (\$700 nomination and \$45 office fee) plus an additional \$910 late fee per performance class (\$750 to be included in the prize money pot for that particular class and \$160 to go toward AHA administrative costs). Nominations are allowed with the additional \$750 late fee up until the first Post Entry Close date (BOD 8/12) (BOD 11/23)
7. Nomination fee does not include show entry fees, post entry fees, drug fees, stall fees, etc. Nomination into the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program does not constitute entry into the National Show. A separate National Show Entry form must be submitted with the appropriate entry fees prior to the close of entries for the horse to be shown in the specified Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Class.
8. Substitution of horses is prohibited.

9. All nomination payments are final and non-refundable. Any portion of a nomination payment not postmarked/electronic transaction dated by the due dates above will cause that entry to be considered a late entry.
10. Transfers may be made to the consecutive year for horses/individuals which are injured, provided that a written request from the recorded owner and veterinarian/physician statement is received within 10 days prior to the first day of the show. This transfer can only be applied to the same horse and same class with a transfer fee of \$100. Only the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby fees will transfer from one year to the next. (BOD 11/10)
11. Nominations for the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby may be transferred upon sale of a nominated horse. The AHA Show Secretary must receive the notice of sale and request for transfer in writing before the horse is shown. Refer to AHA Handbook for transfer fees. For Performance Maturities AAOTR/AOTR, the transfer must be completed in the appropriate registry and the Adult/ Amateur Owner must be listed as the recorded owner on the Certificate of Registration before the nomination can be transferred. (BOD 8/02)
12. There will be no refund of the nomination fee, any portion of a nomination fee or processing fee.

PERF 108. TACK AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Martingales, tie-downs, running rings, and/or any illegal artificial devices used with the bit are prohibited in all classes except in the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian English Pleasure and Country English Pleasure Futurity classes, where a running martingale is optional. (See the current USEF Rule Book.) The tongue stabilizer is allowed for the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Country English Pleasure Performance Futurity and the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian English Pleasure Performance Futurity classes at U.S. Nationals. (BOD 8/24)
2. Horses must be shown in the same type of hackamore, snaffle or bridle throughout the class, i.e. from section through finals.
3. For Hunter Pleasure and Sport Horse Under Saddle classes, a Snaffle Bit is defined as a snaffle bit of at least 3/8" diameter as measured 1/2" from the ring. The snaffle bit may be jointed, double jointed or unjointed. The snaffle bit must have a round, egg butt or "D" shaped ring with no attachments to the headstall or reins through a hook (except for keepers for a full cheek snaffle). Full cheek (with or without keepers), French and Dr. Bristol snaffle bits are permitted). (BOD 3/18) If a curb strap is used in Hunter Pleasure, it must be attached below the reins. A curb strap is not allowed in Sport Horse Under Saddle. (Maturity class specifications may differ from Futurity requirements, refer to PERF 110 and USEF Rule Book). (BOD 11/12)
4. For bit requirements in Western Pleasure, Reining, and Trail classes refer to the USEF Arabian Rules for Junior Horse Classes in their respective divisions (Maturity class specifications may differ from Futurity requirements, refer to PERF 110 and USEF Rule Book). (BOD 11/12)
5. In the Country English Pleasure Futurity and the English Pleasure Futurity horses will be shown in a snaffle defined as a smooth, rounded snaffle bit that is at least 3/8" in diameter as measured 1/2" from the ring. The snaffle will be either single or double jointed. The rings may be 2" to 4" diameter and may be loose ring, egg-butt or dee ring (half cheeks permitted). Should a double-jointed snaffle be used, the center piece must be smooth, round, or flat. The snaffle bit may be wrapped with Guardtex, Latex, SealTex or similar materials. (BOD 3/18) The tongue stabilizer is allowed for the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Country English Pleasure Performance Futurity and the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian English Pleasure Performance Futurity classes at U.S. Nationals. (BOD 8/24)
6. Hackamores (bosals) 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 a hackamore, i.e., steel, metal, or chains. (**Exception:** smooth plastic electrical tape is acceptable; mechanical or rope hackamores are prohibited.) See USEF Rule Book.
7. For Herd Work horses, entries are to be shown under the class specifications set forth in the current NRCHA Rule Book (see exceptions in PERF 110.8). (BOD 3/20)

PERF 109. JUDGING

1. All Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby classes herein shall be judged utilizing the same judging system as employed by the National Championship Show with a Top Ten, Champion and Reserve Champion being named. (Refer to PERF 111 for prize money payout) The rules and specifications set forth in the current USEF Rule Book will be utilized unless otherwise specified and noted hereinafter. Note: Tack appointment requirements may deviate from specific USEF rulings but will be so specified herein. Tack and appointments will be checked by the USEF Steward in all classes. All rules not covered herein will be subject to the prevailing rules set forth by the current USEF Rule Book.
2. All Reining Horses will be video recorded. Video recording may be used by the judge(s) to review if a major penalty (a penalty which results in a no score, a zero (0), or a five (5) point penalty) is unclear. A) The video recording must be provided by an "Official Show Videographer," and the judge must have reason to believe all horses have been video recorded; B) Whether or not to review the video recording is the sole discretion of the judge(s) and the decision of the judge(s) in this regard is non-protestable; C) The judge's decision to review the video recorded performance must be made prior to announcing the official results of the class; D) If a judge decides to review any video recorded performance in a class, the official results of the class must be delayed until after the review and a decision has been made. (Refer to NRHA Rule Book for complete use of video review)

