

BUCKSKIN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN 2009 BREEDER'S FUTURITY

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A) The color eligibility of a horse entering the BHAMB Futurity is outlined below.
- BUCKSKIN - Body coat some shade of yellow (light gold to nearly brown) but no red or sorrel. Points are black to dark brown. Dorsal stripe not necessary on Buckskins to be eligible.
- DUN - Body coat dun (pale cream to yellow-brown). Mane, tail and points must be discernibly darker than body color. Dorsal stripe necessary.
- RED DUN - Body coat dun, flesh-colored or tinged with red. Points are dark red or red mixed with black. Mane, tail, legs and points must be discernibly darker than the body color. Dorsal stripe necessary.
- GRULLA - Body coat smoke-colored, although some amount of light or white hair is permissible (not roan). Dorsal stripe must be present. Points must be darker than body color.
- B) Horses having white markings with underlying skin beyond any one of the following described lines shall be ineligible for entry in the BHAMB Futurity:
1. White above a line around each leg at the center of the knees or point of the hock.
 2. A line running from the center of the base of each ear directly toward the nearest corner of each side of the mouth, and then turning at a right 90 degree angle just below the jaw (the masseter muscle) and running to a point beneath the head (under the mandible) until meeting a similar line from the opposite side of the head.
 3. Additionally, there is allowed a single area of white marking with underlying light skin, such that it can be completely covered with a disc one inch in diameter, either free standing, or being a portion of white marking extending past the above prescribed lines.
- C) Blue/glass eyes, white sclera in eyes, striped hooves and white hooves are not discriminated against.
- D) Draft horses are ineligible and we do not accept Palominos or bays with a dorsal stripe. Decision of the Color Task Force is final.
- E) Acceptable type and conformation - i.e., Quarter Horse, Morgan, Tennessee Walker, Half-Arab, American Saddlebred, etc.

II. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A) The registered owner(s) of BHAMB Futurity entries must be current paid members of BHAM, or pay a non-member clerical fee in order to show in the BHAMB Futurity. Exhibitors need not be members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Individual.....	\$20	Family - No Youth.....	.\$25
Youth.....	\$15	Family With Youth.....	\$35
Ind. Life.....	\$200		

NON-MEMBER CLERICAL FEE.....\$15 per entry

- B) Appropriate fees (membership or non-member clerical fee, entry, and late fee if applicable) MUST accompany the entry form.
- C) Sire and Dam of a weanling entering the BHAMB Futurity should be but not required to be registered with a recognized light horse registry. If registered the registry name and number of Sire and Dam should appear on the weanling's entry form at time of entry.

- D) A photo copy of registration papers, work order, or breeder's certificate on weanlings along with **4 CURRENT, GOOD, CLEAR, FULL-VIEW, COLOR PHOTOS (1 each side, 1 front and 1 rear) MUST accompany the entry form of every weanling. Photos MUST be taken in the out-of-doors. Photos taken indoors will not be accepted.**
- E) **Horses entered in yearling through Maturity classes MUST be registered with a National Buckskin Registry. i.e. ABRA or IBHA. A photocopy of registration papers is required. No photos of yearling or older horses are required.**
- F) If a horse is gelded, it is the owner's responsibility to notify the BHAMB Futurity Secretary no less than 30 days prior to the Futurity so that proper action can be taken in entering the animal in the appropriate class. Weanling geldings will be shown with weanling colts.
- G) Incomplete entries will be returned and if a late fee is incurred, it will be at the owner's expense.

III. DEADLINE DATE

The postmark will be the determining factor in accepting entries. Entries postmarked later than the deadline date will be considered late, and a Late Fee will apply.

IV. REFUNDS

Refunds are made only to those horses that did not pass the color requirements. In the event the Color Task Force is unable to determine eligibility from photos submitted, the Futurity Committee may request additional photos and/or on-site Futurity inspection. Failure to comply with request will forfeit refund. A horse not passing color requirements will receive a full refund, excluding any clerical fee, or late fee. Refunds are distributed within 30 days after the Futurity.

V. POINTS

The BHAMB Futurity shall not be approved by any organization, registry or association for the accumulation of any organization, registry or association points.

