

# MICHIGAN ARABIAN & HALF ARABIAN BREEDERS FUTURITY

## Mission Statement and Rules

Established by three Michigan Arabian Horse Clubs (Arabian Horse Association of Michigan, West Michigan Arabian Horse Association and Half-Arabian Horse Association of Michigan), the Michigan Arabian and Half-Arabian Breeders Futurity will organize, manage and promote an annual Futurity Show for young Arabian and Half-Arabians to be exhibited by their owners and breeders.

The Futurity will provide halter and performance classes for the all Arabian and Half-Arabians between the ages of weanling to four year olds. It is a “stand alone”, unrated, non-profit and jack pot funded show. All expenses and class premiums are borne by the nomination and office fees, stall rentals and class entry fees. Enriching funds will be obtained through numerous sponsorships.

The Michigan Arabian & Half-Arabian Breeders Futurity will try and be the most educational and enjoyable event for breeders, owners, families and spectators, who love the personality, intelligence, grace and beauty of the Arabian and Half-Arabian horse.

## **RULES**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Michigan Arabian & Half-Arabian Breeders Futurity (MAHABF) for Purebreds and Half-Arabians will be shown in six divisions of halter (AOTH, Weanling, Yearling, Two Year Olds, Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds) and two divisions in performance (3 & 4 Year Old Purebreds and Half-Arabians). Classes will be shown each year at the MAHABF Show.
2. A qualified Arabian judge will judge all Divisions.
3. Proof of registration is mandatory and must be provided with entry forms for all Yearlings, Two Year Olds, Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds. If copies are not provided, the exhibitor will have to pay the show office for copies. Fee to be determined by show secretary.
4. As of January 1, 2001, all horses coming to the Futurity for whatever reason **MUST** have a negative Coggins test within the calendar year in accordance with Michigan Law. This will be checked and enforced. Copies can be sent in with entries. Foals under 6 months of age are not required to have a Coggins when accompanied by dam.
5. All Futurity fees must be paid to MAHABF. A fee of \$50 for each non sufficient funds check and each declined credit card.
6. Yearly re-nomination fee includes one Open Halter Class for that particular year; does not include AOTH, Performance Classes, Sport Horse Classes or In-Hand Trail Classes.
7. All class fees are non-refundable.
8. Ingham County Fairgrounds has requested that we enforce several of their rules for insurance purposes.
  - a. Exhibitors will not be allowed on the fairgrounds property until the Thursday before the show is to begin. Those that arrive prior to Thursday will be asked to leave immediately. No Exceptions.
  - b. No lunging in the Main Arena.

## **A. UNBORN FOAL ENTRY INTO THE FUTURITY PROGRAM**

To enter an unborn foal into the Futurity Program and the foals' weanling class, the following requirements must be met:

1. For a purebred foal nomination, the dam and sire must be registered with the Arabian Horse Association or the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry.
2. For a Half-Arabian nomination, the dam or sire must be registered with the Arabian Horse Association or the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry.
3. The foal must be eligible for registration in the Arabian Horse Association or the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry.
4. A \$100.00 entry fee must be paid (postmarked) on or before **March 31** of the year in which the foal is born. This will cover the nomination fee (\$50.00), the weanling class entry fee (\$45.00), and the office fee (normally \$15.00). This is a savings to the old nomination process.
5. In the event that a breeding does not result in a live foal (i.e.: stillborn, abortion, death of mare, etc), the fee paid to enter the foal into the program may be transferred to another unborn foal in the following year, provided that a death certificate for the foal/mare is signed by an accredited veterinarian and submitted to the Futurity Secretary during the year in which the foal became deceased.
6. The foals sex and foaling date must be provided by July 1<sup>st</sup>. If foal is born after July 1<sup>st</sup>, the sex and birth date must be recorded with the Futurity Secretary before foal is shown.
7. Classes offered for weanlings are as follows:
  - a. Purebred weanling colts and fillies will be shown separately with classes for each divided into Junior and Senior divisions. The division split will be determined after all the foal nominations have been turned in. The show secretary will then split the foals into an equal number, determined by the birth date of the foal.
  - b. Half-Arabian weanling colts and fillies will be shown separately but will not have a Junior or Senior Division (unless numbers warrant for a split).
  - c. A third class, split into a Purebred division and Half-Arabian division, will be offered for the unweaned foals. These foals are required to be shown with their dams. Dam and foal will be shown in a leather/nylon stable halter, **No show halters will be allowed.** Dams are also required to wear a stable sheet/cooler. Halters and Sheets are to have **NO** owner/stable identification on them. These rules will be enforced as it is in place for the safety of all who show in this class. Foals entered in this class may not show in any other weanling halter class, with the exception of Get of Sire and Produce of Dam classes.