PERF 110. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

1. Western Pleasure Futurity (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Western Pleasure Junior Horse. Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to PERF 108.4, 108.6).
 - b. Entries must be three years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. Bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.
2. Country English Pleasure Futurity (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian /Anglo-Arabian Open) (BOD 8/10)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Country English Pleasure Junior Horse except entries must be shown in a single snaffle (Refer to PERF 108.5); cavessons are required. A running martingale is optional.
 - b. Entries must be three years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. Bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.
 - c. The tongue stabilizer is allowed. (BOD 8/24)
3. English Pleasure Futurity (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian /Anglo-Arabian Open)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for English Pleasure Junior Horse except entries must be shown in a single snaffle (Refer to PERF 108.5); cavessons are required. A running martingale is optional.
 - b. Entries must be three years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. Bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.
 - c. The tongue stabilizer is allowed. (BOD 8/24)
4. Hunter Pleasure Futurity (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse except entries must be shown in a single snaffle (Refer to PERF 108.3); cavessons are required.
 - b. Entries must be three years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. Bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.
5. Reining Horse Futurity (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open)

- a. Entries to be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for reining, except entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to PERF 108.4, 108.6).
 - b. Entries must be five years old and under (BOD 8/07)
 - c. Number of go-rounds will be determined by the National Show Commission. (BOD 1/24)
6. Trail Horse Futurity (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open)
 - a. Entries to be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Trail. Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to PERF 108.4, 108.6).
 - b. Entries must be five years old and under.
 - c. All entries will compete in two go-rounds. The final results to be based on an accumulative score from both go-rounds. Order of go for both go-rounds will be drawn. (BOD 3/09)
 - d. Arabians and Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians are combined into one class. (BOD 3/16)
 7. Herd Work Futurity (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open) (BOD 3/20)
 - a. Entries to be shown and judged under the classifications set forth in the NRCHA Rule Book.
 - b. Entries must be 6 years old and under.
 - c. Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore. (Refer to PERF 108.4 – will follow requirements for Working Cow Horse Division and PERF 108.6)
 - d. All entries in the Herd Work Futurity will compete in 1 go round.
 8. Western Pleasure Maturity AAOTR (Arabian AAOTR and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian AAOTR)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Western Pleasure Junior Horse.
 9. Country English Pleasure Maturity AAOTR (Arabian AAOTR and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian AAOTR)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Country English Pleasure Junior Horse.
 10. English Pleasure Maturity AAOTR (Arabian AAOTR and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian AAOTR)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for English Pleasure Junior Horse.
 11. Hunter Pleasure Maturity AAOTR (Arabian AAOTR and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian AAOTR)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse.
 12. Reining Horse Maturity AAOTR (Arabian AAOTR)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Reining.
 - b. Six-year-olds must be shown in a bridle, i.e. bit. Five-year-olds must be shown in a snaffle or hackamore per current USEF Rule Book. Cross entries in the Reining Horse Futurity are not allowed.
 - c. Number of go-rounds will be determined by the National Show Commission. (BOD 1/24)
 13. Reining Horse Derby (Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open) (BOD 3/16)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the Open class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Reining.
 - b. Horse must be shown in a bridle.
 - c. Number of go-rounds will be determined by the National Show Commission. (BOD 1/24)
 - d. Entries must be six to eight years old.
 14. Western Trail Horse Derby (Arabian Open and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open) (BOD 2/18)
 - a. Entries to be shown and judged under the Open class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Trail. Entries must be shown in a bridle.
 - b. Entries must be six to eight years of age.
 - c. All entries will compete in two go-rounds. The final results to be based on an accumulative score from both go-rounds. Order of go for both go-rounds will be drawn.
 - d. Arabians and Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians are combined into one class.
 15. Ranch Riding Futurity (Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Open) (BOD3/20)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the open class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Ranch Horse Riding. Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to PERF 108.4 – will follow requirements for Western Pleasure Division, and PERF 108.6).
 - b. Entries must be five years old and under.
 - c. Arabians and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabians may be combined into one class.
 - d. Number of go-rounds will be determined by the National Show Commission. (BOD 1/24)
 16. Sport Horse Under Saddle Maturity AOTR (Arabian AOTR and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian AOTR) (BOD 1/22)
 - a. Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book for Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse.
 - b. Entries must be five or six years old.

PERF 111. PRIZE MONEY

All nomination fees and the \$750 and \$1,000 late fees will go into the prize money for that class each year. (BOD 12/15) (BOD 8/12) Nomination fees not designated will be distributed by percentage of the number of horses shown in each class in which the horse was eligible to be entered (**example**: Arabian funds to Arabians and Maturity funds to Maturity classes). (BOD 8/12) Prize money will be paid thus:

- Champion 25% of prize money for that class
- Reserve Champion 15% of total prize money for that class
- Remaining Top Ten 7.5% of total prize money for that class

If fewer than nineteen horses are shown in the class, 50% of the class rounded up, will be eligible for Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby prize money.

Any remaining Top Ten money will be divided equally between all Top Ten placings. For disqualifications at Nationals, refer to REQ 402. Prize money for tied placing(s) involved will be added together and equally split between the respective exhibitors. For additional information on ties in Working Western disciplines, see USEF Arabian Division, Working Western Section, General Scoring. (BOD 8/12) Since all nomination fees are paid out each year, new nominations fees are required for any year the horse participates in the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby classes.

PERF 112. PRIZE MONEY PAY-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Prize money will be paid only to the party who is listed as the recorded owner of the horse at the time of the show. If a horse is sold and the transfer date is during the dates of the show, the prize money will be issued to the new recorded owner of the horse. Checks for prize money shall be mailed within 60 days after completion of the competition. 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 Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby classes and added to the prize money for the following Futurity/Maturity/Derby year.