

BHCA FUTURITY STAKES RULES

These revisions will be effective for all futurity stakes beginning with the 2014 Futurity Stakes.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Basset Hound Club of America Futurity Stakes is to recognize and reward breeders for their efforts in the breeding of better Basset Hounds through carefully planned breeding programs and the evaluation of puppies.

GENERAL:

The Futurity Stakes is a “Stand Alone Event” to be held in conjunction with the BHCA Fall Nationals. All financial transactions will be coordinated and reviewed by the BHCA Treasurer.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The Futurity Stakes is open to all breeders, co-breeders, and the Futurity/Maturity Stakes Secretary. All breeders/owners must be members in good standing with the BHCA at the time the bitch is nominated and must remain so throughout the event. Individuals are not eligible to enter the particular stakes as a breeder or co-breeder or allowed to exhibit at a particular stakes if:
 - a. Any individual or member(s) of their immediate family is accepting entries.
 - b. Judging any BHCA National event held in conjunction with the BHCA National Specialty.
 - c. Members of the immediate family or household of the person elected to judge.
2. Each Futurity Stakes begins with the nomination of eligible bitches that will whelp on or after April 1 or the year prior to that in which the stake will be held.
3. Puppies eligible to compete in any given stake are those whelped on or after April 1st of the prior year and on or before March 31st of the same year in which the stake is held.

ENROLLMENT:

1. **The bitch must be nominated before the litter is whelped.** A fee of \$15.00 and a four generation pedigree of the potential litter must accompany the litter nomination. The individual sire and dam's pedigree will not be accepted. The nominating breeder will receive all correspondence and forms relative to the nominations, enrollments and stakes entry and is responsible for submission of all forms and fees and all other requirements set forth below. A \$10.00 late fee applies if the bitch is not nominated prior to whelping.
2. **The litter must be nominated not more than one month after being whelped.** A fee of \$15.00 must accompany the litter nomination.
3. **First enrollment of the individual puppy must be made before the puppy is three months old.** A fee of \$5.00 per puppy must accompany the puppy enrollment.
4. **Second enrollment of the individual puppy must be made before the puppy is six months old.** A fee of \$5.00 per puppy must accompany the puppy enrollment.

5. **Third and final enrollment of the individual puppy must be postmarked on or before July 1st of the year of the Futurity.** A fee of \$5.00 per puppy must accompany the puppy enrollment. No late entries are permitted.
6. **Late Enrollments:** Apply to the Bitch, Litter, First and Second Individual Enrollment of the puppies.
 - a. The penalty for late entry will be an additional \$10.00 charge.
 - b. Late entries must be postmarked not more than 30 days after the due date.
 - c. There will be no late entries permitted for the final enrollment
7. Puppies who may have been entered by a BHCA judge or Futurity/Maturity Stakes judge who has been selected to judge at the Nationals for the year in which they had nominated a litter for the Futurity may not exhibit at the current year's event in which they are judging but may complete the Futurity nominating process by completing the entire enrollment process for the litter through the July 1st nomination.
8. Show entry fee shall be \$15.00 per puppy.

DUAL SIRE LITTERS:

1. If you are nominating a bitch that has been bred to two different sires the nomination process is as follows:
 - a. The Bitch must be nominated before the litter is whelped. A fee of \$15.00 and a four generation pedigree of each potential sired litter must accompany the nomination. A futurity number will then be assigned to both potential sired litters.
 - b. The litter must be nominated not more than one month after being whelped. A fee of \$30.00 must accompany the litter nomination for the dual sire litter. If the litter is not found to be the results of a dual sire litter, \$15.00 of the litter nomination will be refunded.
 - c. First individual enrollment, before the puppies are 3 months old, second individual enrollment before the puppies are 6 months old and the third and final enrollment before July 1st should be made on separate forms for each sire of the litter using the assigned futurity number for each sire to identify the individual puppy enrollment nomination. A fee of \$5.00 per puppy should accompany the individual puppy enrollment for each sire.
 - d. In the event that the appropriate AKC DNA testing has not identified the sire of the litter by the time the individual puppy nominations are due, the nominating breeder should use one individual puppy nomination form identifying the litter by using both assigned futurity nomination numbers and continue to do so until such time as the sires have been identified.
 - e. The nominating breeder will notify the Futurity Secretary upon receipt of proof of sire giving the registration number/name, futurity number and the name of the sire for each puppy in the litter.
 - f. This should be done on all of the individual puppy enrollment forms (3 months, 6 months and final). In the event the litter is sired by only one of the two potential sires the nominating breeder shall contact the Futurity Secretary in writing, requesting the assigned Futurity number be deleted of the non-sire litter.

