

BHCA FUTURITY STAKES RULES

These revisions will be effective for all futurity stakes beginning with the 2008 futurity stake.

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 will be held in conjunction with the BHCA Fall National. All financial transactions will be coordinated and reviewed by the BHCA Treasurer.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The Futurity Stakes is open to all breeders or co-breeders of record who are members in good standing with the BHCA at the time the bitch they nominate was bred and who remain so throughout the event.
2. Individuals are not eligible to enter the particular stakes as a breeder or co-breeder nor allowed to exhibit at a particular stakes if they are:
 - A. The Futurity Stakes Secretary or Assistant Secretary or any members of their immediate family of that particular stake
 - 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 that particular Futurity.
3. Each Futurity Stake begins with the nomination of eligible bitches who will whelp on or after April 1st of year prior to that in which the stakes will be held.
4. 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. Any breeder or co-breeder of a litter who is a BHCA member in good standing is eligible to nominate bitches and litters and to enroll puppies in the Futurity Stakes. This individual will receive all correspondence and forms relative to the nominations, enrollments and stakes entry and is responsible for submission of all forms with fees and all other requirements set forth below.
2. The bitch must be nominated before the litter is whelped. A fee of \$15.00 and a four-generation pedigree must accompany the litter nomination.
3. The litter must be nominated not more than one month after being whelped. A fee of \$15.00 must accompany the litter nomination.
4. 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.
5. Second enrollment of an individual puppy must be made before the puppy is six months old. A fee of \$5.00 per puppy must accompany the puppy enrollment.
6. Third and final enrollment of an individual puppy must be made before July 1st of the year of the Futurity. A fee of \$5.00 must accompany the puppy enrollment.

7. Late entries:
 - 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.
8. Eligibility to enter the Futurity Stakes:
 - A. All owners and co-owners of a nominated bitch must be members of BHCA in good standing at the time the bitch is nominated and remain so throughout the event. These are the breeders of the litter and individual puppies who will subsequently be nominated and enrolled.
 - B. Owners of enrolled puppies are not required to be members of the BHCA.
9. 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 years 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 deadline. An additional form supplied by the Futurity/Maturity Secretary, in lieu of actually entering the Futurity/Maturity for which they are ineligible to compete, shall be completed and returned to the Futurity/Maturity Secretary prior to the closing of entries for the current years event. This form will be kept on file by the Futurity/Maturity Secretary, and those puppies nominated on that form shall be eligible to compete in the next year(s) Maturity. A fee of \$5.00 for each puppy enrolled shall accompany the form.
10. Show entry fee shall be \$15.00 per puppy.

CLASSES:

1. The Futurity Stakes will be judged in four age group classes for each sex. The winners of all 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 to be divided as follows: Winners pool 40%, Classes

pool 60%.

2. The monies in the Classes pool will be distributed as follows:
 - A. The total prize money for each class will be determined by dividing the total money in the classes pool by the number of entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the particular class
 - B. If there are four (4) or more entries, FIRST will be 40% of the class money. SECOND 30% THIRD 20%, FOURTH 10%
 - C. If there are three (3) entries, FIRST will receive 50% of the Classes money, SECOND 30%, THIRD 20%, FOURTH 10%
 - D. If there are two (2) entries, FIRST will receive 60% of the class money, SECOND 40%.
 - E. If there is one (1) entry, First will receive 100% of the class money.
3. 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.
4. For all winners prizes, the breeder or breeders of record will receive 100% of the total prize money. When there are multiple breeders of the winners of the Best in Futurity or the Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity. All Futurity prize money will be given to the nominating breeder of the Best in Futurity and BOS 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 and due by June 1st of that same 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 Futurity Stakes 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 & a guest.

NOMINEES:

1. The Futurity judge will be selected from a list of the top three members nominated by the Futurity participants after the close of nominations for the current event. On June 1st a second ballot with the top three vote getters will be sent to the futurity participants during the first week of June and with a deadline of June 30th. First preference ballots will be counted. The nominee receiving the most first preference ballots will be the selected judge. If there is a tie or the selected member refuses the

assignment then the second preference will be added and the member receiving the most votes from the combined first and second preferences will be the selected judge. The process will be extended to third preference if necessary.

2. The judge's name will be listed in the Premium list and judging program.
3. There will be one vote per litter remaining in nomination after the final enrollment.

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