VI. PROTEST

If anyone has a protest concerning color eligibility (other than the Color Task Force who may call for a review at any time) or any class, a **written protest** must be filed with the Futurity Secretary or Chairman, accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$50. The protest and money must be filed within fifteen (15) minutes after class has been placed. An announcement that an inquiry concerning the class will be made requesting all horses to remain on the grounds. The BHAMBF Color Task Force or BHAM Board of Directors will be called upon to resolve the issue. Their decision will be final. In the event a protest is upheld and a horse deemed ineligible, prize monies are forfeited and all horses placing after the horse in question will be advanced.

VII. PRIZE MONIES

Prize monies will be mailed by check signed by the BHAM President and Treasurer within 30 days after the completion of the BHAMB Futurity, excepting where a protest has been made. Prize monies for the class being protested will be mailed following the decision of the BHAMB Color Task Force or BHAM Board of Directors.

VIII. PRIZE FUND

The value of the prize fund of the BHAMB Futurity each year will be 76% of all collected entry fees and will be paid back as follows: 1st – 50%, 2nd – 30%, 3rd – 10%, 4th & 5th – 5%. 24% will be withheld for operating expenses, i.e. ribbons, trophies, judge, etc.

IX. AWARDS

An award and/or ribbon for 1st place and ribbons for 2nd through 6th places will be presented in all classes. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons given.

X. CLASSES

Weanling Fillies	Produce of Dam (2 offspring Futurity entries only)
Yearling Fillies	Get of Sire (3 offspring Futurity entries only)
2 Year Old Fillies	Dun Factor (Color class - Futurity entries only)
3 Year Old Fillies	Yearling Longe Line (Futurity entries only)
<i>Grand & Reserve Fillies</i>	English Pleasure 2 Year Old
Weanling Stallions	English Pleasure 3 Year Old
Yearling Stallions	Western Pleasure 2 Year Old Snaffle Bit
2 Year Old Stallions	Western Pleasure 3 Year Old <u>Snaffle Bit</u>
3 Year Old Stallions	*English/Western Pleasure Maturity Class - 4 year old & older horses that have participated in <u>any</u> previous BHAM Futurity class (excluding Stallion Service Sale classes) are eligible.
<i>Grand & Reserve Stallions</i>	
Yearling Geldings	
2 Year Old Geldings	
3 Year Old Geldings	
<i>Grand & Reserve Geldings</i>	***Weanling Geldings will be shown with weanling Colts.

BHAMB Futurity Champion of Champions Halter Horse

A) **DUN FACTOR**

1. No artificial tails allowed.

B) **HALTER DIVISION**

1. **WEANLING HALTER DIVISION FEES** – One time entry fee of \$40 to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from Sept 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60.
2. **YEARLING HALTER DIVISION FEES** - One time entry fee of \$40 (*if paid up as a weanling*) to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60.

If not paid up as a weanling, a one-time entry fee of \$60 is due by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.

3. **TWO-YEAR-OLD HALTER DIVISION FEES** - One time entry fee of \$40 (*if paid up as a weanling and/or yearling*) to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60.

If not paid up as a weanling or yearling, a one-time entry fee of \$60 is due by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.

4. **THREE-YEAR-OLD HALTER DIVISION FEES** - One time entry fee of \$40 (*if paid up as a weanling, yearling and/or 2 yr. old*) to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60.

If not paid up as a weanling, yearling, or 2 yr. old, a one-time entry fee of \$60 is due by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.

5. A GRAND & RESERVE CLASS will be held for all first and second place winners in weanling, yearling, two year old and three year old halter classes (split sexes). This does not include Stallion Service Sale Classes. There will be no entry fee, nor payback for these classes.
 6. A BHAMB FUTURITY CHAMPION HALTER HORSE will be selected from the Grand Champion Halter winners. There will be no entry fee, nor payback for this class. Trophy only.
 7. GET OF SIRE AND PRODUCE OF DAM - **These classes require \$30 or \$20 entry fee, respectively. Entries may be made by 12 noon day of Futurity. Paybacks paid to person who made the entry.** Limited to weanlings, yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds. Futurity entrants only.
 8. DUN FACTOR - **The Dun Factor class requires \$10 entry fee. Entries may be made by 5:00PM day of Futurity.** ABRA Dun Factor Score Sheet will be used to determine placings. Futurity entrants only.
- C) **PERFORMANCE DIVISION** – Performance classes including Yearling & 2 Year-Old Longe Line. **Horses do not necessarily have to be entered nor shown in their respective halter divisions.**
1. YEARLING & 2 YEAR-OLD LONGE LINE FEES – **One-time entry fee of \$40 to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60.**

