



2009 VQHA OPEN FUTURITY RULES

I. GENERAL RULES.

- a. The VQHA Open Futurity Show is held in conjunction with an AQHA sanctioned show for the purpose of offering a premiere competition of weanlings, through 3 year olds. These exhibited horses are showcased in classes that best suit their age, conformation, body type and abilities. Prize money and awards are presented to award excellence.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- a. In order for an animal to be eligible for the VQHA Open futurity, all owners of record must be a member in good standing of the Virginia Quarter Horse Association (VQHA).
- b. A VQHA Futurity membership will be available to exhibitors for \$15 which is valid for the 2009 VQHA Open Futurity, and the 2009 BIP Futurity classes only.
- c. Owners and Exhibitors of any horse showing in any NSBA class must supply proof of NSBA membership.
- d. The entry must be registered or eligible to be registered, if a weanling, with AQHA. A copy of the registration papers (front and back) must accompany each entry.
 1. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP: The futurity chairperson should be notified in writing of the change of ownership of an entry. A copy of the signed transfer papers or a copy of the registration papers showing the new owner must be included with the request to change ownership. The new owner must already be, or must become a member of VQHA.
 2. A copy of a Coggins certificate, issued within 12 months of the VQHA Futurity Show must be presented for each horse 12 months of age or older.
 3. In the event of a foal not yet registered, the foal must be shown as UNNAMED in accordance to AQHA rules. A copy of the completed breeder's certificate must be submitted. Foaling dates are subject to confirmation with AQHA.
 4. All futurity entries will be assigned a back number and this same number must be used in all futurity classes and any corresponding AQHA classes.
 5. Exhibitors must adhere to all AQHA show rules.
 6. NON-PRO ELIGIBILITY: Any horse entered in the Non-Pro Division must be owned and exhibited by an AQHA carded Amateur or Youth. A copy of this AQHA card must accompany the entry.

III. LOCATION & TIME

- a. The 2009 VQHA Open Futurity will be held in conjunction with the VQHA Breeders Incentive Program and four AQHA shows. The shows will be held at a location and date to be announced.

IV. VQHA FUTURITY SHOW

- a. ELIGIBILITY: All horses shown in any Futurity and NSBA classes must meet the eligibility requirements as listed in ITEM II Eligibility.
- b. ENTRIES: All payments to the Futurity must be made to the Secretary of the VQHA Open Futurity in accordance with the due dates as specified in the payment schedule. Entries shall be a one-time payment as follows:

By August 31 st , 2009	Futurity	\$100 per class	NSBA	\$000 per class
At the Horse Show	Futurity	\$150 per class	NSBA	\$000 per class

- c. The USPS postmark will determine the date of payment. DO NOT MAIL ENTRIES AFTER 8-1-09.

- d. The social security number for the owner of record must be submitted for every entry.
- e. RETURNED CHECKS: Any person submitting a check returned for non-payment will be required to pay a \$35 fee.
- f. SUBSTITUTIONS: There will be substitutions allowed at the show for a fee of \$50 per horse within the original class entered.
- g. REFUNDS: No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in, but there will be no return of payment unless the showing of the futurity is called off in any or all divisions. The right is reserved to reject any entry, and to bar an entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of the VQHA, AQHA and/or the VQHA BIP Futurity
- h. DRUG TESTING & HUMANE TREATMENT: VQHA will apply AQHA rules for all exhibitors and owners including those regarding the use of prohibited substances, eligibility and the humane treatment of animals regardless of the category of class entries.

V. JUDGING SYSTEM

- a. Qualified AQHA judges will judge all divisions. The judge's decision will be final. It shall be accepted in the spirit of true sportsmanship. Complaints may be made in writing to futurity officials.
- b. In the event of ties, the monies for the places involved will be totaled and divided equally among those who are tied. Ties will not be broken for awards. Duplicate awards will be given and co-winners will be named. A coin flip will determine who will take home the award and a duplicate will be ordered and sent to the other.
- c. Each group of judges for each class will determine winners. There will not be any go-rounds. All classes will be held in their entirety with one go.
- d. The overall average winners will be determined by using a point system. The first place winner, determined by each judge in that particular class will receive ten (10) points; the second place horse will receive nine (9) points, etc. In classes having less than ten horses, the score will be reduced to reflect the number of horses in that class. At no time will a horse be awarded more points by each judge than the total of horses shown.
- e. All horses will be placed by three (3) judges. Points from all judges will be totaled and the horses having the most number of points will be the overall winners.
- f. All classes that run concurrently with a BIP class will be placed in its entirety. All other classes will be placed to 15th place.
- g. The first place final winner of each class will be named Champion and the second place final winner will be named Reserve Champion. In the event of a tie, the monies for the places involved will be totaled and divided equally among those who are tied. Ties will not be broken for awards. A duly announced tie breaking judge will determine distribution of prizes. If there is a tie for Champion, they will be designated as Co-Champions and no Reserve Champion will be named.
- h. In any Non-Pro classes which are run concurrent with an AQHA class, horses exhibited by Youth will be excused for the placing of the AQHA Amateur class.

