



MINNESOTA SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION

2008 Rules for Nominating and Showing in the MINNESOTA FUTURITY For horses nominated in 2007 and prior.

GENERAL PROVISIONS: For horses/foals nominated in 2007 and prior.

Required: All nominators MUST be members of the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association., Inc. (MSHA)
The annual membership fee is \$45.00.

The Three Remaining Divisions: The MSHA Futurity will be shown in four divisions, with two *Parts* in each of the four divisions:

Division 2 Yearlings:

Part 1 – Open In Hand
Part 2 – Amateur In Hand

Division 3 Two Year Olds:

Part 1 - Open Fine Harness
Part 2 - Amateur In Hand

Division 4 Three Year Olds:

Part 1 - Open Full Mane & Tail
Part 2 - Amateur Pleasure Class

The MSHA Futurity Classes will be held each year during the MN Futurity Horse Show. Horses properly nominated to the MSHA Futurity may also be entered into the following stand alone classes: Two Year Old Park Pleasure Driving and Three Year Old In Hand.

ASR National Rule: Horses may show in one performance and one in hand class for their division if they are offered.

PRIZE FUND AND AWARDS:

Prize Fund Value: The value of the MSHA Futurity prize fund each year shall be the total of monies received as nomination fees and added donations, less 10% for expenses. Each year the Special Awards to the nominators of the sires and dams of the Open and Amateur Weanling Champions and Reserve Champions will be deducted prior to the allocation of prize money among the regular classes of the Futurity.

Allocation of Prize Fund:

The monies received from Sire and Mare nomination fees and added donations shall be allocated equally between the Amateur and Open classes. Open and Amateur age division nomination monies shall be kept separate. Monies received from Open nomination fees shall be added to the Open share of the Sire and Mare nominations and donations, and the Amateur nomination fees added to the Amateur share. The Open and Amateur prize funds shall then be allocated equally among the weanling, yearling, two year old, and three year old classes (this excludes stand alone classes). Prize monies will be distributed to the nominators. Nominators must provide a Social Security Number to receive prize monies. All prize fund monies to be distributed.

FUTURITY RULES:

Distribution of Prize Monies: Each class prize fund to be distributed as follows:

1st 48% 2nd 23% 3rd 14% 4th 10% 5th 5% 6th Ribbon

Liability: No Money Refunded: No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in, but there will be no return of payment. The right is reserved to reject any entry and to bar any entry from further competition for failure to comply with the conditions of this futurity. The futurity also reserves the right to cancel or combine any class if there are less than three entries.

Membership Fees: Unless previously paid for the current year, a membership fee to MSHA of \$45.00 must accompany the nomination form. All payments for nominations must bear a postmark before midnight of the due date, June 15th.

Make checks payable to: **MSHA** (Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association., Inc.).

Mail completed forms and payment to: Alice Lear Futurity Secretary 19025 Coates Blvd Hastings, MN 55033



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Division 2 - Yearling: Part 1 (Open) and Part 2 (Amateur), the colts and fillies will be shown and judged together for their respective championship.

Division 3 - Two Year Old: Part 1 (Open Fine Harness) and Part 2 (Amateur In Hand), the colts and fillies will be shown and judged together for their respective championship.

Division 4 - Three Year Old: Part 1 (Open 3 Gaited-Full Mane & Tail) and Part 2 (Amateur Pleasure Under Saddle), the colts and fillies will be shown and judged together in their respective championship.

DIVISION 2 - YEARLINGS:

Eligibility - Parts 1 and 2 of the YEARLING Division: Entries to be shown in hand and the following conditions must be fulfilled: The horse must have been nominated as a weanling and all conditions and requirements must have been fulfilled.

A Yearling nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the entry becomes a Yearling. Curb bits and tail sets are prohibited on all yearlings.

Part 1: OPEN – Yearling Championship Open class. Colts/geldings and fillies will be shown and judged together as one class. There is a limit of two handlers per entry.

Part 2: AMATEUR – Yearling Championship Amateur class. Colts/geldings and fillies will be shown and judged together in one class. The yearlings must be shown by amateurs with a limit of two handlers per entry.

The Yearlings must be unshod and carry a natural tail. Boots, blinders or other appliances are prohibited.

DIVISION 3 - TWO YEAR OLDS:

Eligibility - Parts 1 and 2 of the Two Year Old Division: To keep a Two Year Old eligible to show, the following conditions must be fulfilled: The horse must have been nominated as a weanling and all conditions and requirements for a weanling and yearling must have been fulfilled. See Division 2 -Yearlings. For weanlings nominated in 2006 and prior, a Two Year Old nomination fee of \$45.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the foal becomes a Two Year Old. For weanlings nominated in 2007 and thereafter, a Two Year Old nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the entry becomes a Two Year Old.

Part 1: OPEN - Open Two Year Old Championship - Fine Harness class. To be shown with a full mane and tail to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle at an animated park-trot, extreme speed to be penalized, at an animated walk and to stand quietly. To be judged on Quality, Performance, and manners. Handler will be allowed in the ring during the line up.

Part 2: AMATEUR - Amateur Two Year Old Championship - In Hand class. The entries must be shown by amateurs with a limit of two handlers per entry. They may be shod. They must carry a full mane and tail. Boots, blinders or other appliances are prohibited.