If not paid up in the halter division as a weanling, a one-time entry fee of \$60 is due by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.
 2. LONGE LINE CLASS RULES - The Longe Line class was developed to give breeders and owners of pretty moving, performance oriented yearlings an opportunity to show them as performance prospects.
 - a. Exhibitors may enter the show ring promptly when called and await the announcers command to start. After the start command is given the exhibitor will have 90 seconds to present their horse. It is suggested that the horse walk, jog (long trot) and lope (canter) in each direction. Exhibitor may begin to work either direction. The announcer will tell half at 45 seconds and time at the end of 90 seconds. The exhibitor at that time will be directed by the ring master to either retire to the rail and wait quietly while others are being judged or they may be excused from the arena to await conformation judging. After all exhibitors have presented their horses they will be lined up for conformation judging.
 - b. Horses will be judged 70% on way of going suitable to a pleasure horse and 30% on conformation suitable to a pleasure horse. Breaks of gait and momentary lapses of attention are not to be penalized unless it is thought to be an indication of bad mindedness.
 - c. Equipment is a show halter and standard length longe line attached to the halter by the side ring or center ring, not to go over the nose or under the chin or over the poll. Longe line length may be shortened to no less than 15'. Whips are optional, but may not be used to touch the horse in any way or the horse will be disqualified.
 - d. Exhibitors are to dress appropriately as if presenting a halter horse.
 - e. BHAM Longe Line score sheet will be used.
 - f. Any horses performing in longe line classes **CANNOT** be ridden in any other classes.

3. TWO-YEAR-OLD PERFORMANCE FEES - **One time entry fee of \$40 per class to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60 per class.**

If not paid up in the halter division as a weanling or yearling, a one-time entry fee of \$60 per class is due by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$120 per class.

4. THREE-YEAR-OLD PERFORMANCE FEES - **One time entry fee of \$40 per class to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60 per class.**

If not paid up in the halter division as a weanling, yearling or two-year-old, a one time entry fee of \$60 per class is due by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$120 per class.

5. ENGLISH PLEASURE RULES -

Horses to be shown in a smooth English snaffle (no shank), kimberwick, pelham and/or full bridle (with two reins, all with cavesson nosebands and plain leather brow bands. Bits of any style (Pelham, snaffle, kimberwick) featuring mouthpieces with cathedrals, donuts, prongs, edges or rough, sharp material shall be cause for disqualification. If a curb bit is used, the chain must be at least 1/2" in width and flat against the jaw of the horse.

Horses should be suitable to purpose. They should move with long, low strides reaching forward with ease and smoothness, able to lengthen stride and cover ground with relaxed, free flowing movement. Horses should be obedient, have a bright expression with alert ears, and should respond willingly to the rider with light leg and hand contact. Horse should be responsive and smooth in transition. If asked to extend the trot or hand gallop, they should move out with the same flowing motion. The poll should be level with, or slightly above, the withers to allow proper impulsion behind. The head position should be slightly in front of, or on, the vertical.

All horses must be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses should back easily and stand quietly. The judge may, at his/her discretion, require backing of only the finalists in the class.

Horses must reverse to the inside away from the rail.

Horses may be asked to change to canter from the flat-footed walk or trot.

THE JUDGE WILL INSPECT ALL HORSES FOR PROPER EQUIPMENT, PRIOR TO MARKING HIS/HER JUDGING CARD.

6. WESTERN PLEASURE SNAFFLE BIT RULES -

Horses to be shown in standard, plain, or silver headstalls (browband, shaped ear or split ear). Smooth snaffle bit with broken mouthpiece (conventional O ring, egg butt or D ring) and ring no larger than 4" (one inch in from cheek, must be a minimum of 3/8" diameter with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle). Optional loose curb strap (leather only).

Rein to be attached above curb strap. Standard leather or woven split reins are mandatory. Martingales, nosebands or tie downs are prohibited. A braided rawhide, or leather bosal may

be used in lieu of snaffle bit, no larger than 1” in diameter at the nose; must be a minimum of two finger spaces (approximately 1 ½”) between the bosal and nose; absolutely no metal in or on the bosal.

