

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

2024 Three-Year-Old Futurity Rules and Regulations

Nomination:

- A. 2021 foals shall be nominated per deadlines and nomination fees listed per item F below. Postmark acceptable for all deadlines except May 30th deadline. All fees and forms must be in the MFTHBA office by 4:30pm on May 30, 2024 for horse to show.
- B. Entries must be made with markings (in detail) and color on the entry blank.
- C. All entries are to be sent to the MFTHBA Office in Ava, Missouri. Payable with check, cash or credit/debit card. Mail or hand delivery accepted.
- D. A sufficient number of nominations, as determined by the Board of Directors, must be received by January 1, 2024 or fees will be refunded.
- E. All entries shall abide by the MFTHBA Rules.
- F. Entry fees are as follows: Nomination fee due on or before October 31, 2023, nomination fee being \$40.00. The first installment of \$40.00 will be due December 10, 2023, no payment due in January, and the following three installments of \$40 each, due the 10th of each month February-April. Horses paid up by October 31st will receive a 10% discount or a total cost of \$180.00. All horses must be paid in full, including all applicable late fees by May 30, 2024. Postmark is NOT acceptable for the May 30 deadline. Payments if nominating by 10/31/23:

Penalties:

Nomination fee	\$40		
December payment	\$40	Dec. late fee	\$40
February payment	\$40	Feb. late fee	\$40
March Payment	\$40	Mar. late fee	\$40
April payment	\$40	Apr. late fee	\$40
Total Fee	\$200		

****FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT WIAVE PAST DUE FEES/PENALTIES****

Horses nominated between November 1, 2023 and May 30, 2024 MUST pay nomination fees in full as follows:

November 1 st - 30 th	\$300
December 1 st —31 st	\$400
January 1 st — February 28th	\$500
March 1st -31 st	\$600
April 1 st — April 30th	\$700
May 1 st - May 30th	\$800

- G. If in the case of death of a nominated horse, a death certificate from a licensed veterinarian dated the day of death must be received by the MFTHBA Office within 30 days to qualify for a refund of nomination fees.
- H. If a nominated horse is sold the seller must notify the MFTHBA Office.
- I. In case of any color, markings, or name change, the owner must notify the MFTHBA Office that the horse is nominated in the futurity.

Training Rules:

- A. Horses may be shown at halter until January 1 of the year the horse is to be shown in the Futurity.
- B. No horse may be shown under saddle prior to the Futurity.
- C. Horses to be shown in the Amateur Owned & Trained Division may not have received any professional training unless specific rules and reporting procedures are followed for the horse to be started under saddle by a person other than the amateur owner. See section 700-Show Rules, Policies & Procedures, (Section 4 d), of the MFTHBA Official Handbook. Notarized statement required.

Exhibiting:

- A. Horses will show under MFTHBA show rules.
- B. Classes will be held in conjunction with the MFTHBA Spring Show ending the second weekend in June.
- C. Declaration as to division (amateur owned & trained, open amateur or open) will be made at the time the horse is entered in the class. Entry must be completed before entries close the day of the show.
- D. Classes shall be adjusted in number by the Board of Directors or their designee.
- E. Each class shall be ridden a maximum of 20 minutes, Time to be kept by a timekeeper.
- F. The horse and rider shall be disqualified when the rider dismounts for any reason without permission of the ringmaster.
- G. A horse to be shown in the Amateur Owned & Trained Division must meet specific ownership requirements. See section 700-Show Rules, Policies & Procedures, (Section 4 a), of the MFTHBA Official Handbook. Horse must be owned by the amateur exhibitor or an immediate family member. Transfer of ownership to current amateur exhibitor or immediate family member must be recorded in the MFTHBA office at least 60 days prior to the date the horse is to be shown in the Amateur Owned & Trained class.
- H. Penalty for showing in the Three-Year-Old Futurity Amateur Owned & Trained Division if protested and found guilty will be to forfeit all winnings and be suspended from showing at MFTHBA shows for thirteen months.
- I. In the Three-Year-Old Futurity Open Amateur or Amateur Owned & Trained Division, the horse must be shown by a current MFTHBA member who meets the MFTHBA definition of Amateur Status for the current year, as specified in the MFTHBA Official Rules, Standards and Policies.
- J. In the Three-Year-Old Futurity Open Division, the horse must be shown by a current MFTHBA member who meets the MFTHBA definition of Professional or Amateur Status for the current year, as specified in the MFTHBA Official Rules, Standards and Policies.

Judging:

- A. The Futurity will be judged by the system approved by the MFTHBA Board for the 2024 Show Season.
- B. Judges shall not discuss Futurity classes before or during the show.
- C. Neither the judge nor any member of his immediate family shall exhibit or own a horse in the Futurity.
- D. The judge will not be eligible to judge provided he/she has been the trainer, exhibitor, owner, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, driver or model handler of said horse within the 6 months prior to the Futurity date.
- E. Judges will be approved by the MFTHBA Board of Directors.

Payback:

- A. Pay-back will be determined by the entries in each division. Money that is paid as entry fee for horses that do not show will be prorated to each division based on percent of horses shown in that division. Percentage will be determined by dividing the total horses shown in the futurity into the number shown in each division. Percentages established for each division in the preliminary classes where the total number of horses shown shall be carried forward to stake class calculation.
- B. Each entry must provide a W-9 form. Payback checks will be mailed to the person listed on the entries W-9 form.
- C. Pay-back shall be as follows in each performance class of allocation money:
1st – 25% 2nd – 20% 3rd – 15% 4th – 10% 5th – 9%
6th – 6% 7th – 5% 8th – 4% 9th – 3/5% 10th – 2.5%
- D. Nomination fees shall be allocated as follows: 15% administrative fees, 85%, less DQP expenses, will be paid back to the performances classes. 50% will go the preliminary classes, for any preliminary classes that are not full the money will be added to the stake class.

The MFTHBA Board of Directors and Show Management recommend that each exhibitor and owner familiarize themselves with current MFTHBA rules pertaining to membership and showing.

Exhibitors are responsible for entering the correct class.