

AQHA UK FUTURITY SCHEME RULES 2018

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1. Purpose Of The Scheme

1.1. The purpose of the scheme is to promote the Quarter Horse and membership of the Association through competition and significant prize purses.

1.2. All horses must comply with AQHA registration requirements and be registered with AQHA-UK.

1.3. Once enrolled a horse will be eligible for all classes but to show the owner and exhibitor must be current members of AQHA-UK.

1.4. Enrolment stays with the horse and is transferred to the new owners if sold.

1.5. With Leased or Loaned horse/s the registration will remain with the registered owner as per the records held by the AQHA-UK Futurity Register. A copy of the Lease or Loan Agreement must be lodged with the Futurity Coordinator prior to any competition.

2. Futurity/Maturity Classes

2.1. The following Futurity Scheme classes will be offered at the annual AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show:-

Stallions Halter: Weanlings, Yearlings, 2yo, 3yo,

Geldings Halter: Weanlings, Yearlings, 2yo, 3yo,

Mares Halter: Weanlings, Yearlings, 2yo, 3yo,

2yo and 3yo Lunge Line – Open

4yo – 5yo Trail – Open

*4yo – 5yo Western Pleasure – Open**

4yo – 5yo Hunter Under Saddle – Open

4yo – 5yo Reining – Open

*4yo – 5yo Ranch Riding – Open**

**No restrictions on horses showing in both Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding*

2.2. Each class shall benefit from a prize purse made up of a payback element of the entry fees plus a proportion from the Futurity fund built up from enrolment fees and sponsorship monies donated by one or more sponsors. Sponsorship should be distributed evenly across all classes obliged to be held during that current year unless Sponsors specifically request differently at the time of agreeing to provide monies.

2.3. The Triple Crown Champion Award

To Win this Award the following applies:-

Horses must be registered on the Scheme

Riders must also be members of AQHA UK

It is mandatory that horses must compete in a minimum of 3 of the 5 ridden Futurity Classes to be eligible.

Points will be awarded for following placings irrespective of the number of entries in a class:-

1st - 5 Points, 2nd - 4 Points, 3rd - 3 Points, 4th - 2 Points, 5th - 1 Point

The Award will be given to the horse with the most points won.

The same horse may be exhibited by different riders.

In the event of a tiebreak situation the following will be applied:

1st Tiebreak – Horse earning points in the greatest number of events

2nd Tiebreak – Horse winning over the greatest number of horses

3rd Tiebreak – Horse with the most 1st Placings

4th Tiebreak – Horse with the highest score in scored classes (Trail, Ranch Riding, Reining)

2.4 Maturity Classes

The following Maturity Classes will be offered at the annual AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show

6yo and Over Trail

6yo and Over Western Pleasure

6yo and Over Hunter Under Saddle

6yo and Over Reining

6yo and Over Ranch Riding

To be eligible to compete in the above classes the following will apply:-

Horses must have been registered on the Futurity Scheme when aged 5 or under.

Riders/Competitors and or Owners must be current members of AQHAUK

Entry Fees shall be the same as any Futurity Class.

Each class shall benefit from a prize purse made up of a payback element of the entry fees only.

3. Enrolment

3.1. Horses can be enrolled in the AQHA-UK Futurity Scheme at any time up until the end of their 5th year of age, generally the earlier a horse is enrolled and paid into the scheme the cheaper it is. Waiting until the potential of the horse emerges incurs an increased cost. Enrolment fees are to be set annually by the AQHA –UK Council in order to reflect current market values and costs related to running the scheme, and will be effective from 1st April each year.

2018 Fees: Weanling – 2yo £50, 3yo – 5yo £100

3.2. For the purpose of defining a horse's age, *Rule REG121.1 of the official handbook of rules and regulations appertaining to the American Quarter Horse Association shall be observed. i.e. the age of a horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting January 1st of the year foaled. It is a weanling during the calendar year in which it was foaled and a yearling during the first calendar year following its foaling date regardless of the time of year foaled. E.g. a horse foaled in 2011 is considered to be a yearling as of January 1st 2012 and a 2.y.o. as at January 1st 2013.*

3.3. All details on the enrolment forms must be completed legibly and include the following:-

1. The Horses Name as recorded with both AQHA and AQHA-UK*

2. The AQHA Registration Number*

3. The AQHA-UK Registration Number*

4. The AQHA-UK Owner's Membership Number

*In the case of a Foal/Weanling, enrolment form may be completed with sire and dam details until AQHA and AQHA-UK registrations are completed.