### **B. YEARLING HALTER DIVISION**

For a colt, filly or gelding to be eligible to show in the Yearling Division of the Futurity, the following requirements must be met:

1. The colt, filly or gelding must have been entered (but not necessarily shown) in the Weanling Division of the Futurity and all requirements of the division must have been fulfilled.
2. The colt, filly or gelding must be registered with Arabian Horse Association or the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry.
3. A \$45.00 class entry fee must be paid (postmarked) on or before **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of the year in which the entry is a yearling.

Yearling colts, fillies and geldings will be shown separately.

### **C. TWO, THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD OPEN HALTER DIVISION**

For a colt, filly or gelding to be eligible to show in the Two, Three or Four Year Old Open Division of the Futurity, the following requirements must be met:

1. The colt, filly or gelding must have been entered (but not necessarily shown) in all previous years in the appropriate Division of the Futurity, and all requirements of those divisions must have been fulfilled.
2. A \$45.00 class entry fee must be paid (postmarked) on or before **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of the year in which the entry becomes a Two, Three or Four Year Old. Each horse must enter the halter class (but not necessarily show) to remain eligible for performance classes. In halter classes, colts, fillies and geldings will be shown separately.

### **D. AOTH DIVISION**

1. United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules will apply for these classes with regards to ownership.
2. A horse must be entered in an open Futurity class to show in the AOTH.
3. Purebred colts, fillies and geldings will be shown separately in their age group.
4. The Half-Arabian Division for Yearling, Two, Three and Four Year Olds will be separated by sex (i.e. mares and geldings/colts).
5. In the event that an owner has more than one horse going into an AOTH Championship Class, a family member or domestic partner may show in the class as an alternate as long as they are amateurs themselves.

### **E. SPORT HORSE HALTER CLASSES**

1. All Sport Horse Halter Classes will be shown and judged under current USEF rules with the following exceptions: All horses to be shown on a triangle pattern and classes will not be separated by sex.
2. A horse must be entered in an open Futurity class to show in the Sport Horse classes.
3. All horses will be shown individually on the triangle pattern.
4. Braiding of mane and tails is optional.
5. Stable halters are mandatory for all yearlings and 2 year olds. Snaffle bridles are mandatory for all 3 & 4 year olds. When showing with the bridle, the horse may be led by either the reins or with a chain shank thru the ring bits.

### **F. FUTURITY HALTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The First and Second place winners of each of the respective genders (colt/stallion, filly/mare and gelding) and age groups (Weanling, Yearling, 2 Year Old, 3 & 4 Year Old) are required to compete for the Halter Championship of their age group. The Champion of each age group is required to return for the Supreme Halter Championship of the show, except Weanlings and Geldings who have their own Championship Classes. **PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED IF YOU DO NOT SHOW BACK IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.**

### **G. PERFORMANCE DIVISION**

All performance classes will be shown and judged under current USEF rules for Junior Horses. An entry fee of \$45.00 must be paid in order to show. Post entries will be accepted in Performance Divisions. All horses must be entered in an Open Halter Class to be eligible for the Performance Division. The following Performance Classes will be offered:

- Purebred English Pleasure
- Half-Arabian English Pleasure
- Purebred Hunter Pleasure
- Half-Arabian Hunter Pleasure
- Purebred Western Pleasure
- Half-Arabian Western Pleasure
- Trail 3 & 4 Year Olds (Purebreds/Half-Arabians)
- In-Hand Trail 3 & Under (Purebred & Half-Arabian)
- \*Walk/Trot-English, Western or Hunter (Purebred & Half-Arabians)
- \*Martingales will be allowed in this class only

### **H. GET OF SIRE/PRODUCE OF DAM CLASSES**

Horses (not sire/dam) must be entered and shown in their respective halter classes to be eligible to be shown in one or both of these classes. Two or more animals are required to show. Sire/dam is not eligible to show. Mixed ownership of horses shown is permissible. An entry fee of \$45.00 must be paid for each sire/dam nominated. Post entries will be accepted.

