

Guidelines for the Virtual Weanling Futurity

Only ONE foal sired by each donated stallion service will be eligible for the Futurity – THAT is the incentive for bidding at this auction. If a stallion owner thinks they want to show their own foal – they can buy their own stallions service at the auction. Stallion owners can also donate more than one service to have more than one foal eligible. Two donated services = two eligible foals, etc.

The owner of the resulting foal will pay a Nominal eligibility fee to participate in the Futurity. This Futurity will be open to ANY Canadian Morgan owner who wants to breed their mare and show the resulting foal in the Futurity.

How can anyone across Canada enter and show their foal ? We are proposing a VIRTUAL Futurity. This would be a first as far as we know, but we think it should work.

The owner of each foal can submit a 5 minute video tape/DVD showing their foal as they would if it was in a normal Futurity class. We will post a definite format that everyone will follow, so there would be no special advantages to anyone. The foal would be taped trotting into and around a ring (with or without a trailer), and then stood up on the rail. They will walk towards the judge (videographer), stop and present the foal. The videographer would walk around the foal, as a judge would, and have the foal trot off and around the rail again. The foal would then be stood up and modeled as at a show. We will post an example video on the website for people to view to see the format.

The deadline the video/DVD must be received is August 31, 2010. If the entry doesn't arrive by the deadline, it won't be considered, just as if you missed the class.

We will have a one judge system – and place the foals just as we would in a regular class.

Payouts, ribbons, (possibly blankets if we get sponsors) will be awarded to the Top 5, 8, 10 ???

Foals and placings will be placed on website and in magazine

Why this should work –

Breeders across Canada can donate a service(s) from their stallion. NO ONE needs to be excluded.

Owners of foals from across Canada can submit their video/DVD for judging. You don't need to haul your foal, you don't need to hire a trainer, you can make as many tapes as you want, but only submit ONE.

Send in the best, as long as it is in by the deadline.

We will have rules about NO editing of the video.

The sound would have to be on so we know there is no use of bags, cans, etc, but it would be acceptable for someone to hoot and call like at a show.

The video must be no longer than 5 minutes; otherwise your entry is disqualified.

If possible, we would like to have the Foal registration accompany the video entry. If not, we HAVE to have a copy of the registration before any winnings are paid out, within 30 days of the cutoff for entries.

There are of course many things to consider, but this is a brief proposal we have put together. The biggest complaint we hear from people is that they aren't included in anything – this is open to anyone in the CMHA who lives in Canada ! This should prove to be Uniting, Promotional, Fun and even a Fundraiser all rolled into one!