Together with [If applicable]

5. A legible copy of any Lease/Loan Agreement

6. A signed and dated letter from the owner indicating clearly the date a Stallion has been gelded (if originally registered as a Stallion)

Together with a cheque made out to AQHA-UK Futurity Account or evidence of payment by other means with the correct fee payable

3.4. Owners will be issued with an Enrolment Certificate including a Change of Ownership/Transfer Form for use if the horse is sold and/or transferred; also included shall be a Change of Address Form.

3.5. Any Change of Ownership or Address for the registered owner of a horse enrolled on the scheme should be notified by completing a Change of Address form and sent to the Futurity Coordinator.

3.6. When a Stallion is gelded, such a fact should be notified to the Futurity Coordinator immediately. This should be done by providing a written statement from the owner indicating the date the horse was gelded.

4. Late Enrolment

4.1. A 'Late Enrolment' is defined as a horse that intends to exhibit at the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show and is enrolled after the fee review comes into place on 1st April in the same year. In order for the horse to be eligible to exhibit at the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show the enrolment registration must be received by the Futurity Coordinator before 31st August in that year.

Example: To show at the 2017 Breed Show a late enrolment is any registration received between 1st April 2017 – 31st August 2017.

4.2. A submitted 'Late Enrolment' shall pay the normal required fee as set for that year and then be subject to an additional 'Late Enrolment Fee' upon entry to the Futurity classes at AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show in that year. The 'Late Enrolment Fee' shall be equal to 50% of the normal fee and shall be paid in advance when submitting entries for the show as described above. This additional fee shall cover a £5 administration fee to the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show Account and the remainder to the Futurity Deposit Account.

Example: For a 2yo late enrolment, £50 enrolment fee payable with registration plus £25 late enrolment fee payable with futurity show entries.

4.3. Foals/Weanlings that intend to show in the same year that they are born are exempt from a 'Late Enrolment' fee but should still ensure registration is submitted before 31st August in that year and Rule 4.4. still applies.

4.4. No 'Late Enrolments', without exception, shall be accepted between the 1st September and the date of any AQHA-UK Futurity and /or Maturity Classes held in the same year. Any horse enrolled during this timeframe shall be ineligible to compete in all AQHA-UK Futurity/Maturity classes for that calendar year. The same applies for any/all enrolments that are completed incorrectly and not resolved before 1st September.

5. Finances

5.1. All enrolment fees will be allocated to a separate Futurity Fund Account. This fund will be used only for the purposes of providing prize money for the Futurity Scheme.

5.2. The fund will be accounted for separately and interest accrual, profit and/or loss shall be recorded.

5.3. All overheads including administration, publicity, show costs and rosettes will be borne by the Association and Breed/Championship show.

5.4. Each year that the Futurity Scheme is obliged to be held, a figure equivalent to 80% of the total Futurity Fund will be used as a basis for calculation of added prize money. This will ensure a healthy growth of the fund and steadily increasing prize purses.

5.5. A full report of the scheme finances will be made in the Council report to the AGM each year.

6. Entry Fees

6.1. A £25 entry fee per class includes a £15 payback deduction to be added to the prize purse per class.

6.2. The remaining £10 will be allocated to the Futurity Fund Account.

6.3. Scratching of an entry in a Futurity class shall cause the entry fee to be repaid in full only on submission of a valid veterinary certificate.

7. Prize Purses

7.1. The payback element of each entry fee in each Futurity and Maturity class will be allocated to the prize purse for that class. The remaining portion of each entry fee will be paid into the Futurity Fund Account.

7.2. A further sum taken from the Futurity Fund shall be added to the Prize purse for each Futurity class (not Maturity). This sum shall be calculated by taking 80% of the total sum in the fund and dividing it by the total number of present classes that the scheme is obliged to hold.

7.3. Each Maturity class shall benefit from a prize purse made up of the payback element of the entry fees only.

7.4.1 The Prize Purse for each Futurity class shall be awarded as follows:-

1 Entry – 1st Prize Payout - 100% 1st

2 Entries – 1st and 2nd Prize Payouts – 60% 1st, 40% 2nd

3 - 7 Entries- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Payouts - 50% 1st, 30% 2nd, 20% 3rd

8 Entries or more – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Prize Payouts - 45% 1st, 25% 2nd, 20% 3rd, 10% 4th

7.4.2 The Prize Purse for each Maturity class shall be awarded as follows:-

2 Entries - 1st Prize Payout - 100% 1st

3 – 5 Entries - 1st and 2nd Prize Payouts of 60% 1st, 40% 2nd

6 – 7 Entries – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Payouts of 50% 1st, 30% 2nd, 20% 3rd

8 or More Entries - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Prize Payouts of 45% 1st, 25% 2nd, 20% 3rd, 10% 4th

7.5. Prize money will be paid to the registered owner/s and sent to the registered address as per the Futurity records

7.6.1 In the event of any horse/rider combination being disqualified in either the Futurity and/or Maturity classes: the payback elements of each disqualified competitor shall be allocated across the remaining prize purse. The retained portion of the entry fee shall still be paid into the Futurity Fund Account.

