

Walking Horse Association of Michigan Futurity 2009

Purpose

The purpose of the W.H.A.M. Walking Horse Futurity is to provide an excellent showing experience for members of Walking Horse Association of Michigan to promote their breeding program and show their quality foals and young walking horses.

All horses will be exhibited and judged by WHAM rules, NWA rules, and the following Futurity Committee rules.

Eligibility

- 1) All horses nominated must be the product of a Registered Tennessee Walker stallion and mare.
- 2) Owner must be a member of WHAM at time of nomination.
- 3) The futurity committee reserves the right to reject any entry and to bar any entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of the Futurity.

Refund of Entry Fees

Entry fees paid are non-refundable for any reason. (Including miscarriage, stillborn, or death of the entry)

Disputes and Protests

Futurity committee shall handle all requests, disputes, protests and rule clarifications. The Committee's decisions shall be final.

Nomination of Sire

To nominate a stallion in the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The stallion must be a registered Tennessee Walking Horse.
- 2) Nomination fee of \$50 is to be paid, to the Futurity program, for the year in which the foal is eligible for the Weanling Division.
- 3) Owner of the stallion has first choice to nominate and pay fee. Owner of the nominated stallion's foal may nominate and pay if stallion owner declines. The one who nominates and pays is eligible to receive the end of the year cash award.

Nomination of Dam

To nominate a mare in the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The mare must be a registered Tennessee Walker Horse.
- 2) Nomination fee of \$20 is to be paid, to the Futurity program, for the year in which the foal is eligible for the Weanling Division.
- 3) Owner of the mare has first choice to nominate and pay fee. Owner of the nominated mare's foal may nominate and pay if mare's owner declines. The one who nominates and pays is eligible to receive the end of the year cash award.

Weanling Division

In order for a foal to be shown in the Weanling Division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The foal must be registered or have applied for registration, if a weanling registration name and number have not been received at the time of nomination enter the first choice name and write "pending" for the number.
- 2) If the foal is to be born after the June 1st deadline, you must nominate it as "Unborn" in order to participate in the Futurity.
- 3) The Sire and Dam must be nominated in the Futurity in the year in which the foal is born.
- 4) A nomination fee of \$30.00 must be paid to the Futurity on or before the entry deadline of the weanling year.
- 5) All entries will be shown in hand. Fillies and Colts will be in separate classes. Entry fee is included in nomination fee.
- 6) The first and second place colt and first and second place filly will return to the ring to determine a Grand Champion Weanling.
- 7) Only one award will be given for this Championship class.

Yearling Division

In order for a colt or filly to be shown in the Yearling Division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The colt or filly must have been entered in the Weanling Division of this Futurity and all conditions and requirements of the Weanling division must have been fulfilled.
- 2) If the yearling was not nominated as a weanling, the owner has a one-time opportunity to nominate the yearling by paying all the back weanling fees: stallion, mare and weanling fee, fulfilling all conditions and requirements of the weanling division, plus a \$50.00 penalty fee. Then, owner may nominate the colt or filly in its yearling year.
- 3) A nomination fee of \$30.00 must be paid to the Futurity on or before the nomination deadline.
- 4) All entries shown in hand. Fillies and Colts will be in separate classes. Entry fee is included in nomination fee.
- 5) The first and second place colt and first and second place filly will return to the ring to determine a Grand Champion Yearling.
- 6) Only one award will be given for this Championship class.

Two-Year-Old Division (In Hand or 2 Gaited Under Saddle)

In order for a colt or filly to show in the Two-Year-Old Division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The colt or filly must have been entered in the weanling and yearling divisions of this Futurity and all conditions and requirements of those divisions must have been fulfilled.
- 2) The owner may enter the nominated horse in either the two year old in hand or two year old under saddle or both categories, if desired.
- 3) A nomination fee of \$30.00 for each two year old category entered must be paid to the Futurity on or before the nomination deadline.
- 4) Entries are to be shown in hand (show halter or bridle), or under saddle. Entry fee is included in nomination fee.

Three-Year-Old Division (2 Gaited)

In order for a mare, gelding or stallion to show in the Three-Year-Old Division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The mare, gelding or stallion must have been entered in the Weanling, Yearling and Two-Year-Old Divisions of the Futurity and all conditions and requirements of those divisions must have been fulfilled.
- 2) A nomination fee of \$30.00 must be paid to the Futurity on or before the nomination deadline.
- 3) Entries are to be shown under saddle. Entry fee is included in nomination fee.

Four-Year-Old Division (2 Gaited)

In order for a mare, gelding or stallion to show in the Four-Year-Old Division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The mare, gelding or stallion must have been entered in the Weanling, Yearling, Two-Year-Old and Three-Year-Old Divisions of the Futurity and all conditions and requirements of those divisions must have been fulfilled.
- 2) A nomination fee of \$30.00 must be paid to the Futurity on or before the nomination deadline.
- 3) Entries are to be shown under saddle performing only a flat walk and run walk. (2 gait class) Entry fee is included in nomination fee.

Alumni Sweepstakes Class (3 Gaited)

In order for a mare, gelding or stallion to show in the Alumni Sweepstakes Class of the Futurity, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) The class is open to horses aged 5 – 8 years.
- 2) The mare, gelding or stallion must have been entered in the Weanling, Yearling, Two-Year-Old, Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old Divisions of the Futurity and all conditions and requirements of those divisions must have been fulfilled.
- 3) The owner has to nominate the horse for this class. A pre-nomination fee of \$50 will be charged to show in the Alumni Sweepstakes Class.
- 4) Entry fees will be divided between the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Awards

Entries will be tied to eighth (8) place for the weanling class. All other futurity classes tied to sixth place. Cash awards will be paid through the sixth place. The cash awards will be mailed to the winners after the Futurity classes take place.

A \$500 bonus award will be given to the Champion Weanling. An additional bonus award will be given the Champion Yearling: the amount varies from year to year depending on the entries. Sire and Dam points are accumulated from all classes for the high point award. A cash award will be given to the High Point Sire and to the High Point Dam. These cash awards also vary from year to year with a minimum of \$100 each.