



BEST IN THE WEST "NON PRO" FUTURITY RULES

Classes Offered: Junior Weanling Colts * Senior Weanling Colts * Junior Weanling Fillies * Senior Weanling Fillies
Yearling Stallions * Yearling Mares * Yearling Geldings
Seven Corresponding Color Futurities Held WITHIN Each Of The Above Classes
Owner – Breeder – Exhibitor Purse in Each Class For Qualified Entries

Horse Eligibility: Entry Must Be Sired By A "Best In The West" Nominated Stallion, stallions must be nominated each year. All entries must provide proof of registry with APHA, ApHC, AQHA. Please send copy of registration papers with your entry or prior to October 1st, horses with pending registry **Can Not** compete.

Horses MUST be "nominated" each year prior to entering a futurity class.

All breeds compete together but there is a separate color futurity held within each class. A separate entry fee and entry form required for those horses wishing to be considered for color monies. 20% of stallion nominations from APHA and ApHC stallions allocated to all color purses.

Exhibitor Eligibility: Non Pro (Amateurs must show breed membership card, youth must show proof that they are 18yrs or younger.)

All entries must include a completed W-9 Form. Entries will NOT be processed unless this form is included and completed in its entirety. [Download W9 form here.](#)

CROSS ENTRIES: Horses that compete in the Non Pro futurity **ARE ALSO** eligible to compete in the **WCHA OPEN** futurity.

Draws: Based on foaling dates, youngest horses will enter the arena first. Judges will be informed that the youngest horses are at the front of the line and then staggered accordingly with oldest horses at the rear.

No Leases: Horses that are leased are not eligible for competition.

No Refunds. Horses can be sold at any time and still remain eligible with \$50 change of ownership fee. Registration papers may be compared to each entry to verify markings. By entering a futurity class, owners are subject to random drug testing with any positive test cause for disqualification and all fees forfeited. **No Substitutions EXCEPT** in the case of death of the futurity entry, veterinary statement must be submitted, substitution may be applied to the following year's futurity.

No coaching from the sidelines, trainers must not sit or stand near the arena railing in a manner that may appear to be assisting, or having influence of any entry within the class, violation of this rule is grounds for disqualification and all fees forfeited. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Lip Chains or lip cords are allowed in all classes. We will closely monitor any abuse of this safety tool **or any other mistreatment**, not only in the show pen but anywhere on the show grounds, any violation will be grounds for disqualification from participation. Fair competition and the safety for all owners, exhibitors, spectators and the horses put in our care is primary importance to our program.

Only the exhibitor and the horse are to be allowed to enter the alleyway according to the working order. There will be no trainers, parents or grooms with the exhibitor or horse once the judges are visible in the arena.

Setting Up for Inspection – An exhibitor that does not get their conformation horse set up and standing still long enough to allow the judge(s) to look at all 4 sides of the horse may be disqualified. Reasonable consideration will be given before making a disqualification.

* **Loose Horse** – any exhibitor may continue showing if: at the judge's discretion the situation is safe and prudent, loose horse is caught with minimal disruption receiving assistance from only individuals inside the ring.

* **Disruptive Horse** – Any horse that is disruptive upon determination of the judge(s) may be excused if thought to be a danger to the exhibitor, other exhibitors or other horses. If a horse causes another horse to get loose, the loose horse may continue to show without penalty. No weanlings may be accompanied by mares into arena.

* **Obvious Lameness** – consistently observable head bobbing at a trot under all circumstances. Upon determination of lameness that horse shall be disqualified.

Purse Distribution: Each weanling class will pay 10 places. Owner-Breeder-Exhibitor competition, "color" classes, and yearling payouts will be based on number of entries in each class. 20% of monies collected from APHA and ApHC Stallion Nomination will be allocated to color purses plus 100% of color entry fees. The Best In The West Executive Committee reserves the right to determine what amount of the stallion nomination fees will be allocated to each futurity class. A futurity class with less than three entries may be cancelled with all fees refunded. The BITW Committee will have final word on interpretation of the rules and reserves the right to make changes if the need arises.

I hereby release Best In The West- Heritage Classic Horse Show and their respective directors, officers, members, volunteers, employees and lessors of premises from all liability, claims, losses or damages arising from injury, death and/or property damages occurring as a result of participation in the activities, (and participant's family, heirs, agents, representatives). Participant has read this document and other rules of the futurity program, fully understands the terms and by signing hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions set forth.

Participant's Signature: (Required) _____ Date: _____

Printed Name and relationship to owner if different than Participant: _____

Email Address of Person Making Entry : _____