CLASSES:

1. The Futurity Stakes will be judged in four age group classes for each sex. The winners of the eight classes will compete for Best in Futurity Stakes and Best of Opposite in Futurity.
2. The age group classes are as follows:
 - a. CLASS I – For puppies whelped in January, February and March of the year of the futurity event.
 - b. CLASS II – For puppies whelped in October, November and December of the year preceding the futurity event.
 - c. CLASS III – For puppies whelped in July, August and September of the year preceding the futurity event.
 - d. CLASS IV – For puppies whelped in April, May and June of the year preceding the futurity event.

PRIZE MONEY:

1. All monies collected from nominations, enrollments, penalties and entry fees will be pooled. BHCA will retain 30% to cover expenses. The remainder is to be divided as follows: Winners pool 40%, Classes pool 60%.
2. The monies in the Winners pool will be allocated to the Best in Futurity Stakes and the Best of Opposite in Futurity Stakes by dividing the total in the Winners pool by 66.6% to the Best in Futurity and 33.4% to the Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity
3. The class pool will be determined by dividing the total money in the classes by the number of entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the particular class. This money will be distributed as follows:
 - a. If there are four (4) or more entries, FIRST will be 40% of the class money, SECOND 30%, THIRD 20% and FOURTH 10%.
 - b. If there are three (3) entries, FIRST will receive 50% of the classes money, SECOND 30% and THIRD 20%.
 - c. If there are two (2) entries, FIRST will receive 60% of the class money and SECOND will receive 40%.
 - d. If there is one (1) entry, that entry will receive 100% of the class money.
4. For all winners prizes, the breeder or breeders of record will receive 100% of the total prize money. All Futurity prize money will be given to the nominating breeder of the Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite in Futurity.

JUDGES:

1. All BHCA members in good standing are eligible to judge the Futurity Stakes. AKC regulations may prevent BHCA members who are licensed judges from competing at the National specialty show if they judge the Futurity event. BHCA member judges who currently exhibit and participants nominating prospective futurity judges should be mindful of such constraints.
2. Nominations of BHCA members will be solicited from the Futurity participants by May 1st of each year.

- a. Each nominating breeder shall have one vote for the Futurity judge regardless of the number of litters nominated by the nominating breeder during the Futurity year.
3. Individuals are ineligible to be nominated to judge a particular stake if they:
 - a. Are the Futurity Secretary or Assistant Futurity Secretary or members of their immediate family of that particular stake.
 - b. Are judging any BHCA event held in conjunction with the current National Specialty.
4. The Futurity judge will receive \$200.00 as an honorarium for the assignment plus 2 nights lodging and an invitation to the Annual Dinner for themselves and a guest. As well as a medallion or tie tack.

NOMINATION AND VOTING:

1. A teller will be selected by the Futurity/Maturity Committee prior to the nominations and selection process for the Futurity Judge being sent out to the eligible participants. The teller must be a member in good standing and not a member of the immediate family or household of the Futurity/Maturity Secretary or committee.
2. On May 1st the Futurity /Maturity Secretary shall email to all eligible Futurity participants a nomination ballot that allows up to three (3) nominations for potential judges for the Futurity, with instructions, closing date for nominations, and whom to email the nomination ballot. It is suggested the person being nominated be contacted and asked if they are willing to judge the futurity, prior to being nominated. The nomination ballot must be emailed to the selected teller and postmarked by May 25th in order to be counted. In the event an individual participant does not have access to an email account the ballot will be snail mailed to them with the same closing date as the original nomination and final ballot.
3. On June 1st or as soon as the top three (3) nominees are confirmed by the teller, a final ballot shall be emailed by the Futurity Secretary to all eligible participants listing those three (3) or in the case of a tie the top nominees who have agreed to judge the futurity stakes. The final ballot will include instructions to vote for one of the three (3) or more nominees, who to return the ballot to by email and the deadline for receipt of the ballot. The ballot must be emailed no later than June 25th. The nominee receiving the most votes will be selected as the judge. The final nomination ballot may be extended further in case of a tie.
4. In the event that the elected Futurity Judge notifies the Futurity Secretary of their inability to be able to judge the event for the current year, the Futurity Chair shall notify the Futurity teller by process of elimination:
 - A. To contact the individuals from the final ballot in order of descending votes received to determine whether they will agree to judge the Futurity Stakes.
 - B. If all of those in (A) decline, to contact those individuals from participants original list of nominees starting with the highest numbers of votes received and the first nominee with the highest number of votes to agree to judge the futurity will be considered to be elected. In case of a ties those names will be placed on a ballot and emailed to the futurity participants for a vote.

C. If none of the individuals nominated by the Futurity participants are willing to judge, because of time constraints, it will be up to the Futurity Committee to select the judge from the BHCA membership or someone else qualified to do so.

5. The selected judge's name will be listed in the Premium List and the Judging Schedule and a photo and biography will be in the catalog and on the Nationals website.

All acknowledgements and communication between the Futurity/Maturity Secretary will be done via email, except when an individual participant requests otherwise.

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