VI. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

a. HALTER FUTURITIES:

1. There will be fourteen (14) VQHA Halter Futurity Classes:

Class #	Class Name	Class #	Class Name
601	VQHA Junior Weanling Stallions	608	VQHA Non-Pro Junior Stallions
602	VQHA Senior Weanling Stallions	609	VQHA Non-Pro Senior Stallions
603	VQHA Yearling Stallions	610	VQHA Non-Pro Yearling Stallions
604	VQHA Junior Weanling Fillies	611	VQHA Non-Pro Junior Mares
605	VQHA Senior Weanling Fillies	612	VQHA Non-Pro Senior Mares
606	VQHA Yearling Mares	613	VQHA Non-Pro Yearling Mares
607	VQHA Yearling Geldings	614	VQHA Non-Pro Yearling Geldings

2. Senior weanlings are foaled March 14, 2009 and before. Junior weanling is foaled March 15, 2009 and later.
3. Yearling Halter and Non-Pro Yearling Halter are automatically entered in their respective AQHA classes.
4. PLACING OF CLASS: In a combined AQHA and Futurity Halter Class, the judge will place all entries and fill out his card and entries will retire to the rail. All BIP placings will be called first and any BIP entries not in the Open Futurity may be excused. Next, all Futurity entries will be placed and then the AQHA placing will be announced. In the Non-Pro and Amateur Yearling classes, the Non-Pro Futurity horses will be placed first and then the Amateur Class will be placed.
5. All funds shall be separated by age within each six division. Each entry's payments shall be applied to its age and sex division.
6. In the case of incomplete foal entries, where the age and sex of the foal is unknown, all fees shall be split equally between each age and sex. The sex and foaling date of the weanling nominations must be given to the Secretary of the Futurity no later than August 31. Foaling date are subject to confirmation with AQHA.

b. PERFORMANCE FUTURITIES

1. There will be twelve (12) VQHA Performance Futurity Classes:

Class #	Class Name	Class #	Class Name
615	VQHA Non-Pro Yearling Longe Line – Hunter	621	VQHA 2YO Hunter Under Saddle
616	VQHA Non-Pro Yearling Longe Line – Western	622	VQHA 3YO Hunter Under Saddle
617	VQHA 2YO Western Pleasure	623	VQHA Non-Pro 2YO Hunter Under Saddle
618	VQHA 3YO Western Pleasure	624	VQHA Non-Pro 3YO Hunter Under Saddle
619	VQHA Non-Pro 2YO Western Pleasure	625	VQHA Yearling Longe Line – Hunter
620	VQHA Non-Pro 3YO Western Pleasure	626	VQHA Yearling Longe Line - Western

2. The futurity committee reserved the right to add or subtract classes to the Futurity prior to the due date of the first payment.
3. 2 Year Old Western Pleasure exhibitors are automatically entered in their respective AQHA classes.
4. All funds shall be separated by section within the Performance Division. Each entry's payments shall be applied to its section.

c. NSBA PERFORMANCE CLASSES:

1. The VQHA Futurity Show will offer ten (10) NSBA \$500/\$1000 money added classes at the Futurity, which are:

Class #	Class Name/Money Added	Class #	Class Name/Money Added
701	Open Yearling Longe Line Hunter \$500	706	3YO Western Pleasure \$500
702	Open Yearling Longe Line Western \$500	707	Non-Pro 3YO Western Pleasure \$500
703	Non-Pro Yearling Longe Line Hunter \$500	708	3YO Hunter Under Saddle \$1000
704	Non-Pro Yearling Longe Line Western \$500	709	Non-Pro Maturity Hunter US \$500
705	2YO Western Pleasure \$1000	725	Green Trail \$500

2. All classes will be held and paid in accordance with NSBA rules and regulations.
3. The Futurity Committee reserved the right to add or subtract classes to the Futurity or increase or decrease the NSBA Money Added with the approval of NSBA prior to the due date of the first payment.
4. All NSBA Futurity Classes must have a minimum of five (5) horses for full payback. Four entries payback will be \$400/\$800; three (3) entries payback will be \$300/\$600; two (2) entries payback will be \$200/\$400 and 1 entry will receive payback of \$100/\$200.

VII. FUTURITY PAYBACK SCHEDULE

- a. Cash awards will be paid as a result of the judges decisions at the following rate:

Number of Horses	Places Paid	Percentage
1-2	1	100%
3-4	2	60%, 40%
5-6	3	45%, 35%, 20%
7-8	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
9-10	5	34%, 27%, 20%, 10%, 9%
11-12	6	32%, 22%, 19%, 10%, 9%, 8%
13-14	7	28%, 22%, 17%, 10%, 9%, 8%, 6%
15-16	8	26%, 22%, 14%, 10%, 9%, 8%, 6%, 5%
17-19	9	26%, 19%, 13%, 10%, 9%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%
20 or more	10	25%, 18%, 13%, 10%, 8.5%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3.5%

- b. The Virginia Quarter Horse Association will pay all winning money by check, within 4 weeks of the Futurity Show, to the person designated on the Futurity entry form. Failure to supply this information will result in a forfeiture of awards.
- c. The futurity Chairman’s deduction from the entry fees (25%) will be applied to VQHA operating expenses prior to the disbursement of funds.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS: Each owner, trainer or agent thereof, participating in the VQHA Futurity is charged with the responsibility of knowing the rules and regulation of the futurity as set forth in the VQHA Open Futurity Rules and Regulations, and is conclusively presumed to know such rules and regulations by his/her entry in the event.

IX. These rules are subject to change by action of the VQHA Futurity Committee and subject to the approval of the VQHA Board of Directors. The VQHA reserves the right to cancel these events without notice and without liability any time prior to the show.