DIVISION 4 - THREE YEAR OLDS:

Eligibility - Parts 1 and 2 of the Three Year Old Division: To keep a Three Year Old eligible to show, the following conditions must be fulfilled: The horse must have been nominated as a weanling and all conditions and requirements for a weanling, yearling and two year old must have been fulfilled. See Division 2 –Yearlings and Division 3 – Two Year Olds. For weanlings nominated in 2006 and prior, a Three Year Old nomination fee of \$45.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the entry becomes a Three Year Old. For weanlings nominated in 2007 and thereafter, a Three Year Old nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the foal becomes a Three Year Old.

Part 1: OPEN - Open Three Year Old Championship – Full Mane & Tail class. It is open to futurity nominated Three Year Olds in the Saddlebred Performance division, except those showing in American Saddlebred Pleasure classes. Tails may be natural or set. To be judged on style, finish, quality, manners, performance and all-around brilliance. To be shown at an animated walk or flat walk, trot & canter.

Part 2: AMATEUR - Amateur Three Year Old Championship - Pleasure Horse under saddle class. It will be shown and judged under the United States Equestrian Federation rules for American Saddlebred Pleasure Horses.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

FOR FOALS NOMINATED 2006 AND PRIOR

	Two Year Old Year	Three Year Old Year
Weanling Nominated in 2005	----	45.00
Weanling Nominated in 2006	45.00	45.00

FOR FOALS NOMINATED 2007 AND THEREAFTER

Foaling / Weanling Year	Yearling Year	Two Year Old Year	Three Year Old Year
40.00	50.00	50.00	50.00



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SPECIAL EVENT CLASSES for Futurity Nominated Horses:

How to enter and show in the TWO YEAR OLD PARK PLEASURE DRIVING CLASS:

The Two Year Park Pleasure Driving Class is a special event offered by the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association. Entries shall be shown to a two wheel vehicle. In order to be eligible for this class, the following conditions must be met: (1.) The two year old must be nominated in the MSHA Futurity, the Two Year Old In Hand Class or the Two Year Old Fine Harness and meet all general requirements, but the entry need not have been shown in another class to be eligible for this event. (2.) An entry fee of \$50.00 must be paid to MSHA by June 15th. (3.) The money paid into this class will be divided among the first five places. In addition, a trophy and six ribbons will be awarded. (4.) Entries in this class may show in the Amateur In Hand class providing all rules are followed.

How to enter and show in the THREE YEAR OLD IN HAND Class:

Three Year Old In Hand Class is a special event offered by the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association. Entries shall be shown in hand. There is a limit of two handlers per entry. In order to be eligible for this class, the following conditions must be met: (1.) The three year old must be nominated in the MSHA Futurity in the Three Year Old Amateur Pleasure or the Three Year Old Full Mane and Tail and meet all general requirements, but the entry need not have been shown in another class to be eligible for this event. (2.) An entry fee of \$50.00 must be paid to MSHA by June 15th for each class nominated. The money paid into this class will be divided among the first five places. In addition, a trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING YOUR FUTURITY ENTRY:

The following regulations have been established by the American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc. and the US Equestrian Federation.

1. APPOINTMENTS:

A. Entries to be led into the ring and shown in a bridle or halter without quarter boots, blinkers, blindfolds or other appliances. PROHIBITED: Curb bits on yearlings.

B. YEARLINGS:

1. The use of artificial appliances or devices on yearlings such as chains, shackles, rubber bands or blindfolds is prohibited on the grounds before or during a show. Smooth round leather straps will be allowed on the grounds before the class.
2. Blinker hoods with half cups mounted in the vertical position so as to allow forward vision are allowed on yearlings on the grounds before a show, unless otherwise prohibited (i.e. Amateur Classes).
3. Yearlings must show with uncut, unset tails. Bustles are permitted on Yearlings, unless otherwise prohibited (i.e. Amateur Classes).

C. Any entry with prohibited equipment must be disqualified and shall forfeit all entry fees, nominations and winnings at that competition.

2. ATTENDANTS:

Only two people per animal are permitted in the ring. Handlers and attendants must be neatly and appropriately dressed in clean and well-fitted clothes. Each may carry a whip and an empty paper or plastic bag. Whips must be no longer than six feet, including the snapper or lash. A small empty plastic bag or ribbons may be attached to the whip. The small empty bag may be used separately.

3. JUDGING PROCEDURE:

Conformation and finish count 50% of the total score. All entries should be judged according to the standards for the ideal American Saddlebred type and conformation. Defects should be penalized. Way of going and natural action to count 50% of the total score. All entries should be judged according to the standards for the walk and the trot. Undesirable traits should be penalized. All entries will enter the ring, one at a time, showing at the trot. Entries are to be judged individually standing, then at a walk and a trot on the lead. Horses should stand squarely on all four feet with the front legs perpendicular to the ground. Rear legs may be placed slightly back, but the handler may be asked to move the hind legs under the animal for inspection. If the judge elects to have a second workout, all horses chosen for the workout should perform at a walk and a trot on the lead.

4. THE MINNESOTA SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. The registration papers for all entries be presented at check-in time the mornings of the show and,

B. Although they may be nominated in more than one class in their age division, entries may be shown in only one (1) Part or class. In the MSHA Futurity, this means that a horse **could not** be shown in both the OPEN and AMATEUR Division of its age group.