### **I. HIGH POINT FUTURITY GRADUATE**

The High Point Horse (Purebred and Half-Arabian) through four years of showing in the MAHABF will be designated as the High Point Futurity Graduate for that year beginning in 2004 for a graduate in 2008. A trophy will be given to the owner of the each High Point Horse. Points will stay with a horse through changes of ownership. Points are accumulated each year in Halter and Performance Classes. First places receive 10 points, second – 9, third – 8 and so forth in each of the classes.

### **J. OFFICE FEES & STALLS**

1. There will be an office fee of \$15.00 charged for each horse entered in the Futurity. Office fees are due when nominations are mailed in.
2. Stall fees are due on September 1<sup>st</sup> for advanced stall requests. Those not paid for will be assigned stalls upon arrival.

**K. LATE RENOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:**

1. In order for the late renomination fee to apply, the original foal entry fee must have been paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the foal was born.
2. A fee of \$100.00 must be paid on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to be eligible to show in the current year.
3. If you fail to enroll your horse in any year, by July 1<sup>st</sup>, you may do so by paying the late fee of \$100.00 for all years the horse was not nominated (example: Not nominated for 2 years = \$200.00 plus class fees for the current year. Not nominated for 3 years = \$300.00 plus class fees for the current year).

WEANLING YEAR	DUE BY	COST
Unborn Foal Entry Fee	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$100.00
Late Fee	After March 31 <sup>st</sup> thru July 1st (Eligible to show) After July 1 <sup>st</sup> (not eligible to show in current year)	\$200.00

YEARLING, 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS	DUE BY	COST
Class fee	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$45.00
Late fee (eligible to show in current year)	After March 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$100.00 for each year that the nomination fee was missed, \$45.00 per class

AOTH/SPORTHORSE CLASSES	DUE BY	COST
All Classes	Show Date	\$45.00 per class

PERFORMANCE CLASSES	DUE BY	COST
All Classes	Show Date	\$45.00 per class

**L. AWARDS**

1. In each class, the first ten horses will receive paybacks. The first six places will receive ribbons. Payback checks will be made out to the person or persons name that appears on the registration papers at the time of the show.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion in the following classes:
  - Weanling Championship – Purebred Colts/Fillies
  - Yearling Championship – Purebred Colts/Fillies
  - Two Year Old – Purebred Colts/Fillies
  - Three Year Old – Purebred Colts/Fillies
  - Four Year Old – Purebred Stallion/Mares
  - Geldings – Purebred Ages 1-4
  - Half-Arabian Fillies/Mares All Ages
  - Half-Arabian Colt/Geldings All Ages
  - Supreme Halter Championship (Stallions/Mares Ages 1-4)
  - AOTH – Purebred All Ages/Sexes
  - AOTH – Half-Arabian All Ages/Sexes
3. Championship prize monies will be determined by the Sponsorships money collected.

**M. DETERMINING PREMIUMS**

General operating overhead for the Futurity:

1. The expenses of the show will be covered by the entry fees for the foal, plus the stall and office fees for the horses that entered the show.
2. The total income, on a class basis will be used for paybacks in that class only. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total income will be divided equally among the class up to ten placings. The remaining dollars will be divided using the Sum of the Digits method.

Example: Junior Weanling Fillies Class  
92 horses Nominated @ \$30.00 each = \$2,760.00  
23 horses showed at Futurity

(Premium per horse, 10 placings)

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$445.36
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$457.67
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$370.04
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$332.41
5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$294.78
6 <sup>th</sup> place	\$257.15
7 <sup>th</sup> place	\$219.52
8 <sup>th</sup> place	\$181.89
9 <sup>th</sup> place	\$144.26
<u>10<sup>th</sup> place</u>	\$106.63
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\$2,760 times 25% = \$690      \$690 divided by 10 = \$69 each +  
\$2,760 - \$690 = \$2,070 divided by 55 = \$37.63 per digit

Add up all placings, equal to 55 digits, then divide into premium dollars (Equals \$37.63 per digit). Multiply by 10 for first place, by 9 for second place, etc and then add the \$69.00.

**N. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

For the benefit of the MAHABF and all its exhibitors, a complete Futurity Financial Statement will be available by request in writing to the Show Secretary.

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