

BUCKSKIN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

BREEDERS' 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.

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) Only light horse breeds are eligible—i.e. Quarter Horse, Morgan, Half-Arab, solid color/breeding stock Paints, etc. Draft horses are ineligible and we do not accept Palominos or bays with a dorsal stripe. Decision of the Futurity Color Task Force is final.

II. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES:	Individual.....\$30	Youth (18 & under).....\$25
	Family w/ no youth.....\$50	Family w/ youth.....\$60
	Individual Life.....\$250	
	NON-MEMBER CLERICAL FEE.....\$30 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 are 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, 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 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. This does not include buckskin bred papered horses. A photo copy of registration papers is required. No photos are required for yearlings through Maturity horses.

F) If a horse is gelded after entries are sent, it is the owner's responsibility to notify the BHAMB Futurity chairperson 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 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 Futurity Color Task Force is unable to determine eligibility from photos submitted, the Futurity committee may request additional photos and/or an 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, 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 Futurity Color Task Force who may call for a review at any time) or any class, a **written protest** must be filed with the Futurity chairperson, accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$50. The protest and money must be filed within fifteen (15) minutes after the class has been placed. An announcement that an inquiry concerning the class will be made requesting all horses to remain on the grounds. The BHAMB Futurity 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/or Treasurer within 30 days after the completion of the BHAMB Futurity.

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, awards, 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 for Grand & Reserve classes.

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
3 Year Old Fillies	Yearling Longe Line
Grand & Reserve Fillies	2 Year Old Longe Line
Weanling Stallions/Geldings	2 Year Old Hunt Seat Pleasure
Yearling Stallions	3 Year Old Hunt Seat Pleasure
2 Year Old Stallions	2 Year Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
3 Year Old Stallions	3 Year Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
Grand & Reserve Stallions	*HUS/Western Pleasure Maturity Class—4 year old
Yearling Geldings	& older horses that have participated in <u>any</u>
2 Year Old Geldings	previous BHAMB Futurity class (except Stallion
3 Year Old Geldings	Service Sale classes) are eligible.
Grand & Reserve Geldings	
Champion of Champions Halter Horse (from the 3 grand champions)	

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 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 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 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 15th. Late entry fee is \$60. ***If not paid up as a weanling, a one-time entry fee of \$60 is due by Sept. 2nd. Late entries will be accepted Sept. 3rd through Sept. 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.***
3. 2 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 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 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 Sept. 2nd. Late entries will be accepted Sept. 3rd through Sept. 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.***
4. 3 Year Old halter division fees-- one time entry fee of \$40 (*if paid up as a weanling, yearling or 2 yr. old*) to be paid by September 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 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 Sept. 2nd. Late entries will be accepted Sept. 3rd through Sept. 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.***
5. A Grand and Reserve halter class will be held for all first and second place winners in weanling, yearling, 2 year old and 3 year old halter classes (split sexes). This does not include Stallion Service Sale classes. There will be no entry fee or payback for these classes.

6. A BHAMB Futurity Champion of Champions halter class will be held with the winner selected from the Grand Champion halter winners. There will be no entry fee or payback for this class.

7. Get of Sire and Produce of Dam—these classes require \$30 or \$20 entry fee respectively. **Entries may be made by 8:00 am Friday.** Paybacks paid to person who made the entry. Limited to weanlings, yearlings, 2 year olds and 3 year olds—Futurity entrants only.

8. Dun Factor—the Dun Factor class requires a \$20 entry fee. **Entries may be made by 8:00 am Friday. ABRA dun factor score sheets will be used.** Futurity entrants only.

C) PERFORMANCE DIVISION—horses do not have to be entered or shown in their respective halter divisions to show in performance classes.

1. Yearling & 2 Year Old Longe Line fees-- one time entry fee of \$40 (*if paid up as a weanling in halter division*) to be paid by September 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 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 Sept. 2nd. Late entries will be accepted Sept. 3rd through Sept. 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. **ABRA Longe Line score sheets will be used. All ABRA rules apply.** Any horse performing in Futurity Longe Line classes **cannot** be ridden in any other Futurity performance classes.

3. 2 Year Old Performance fees-- one time entry fee of \$40 (*if paid up as a weanling and/or yearling*) to be paid by September 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 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 Sept. 2nd. Late entries will be accepted Sept. 3rd through Sept. 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.*

4. 3 Year Old Performance fees-- one time entry fee of \$40 (*if paid up as a weanling, yearling or 2 yr. old*) to be paid by September 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 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 Sept. 2nd. Late entries will be accepted Sept. 3rd through Sept. 15th. Late entry fee is \$120.*

5. Hunt Seat 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. Refer to **ABRA rulebook** for any questions. **The judge will inspect all horses for proper equipment prior to marking his/her judging card.**

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

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 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. Refer to **ABRA rulebook** for any questions. **The judge will inspect all horses for proper equipment prior to marking his/her judging card.**

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. Horses should carry their heads and necks in a relaxed, natural position with polls level with or slightly above the level of the withers. The head position should be slightly in front of, or on the vertical with a bright expression and ears alert.

All horses will be judged at the walk, jog, lope and back, as well as on all transitions. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits. The judge may, at his/her discretion, require backing of only the finalists in the class. Horses may be asked to change to lope from the flat-footed walk or jog. They may be required to reverse at the walk or job at the discretion of the judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope.

7. HUS/Western Pleasure Maturity fees-- one time entry fee of \$40 to be paid by September 2nd. Late entries will be accepted from Sept. 3rd through Sept. 15th. Late entry fee is \$60.

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

8. HUS/Western Pleasure Maturity 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. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits. Horses 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. The judge may, at his/her discretion, require backing of only the finalists in the class.

9. High Money Earning Graduate—must be a graduating 3 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 and 2 year old longe line; 2 year old and 3 year old performance divisions. **No** Stallion Service Sale, Dun Factor, Get of Sire or Produce of Dam 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 a 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 the sample taken from the horse indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications*, this shall be taken as prima facie evidence that such substance has been administered to the horse.

The owner and/or exhibitor 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 AQHA boards. The BHAM Board of Directors, after deliberation of the findings, have the jurisdiction to bar the owner and/or exhibitor from further participation in any BHAM affiliated/approved event and require forfeiture of all awards, prize money and points earned by any animal involved in any such incident. Fines may also be levied at the discretion of the Board.

***see ABRA rulebook for complete list of forbidden drugs or medications**

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 (18 years of age or younger) will be allowed to show yearling or older stallions.