7.6.2 In the event of any horse/rider combination being disqualified the payback elements of the allotted prize monies shall be allocated across the prize purse as per Rule 7.4.- but the percentages and number of payouts will be dependent upon the number of horses placing (not disqualified) rather than the number of entries.

7.7. As per Rule 6.3 – Any scratching of an entry shall cause the payout portion of the entry fee to be allocated to the prize purse and the remaining portion to be allocated to the Futurity Fund UNLESS a valid veterinary certificate is lodged with the Futurity Coordinator and/or Show Secretary NO LATER THAN the completion of the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show and if approved, the full entry fee shall be refunded and will therefore not be included in the payout calculations.

7.8. Any allotted prize money (including sponsorship monies) for the Futurity classes not awarded [e.g. no entries in a class] shall be returned to the Futurity Fund.

8. Management Procedures

8.1. A Futurity Coordinator will be appointed by the AQHA-UK Council and be responsible to them for the administration of the Futurity Scheme and the enrolment of horses. This appointment need not necessarily be a current member of AQHA-UK Council.

8.2. Management and accounting of the fund shall be carried out on behalf of AQHA-UK Council by the Futurity Coordinator and the Association Treasurer.

8.3. The Futurity Coordinator will work with Show Management regarding arrangements for the Futurity/Maturity classes and be responsible for ensuring that class entries and results are recorded and kept safe.

8.4. Calculation of added monies allocated from the Futurity Fund will be made by the Futurity Coordinator and Association Treasurer approved by AQHA-UK Council. After the completion of the AHQA-UK Breed/Championship show the show management will pass to the Futurity Fund all the Futurity and Maturity class entry fees.

8.5. The Futurity Coordinator and the Association Treasurer will be responsible for and issuing of prize cheques.

9. Appeals

9.1. Any member who feels that there has been an error in the management and/or administration of the Futurity scheme should, in the first instance, contact the Futurity Coordinator. If the situation cannot be resolved the matter will be referred to the AQHA-UK Council. If necessary, the Council will appoint an Appeal Panel to adjudicate.

10. Appeals Panel

10.1. An Appeal Panel will consist of three persons appointed by AQHA-UK Council. These persons shall be current members of AQHA-UK. The panel will take into account the views of the appellant, the Futurity Coordinator and any other appropriate parties. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final

11. Rule Changes

11.1. Changes to these rules may be approved at any AQHA-UK Council Meeting with a minimum of 5 members present but will become effective on an annual basis from 1st April in line with the annual fee review. Where necessary some alterations may be brought before the membership at the AGM for further approval.

12. Winding Up Of The Scheme

12.1. Classes will continue to run until all enrolled horses are too old for classes as specified at the time winding up was agreed.

12.2. Any sum of money remaining in the Futurity Account after the last class has been held shall be transferred to AQHA-UK's current account.

13 Dissolution Of The Association

13.1. In the unlikely event of the dissolution of the Association, the AQHA-UK Council shall make arrangements to maintain the separate identity and ongoing existence of the Scheme and its associated fund and to establish an alternative governing/management body.

BEST BRITISH BRED QUARTER HORSE

In previous years this award was run in conjunction with the AQHA-UK Futurity Scheme. From 2018 it will now form a part of the entire AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show.

1. The purpose of the award is to encourage participation and promote 'British Bred Quarter Horses' at the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show.
2. To be eligible for this award the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The horse must be currently registered with both AQHA and AQHA-UK (Section 1 or Appendix)
 - b. The current owner of the horse must be registered as living in the UK and hold current AQHA-UK membership
 - c. The breeder of the horse must have been registered as living in the UK at the time of foaling and initial registration
 - d. The horse must have been foaled in the UK
 - e. At least one parent of the horse must have been foaled in the UK
3. The award will be given to the horse that meets the above criteria and attains the highest number of points over AQHA classes in a single division (Youth, Amateur or Open – L1 not included) held at the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show under all Judges.
4. Points will be awarded as per AQHA All-Around Rule SHW803.8, i.e Horses placing in the top 9 will be given one point for each horse/contestant placing below them plus one point not to exceed 9 points. E.g. in a class of 9 or more horses, the 1st placed horse shall receive 9 points, 2nd place shall receive 8 points and so on through 9th place.
5. In the event of a tie break it shall be resolved as per AQHA Rule SHW803.9. i.e.
 - 1st Tiebreak: Horse that earned points in the greatest number of events
 - 2nd Tiebreak: Horse winning over the greatest number of horses
 - 3rd Tiebreak: Horse earning the most points in performance events