

VPA RAINBOW FUTURITY RULES

I. GENERAL RULES

A. The Virginia Palomino Association (VPA) Rainbow Futurity Show is held in conjunction with a Palomino Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) sanctioned show for the purpose of offering a premier competition of weanlings through three-year-olds. Exhibited horses are showcased in classes that best suit their age, conformation, body type, and ability. Prize money and awards are presented to award excellence.

B. The VPA Rainbow Futurity is allowing stock-type horses of any and all colors to compete.

II. ELIGIBILITY

A. In order for an animal to be eligible for the VPA Rainbow Futurity, all owners/exhibitors must be members in good standing with VPA.

B. A VPA Futurity membership will be available to exhibitors for a one-time fee of \$5.00 for a two-day pass, which is valid for the VPA Rainbow Futurity.

C. A copy of a Coggins certificate, issued within 12 months of the VPA Rainbow Futurity Show, must be presented for each horse 12 months of age or older.

D. All futurity entries will be assigned a back number and this same number must be used in all classes if showing in any corresponding PHBA classes.

E. Exhibitors must adhere to all VPA Futurity rules which follow PHBA show guidelines.

III. LOCATION AND TIME

A. The VPA Rainbow Futurity will be held in conjunction with the VPA Fall Into Gold Show. The show will be held at a location and time as determined by the VPA Board of Directors.

IV. VPA RAINBOW FUTURITY

A. ELIGIBILITY. All horses shown in any Futurity classes must meet the eligibility requirements as listed in Item II.

B. ENTRIES. All payments for the Futurity must be made out to VPA and mailed to Rita Ashley, VPA Show Secretary, 8480 Longstreet Lane, Suffolk, VA 23438 in accordance with the due dates as specified in the payment schedule. Entries shall be a one-time payment as follows:

By August 31	Futurity	\$100.00 per class
By September 31	Futurity	\$125.00 per class
Day of Show	Futurity	\$150.00 per class

The USPS postmark will determine the date of payment.

C. The social security number for the owner of record must be submitted for every entry.

D. RETURNED CHECKS. Any person submitting a check returned for non-payment will be required to pay a \$45.00 fee.

E. SUBSTITUTIONS. There will be substitutions allowed at the show for a fee of \$50.00 per horse within the original class entered.

F. 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 VPA and/or PHBA.

G. DRUG TESTING AND HUMANE TREATMENT. VPA will apply PHBA 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 PHBA 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. The first place final winner of each class will be named Champion and the second place final winner will be named Reserve Champion.

C. Each group of judges for each class will determine winners. All horses will be placed by six judges and must be shown both days. Points from all judges will be totaled and the horses having the most number of points will be the overall winners. The results of the placing on the first day will not be announced until after the judging on the second day. The tie-breaking judge will be selected by random from the judging pool by the show secretary prior to the start of the futurity show. The judges' names will be placed in a "hat" and the tie-breaking judge's name will be drawn.

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 nine points, the second place horse will receive eight points, etc., In classes having less than nine 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.

VI. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

A. HALTER FUTURITIES:

1. There will be five Halter Open Futurity Classes:

Weanling Colts and Geldings

Weanling Fillies

Yearling Stallions

Yearling Mares

Yearling Geldings

2. PLACING OF CLASS. In a combined PHBA and Futurity Halter Class, the judge will place all entries and fill out his card and entries will retire to the rail. All Futurity entries will be placed and then the PHBA placing will be announced.

3. All funds shall be separated by age within each sex division.

Each entry's payments shall be applied to its age and sex division.

4. In the case of incomplete foal entries, where the sex of the foal is unknown, all fees shall be split equally between each sex.

B. PERFORMANCE FUTURITIES

1. There will be three Performance Futurity Classes:

2 and 3 YO Hunter Under Saddle

2 and 3 YO Western Pleasure

Yearling Longe Line

2. The Futurity Committee reserves the right to combine or separate classes in the Futurity prior to the due date of the first payment.

3. All funds shall be separated by section within the Performance Division. Each entry's payments shall be applied to its section.

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	1	100%
2	2	60%, 40%
3	3	50%, 30%, 20%
4	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
5	5	35%, 25%, 20%, 13%, 7%
6 or more	6	30%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 7%

B. The Virginia Palomino Association will pay all winning money by check, within four 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. VPA's office fee is 10% of all entry fees.

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

E. These rules are subject to change by action of the VPA Rainbow Futurity Committee and subject to the approval of the VPA Board of Directors. The VPA reserves the right to change these events without notice or liability prior to the show if due to natural disasters.

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