

## RED RIVER VALLEY INTERNATIONAL SELECT SIRE FUTURITY RULES

The governing body of this futurity shall be: The Chairperson, The Treasurer, The Secretary, and 2 members from the Red River Horse Breeders board.

A futurity is a program designed to promote the young horse. It provides classes for weanlings through 3 year olds. It is a show based on a breeding program, with select sires, designed to promote and encourage the horse breeder/owner to breed the best quality horses possible by selecting stallions that compliment their mares. A program like this helps boost the market and increase the breeders' incentives for raising quality horses. It gives the breeder/owner a chance to compare their breeding choices with others.

This futurity is named the Red River Valley International Select Sire Futurity.

1. Select sires are Appaloosas and Quarter Horses whose service has been donated, accepted and successfully auctioned through the RRVISSF stallion service auction each fall. It is a progressive silent auction held during the futurity show in conjunction with the Great Midwest Horse Show. The Services sold are for the following year breeding season. April 1 is the deadline for donating a service.
2. Eligibility - all offspring, sired by select sires, as defined in #1, will be eligible for the futurity in their respective age and breed classes. All offspring must be registered and eligible to show in their respective breed associations. Appaloosa weanlings may show with NC papers. NOTE - solid horses with registration papers and performance permits will be eligible to show, regardless of being an outcross. Performance Permits eliminate the CPO papers. Registration papers are required for all horses shown in the futurity.
3. The date of the futurity will be announced by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each respective year. It is held in the fall.
4. Nominations are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the birth year of the foal, unless being shown as a weanling. If shown as a weanling, the 1<sup>st</sup> entry fee and Nomination fee are due July 1<sup>st</sup>. When the weanling nomination is paid, no other payments are needed until the year the horse is shown. Remaining entry fee is due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Any payments not postmarked by the due date will be assessed \$1 per day late fee. If late fees are not paid, entry will not be allowed to show. No entries will be taken after September 25<sup>th</sup>.
5. An additional penalty will be added for horses not nominated in the year foaled: The penalty will be a flat fee of \$50 for yearlings; for 2 year olds; or for 3 year olds. This is in addition to the entry fees if shown.
6. Nomination, entry fees and deadlines:

Weanling nomination fee:           \$25 due July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year foaled if shown  
If not shown, fee is due any time prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>  
of year foaled.

Weanling entry fee:               \$40 due July 1<sup>st</sup> of year foaled  
Second payment:                 \$50 due September 1<sup>st</sup> of year foaled

Yearling entry fees:               \$40 due July 1<sup>st</sup> of yearling year per class entered  
Second payment:                 \$50 due September 1<sup>st</sup> of yearling year per class entered

2 Year old entry fees:	\$40 due July 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 year old year per class entered
Second payment:	\$50 due September 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 year old year per class entered
3 Year old entry fees:	\$40 due July 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 year old year per class entered
Second payment:	\$50 due September 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 year old year per class entered

7. No entries taken after September 25<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions!
8. Futurity classes: Weanling Halter - Colts & Fillies  
Yearling Halter - Colts, Fillies, Geldings  
Longe Line  
2 Year old Halter - Stallions, Mares, Geldings  
Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure  
Snaffle Bit Hunter Under Saddle  
Versatility  
3 Year old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure  
Snaffle Bit Hunter Under Saddle  
Versatility
9. Weanling classes will be split if 16 or more nominations are paid per class. Class split will be determined based on number of horses at the show and entered to be exhibited. We will pay to 6 places, but place through 10 to calculate points towards the "Super Horse" award.
10. All late fees, nominations and entry fees in a split weanling class will be combined and divided equally unless it is an uneven split, then it will be divided accordingly.
11. All fees collected will be returned to the winning participants less an office charge not to exceed 25% of all fees collected. The six top places will be paid.
12. 10% of all futurity payback will be deducted from the exhibitors check and returned to the stallion (sire) owner. Stallion owner is to be defined as that owner who donated the service that resulted in the offspring winning the payback.
13. Money will be added to the purse for all classes from the proceeds of the stallion service auction as it is available each year.
14. Added purse is divided by total paid up entries, as of September 25<sup>th</sup> with equal amounts added for each paid up entry.
15. Penalty money will go into the purse of the classes entered. If no classes are entered it will be split into the classes offered for that age group.
16. The prize money in any tied placing will be added together and divided equally.
17. In any class that may not have 6 entrants, that portion of the purse for that class beyond the number exhibited will be distributed among those showing by the following payback percentage table.