Entry must be shown with both hands on reins, maintaining light contact with the horse’s mouth. Reins may or may not be crossed. The rider’s hands should be carried near the pommel and not further than 4” out on either side of the saddle horn. Rider’s hands must be steady with very limited movement.

The horse should carry his head and neck in a relaxed, natural position, with his poll level with or slightly above the level of the withers. He should not carry his head behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation or be excessively nosed out, giving a resistant appearance. His head should be level with his nose slightly in front of the vertical, having a bright expression, with his ears alert.

All horses will be judged at the walk, jog, lope, and back, as well as on all transitions. Horse must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits. The judge may, at his or her discretion, require the backing of only the finalists in the class.

Horses must reverse to the inside (away from the rail).

Horses may be asked to change to canter from the flat-footed walk or jog trot.

They may be required to reverse at the walk, or the jog, at the discretion of the judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope.

THE JUDGE WILL INSPECT ALL HORSES FOR PROPER EQUIPMENT, PRIOR TO MARKING HIS/HER JUDGING CARD.

7. **ENGLISH/WESTERN PLEASURE MATURITY FEES - One time entry fee of \$40 to be paid by September 1st. Late entries will be accepted from September 2nd through September 15th. Late entry fee is \$60.**

Class is open to 4 year-old & older horses that have been previously shown in at least one previous BHAMB futurity class.

8. **ENGLISH/WESTERN PLEASURE MATURITY CLASS RULES –**
This class will be judged on the performance of the horse. Entries will be penalized for excessive speed or being on wrong leads. Horses to be shown at a walk, jog/trot, and lope/canter without undue restraint.
 - a. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three (3) gaits.
 - b. Horses are to be reversed to the inside (away from the rail). They may be required to reverse at the walk or jog/trot at the discretion of the judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope/canter.
 - c. Judge must ask that horses be backed. The judge may, at his/her discretion, require the backing of only the finalists in the class.
 - d. Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any horse. He/she is not to ask for work other than that listed above.
 - e. Rider shall not be required to dismount except in the event judge wishes to check equipment.

9. HIGH MONEY EARNING GRADUATE - Must be a graduating three year old having earned the highest amount of money, accumulated during all Futurity years. Money will include Weanling, Yearling, 2-Year-Old, 3-Year-Old Halter Divisions; Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year Old Longe Line, 2-Year-Old & 3-Year-Old Performance Divisions. No Stallion Service Sale class earnings are included in this total.

XI. DRUG REGULATION

No person shall administer, either internally or externally, either before or during any BHAM affiliated/approved event, any tranquilizer, stimulant, depressant or any other medication or drug to a horse that may affect its performance or appearance at that event. Every exhibitor at the BHAM affiliated/approved event shall, upon the request of the Show Secretary, permit a specimen of urine, blood and/or saliva, to be taken for testing from the horse. Refusal to comply with such a request shall be grounds for immediate disqualification of the animal, exhibitor and owner from further participation at the BHAM affiliated/approved event and will result in forfeiture of all awards and prize money previously awarded. If the laboratory analysis of urine, blood, and/or saliva, taken from the horse indicates that presence of forbidden drug or medication, this shall be taken as prima facie evidence that such substance has been administered to the horse.

The owner, exhibitor or otherwise, shall be responsible for, and be the absolute insurer of the condition of the horse he/she enters and exhibits, regardless of the acts of third parties. In any case where a laboratory report shows evidence of the presence of forbidden drugs, such person, shall be deemed to have administered the forbidden drug under the absolute insurer rule.

In cases involving any BHAM affiliated/approved event, it shall be the responsibility of the Show Secretary to forward to the BHAM Board of Directors, complete information regarding such incidents in writing. The Board of Directors shall forward complete information in writing concerning such incident to the ABRA and the AQHA. Where BHAM rules are silent, AQHA rules will apply and be in force. The BHAM Board of Directors, after deliberation of the findings, have the jurisdiction to bar the owner, exhibitor or otherwise from further participation in any BHAM approved/affiliated event and require forfeiture of all awards, prize money and points earned by any animal involved in any such incident.

XII. LIABILITY

No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in, but there will be no return of payment, unless the showing of the BHAMB Futurity is called off in any, or all divisions.

The right is reserved to reject any entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of the BHAMB Futurity.

- XIII. YOUTH** No youth will be allowed to show yearling or older stallions.

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