<u># of horses</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup></u>
6	30	24	18	12	9	7
5	35	25	20	13	7	
4	40	30	20	10		
3	50	30	20			
2	60	40				
1	100					

18. No refunds of nominations or entry fees will be given.
19. Each breed will show in their own respective breed classes.
20. Drug testing is an option of the Futurity Committee.
21. Each class will be shown 1 time under 2 or 3 judges. When the judges' cards are in, the horses will be lined up according to each judges' placing. The combined score of all judges will determine the final placing. Decisions of the judges will be final. Any act of discourtesy to a judge or any official of the show on the part of any owner, rider, trainer or groom will immediately disqualify any horse or horses with which they are associated and entry fees forfeited.
22. Each judge will alternate classes as a tie breaker judge. The tie breaker judges' scorecard will be used to break ties in each class for awards only. The prize money in the tied places will be added together and equally divided.
23. If an entry fails to appear for their class on time, the entry fee shall be forfeited. If there is a tack change, the announcer or gate person must be notified. That exhibitor will have 5 minutes, starting when the last of the other horses are in the arena.
24. The Futurity Committee reserves and retains the absolute right to determine and fully decide any issues that may arise, including any point not covered by rules of the futurity, and to make any corrections or alterations or determinations as it, in it's absolute discretion, may deem appropriate and necessary.
25. This futurity has a program called the Select Sire Futurity Super Horse Award. Points are tabulated separately for QH and App with 1 award given for each breed. A horse must show as a 3 year old to win the Super Horse Award, but doesn't need to show every year. Points will be awarded as follows: 10 pts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pts for 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. This point system will be used no matter how many are shown in the class. The winner of each breed will receive a trophy saddle.
26. If there are any ties for the Super Horse Award, they will be broken by the horse that has shown in the most classes in the futurity program from weanlings through their 3 year old year. **BEGINNING WITH THE 2010 WEANLINGS, THESE HORSES WILL COMPETE FOR THE SUPER HORSE AWARD TO BE GIVEN AS A 2 YEAR OLD. THESE HORSES MUST SHOW IN 5 CLASSES FROM THEIR WEANLING YEAR THROUGH THEIR 2 YEAR OLD YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUPER HORSE AWARD.**
27. Sale of a nominated horse - In the event a horse nominated for this futurity is sold or transferred, the futurity nomination will remain with the horse. Information on the eligibility to this futurity is the responsibility of the seller.

## **CLASS RULES**

**The futurity classes will be held with the corresponding breed show classes if one is offered. If the class is Not offered as a breed class one will be held just for the futurity horses. You must enter the QH or App class to show and be entered in the futurity show.**

### **HALTER CLASSES –**

Halter classes will be ruled by AQHA & ApHC, using their breed standards.

### **YEARLING LONGE LINE –**

1. Horses shown in a halter. The only attachment allowed to the halter is a longe line that cannot exceed 30 feet. No chains allowed. It is permissible to use a longe whip.
2. Exhibitors enter the arena and await the whistle. One and a half minutes are allowed to exhibit the horse. It is required that each horse walk, trot and lope in each direction. Work can begin in either direction. If the horse plays on the longe line, it shall not be counted against the horse. It is to be judged as a pleasure prospect. At the judges' discretion, they may penalize a horse for excessive bucking, running off or displaying attitudes uncomplimentary to pleasure horses, such as ear pinning or tail wringing.
3. Halfway through, the exhibitor will receive a 45 second notice. At the end of time, the whistle will be blown. The exhibitors shall retire from the working area and remain in the arena until the competition is complete. They will then line up and prepare for the conformation judging.
4. Horses are judged 70% on movement and 30% on conformation. Judges may not discriminate for or against bulk, but rather look for the total picture.
5. An exhibitor may only show one horse in each Longe Line class. The same exhibitor must show both segments of the class.
6. If the class has 12 or more entries, it will be split into 2 working groups.
7. Conventional western attire is mandatory. If an entry is considered to be a hunt seat prospect, the horse is braided and shown at the walk, long trot and canter. The exhibitor may wear hunt seat attire.

**AT THE 2011 GREAT MIDWEST INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW, WE WILL ADD A YEARLING TRAIL IN-HAND CLASS FOR BOTH THE AQHA AND THE APPALOOSA HORSES IN THE FUTURITY.**

### **SNAFFLE BIT WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS**

Only snaffle bits and bosals are allowed in the 2 & 3 year old western pleasure classes. No shanks permitted. We will follow AQHA & ApHC guidelines for permissible snaffles. The breed standard will be used for judging.

### **2 & 3 YEAR OLD VERSATILITY**

Only snaffle bits and bosals are allowed. No shanks permitted. We will follow AQHA and ApHC guidelines for permissible snaffles. Emphasis is placed on the execution of the pattern with regard to the correctness of the maneuver and overall smoothness of the pattern. Horses will be asked to demonstrate leads and lead departures, sidepassing, circles, simple lead changes, soft stops, back and turn on the haunches. All entries will remain in the arena during the entire go round. All horses are to be shown with both hands on the reins. Judges will score accordingly.

## SNAFFLE BIT HUNTER UNDER SADDLE - ENGLISH

Only English snaffles (no shanks) will be allowed in the 2 & 3 year old English classes. No kimberwicks. We will follow AQHA & ApHC guidelines for permissible snaffles. The breed standard will be used for judging.

## 3 YEAR OLD REINING – SEE 2 & 3 YEAR OLD VERSATILITY AS OF 01/2010

We will allow a 5 minute warm up before each of the performance classes.

## STALLION AUCTION

The stallion auction is held in conjunction with the Great Midwest Horse Show and the Red River Valley International Select Sire Futurity.

The stallion owner donates 1 breeding to the futurity. In return, the stallion owner receives the free use of a steel stall on stallion avenue to display and promote his stallion (first come-first served) and 10% of any earnings from his stallion's offspring. **The stallion owner also receives a free nomination when the stallion fee is sold at the auction. It can be used on any of the stallion owner's weanlings that result from the next breeding season. The same breeding season as the auction breeding is for.**

It is a silent progressive auction. Bidding starts at half the stallion's advertised fee. Minimum bid is \$200. Private treaty minimum bid is \$200. When a stallion sells, all offspring from that breeding season are eligible for the futurity show. If a breeding is bought during the auction, before bids close, that mare owner receives a free nomination for the foal that results from that breeding. The unsold stallions will still be available to buy until April 1<sup>st</sup> of that breeding season for their minimum bid.

The RRVISSF is only an agent to sell the breeding. The contract is between the mare owner and the stallion owner. Any disputes should be settled between them.

Payment schedule: 30% is due the day of the auction. \$50 is the minimum amount to be paid the day of the auction. Remaining amount is due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. It can also be paid in full the day of the auction. **If a bidder plans to leave the auction before it is closed and they have the high bid on a stallion at that time, they must leave a check to cover the 30%.**

The bids open at 12:00 noon and close at approximately 6:00pm. At 12:00 noon the Parade of Stallions starts. It will run according to the order in the program book. Any stallions not listed in the program book will go at the end. If you do not have the stallion there you may take his offspring instead.

Death of a stallion: If a select sire dies before the mare owned by the purchaser of a donated service is bred, it is the responsibility of the owner of that select sire to abide by the terms of their normal breeding contract. The select sire owner is defined as the individual(s) or legal agent who donated the stallion service to the RRVISSF Futurity. The Futurity is only an agent between the stallion owner and the mare owner.

**These rules dated 01/31/2010 supersede all previous published rules of the Red River Valley International Select Sire Futurity and may be altered as necessary by the sponsoring organization, the Red River Horse Breeders Association, Inc.**