

**The Bluegrass Futurity Limited Breeders Stake
Rules and Eligibility Requirements**

The Bluegrass Futurity will be held each year in two divisions: weanlings shown in hand, and two-year-olds shown in fine harness. All classes will be held at The Kentucky Fall Classic Horse Show. All classes will be conducted under the rules of USEF.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

The stallion services donated by stallion owners are auctioned off, starting at one-half the current stallion service fee or a minimum bid of \$500.00. Sealed bids are accepted, but must be received prior to the auction. A check must accompany the sealed bid and will be returned if a live bid exceeds the sealed bid. Phone bids will be accepted. All stallion services must be paid in full at the auction. A NSF fee of \$50 will be charged on all returned checks.

Neither The Bluegrass Futurity nor its board of directors will intervene between the purchaser of the stallion service and the stallion owner. All contracts, arrangements and negotiations that may arise in the service of any mare designated for The bluegrass Futurity will be strictly between the mare owner and the stallion owner or agent.

A refund, the amount paid for the purchased stallion service, will be made if the stallion dies before the designated mare has been bred, unless there is frozen semen available and that the use of frozen semen is satisfactory to the stud fee purchaser.

The Bluegrass Futurity will retain 10 percent of the auction proceeds for administrative purposes. Interest accumulated from the date of the auction until distribution, following the competition will become part of the purse.

CLASSES AND PRIZE MONEY:

All classes: To be held during The Kentucky Fall Classic Horse Show in Lexington, KY.

Ring procedure for the weanling/yearling classes:

1. Each weanlings will enter at a trot and show to the end of the ring
And trot back to the judges for line up.
2. After individual judging, the weanlings will retire to the end of the ring.
3. If the number of weanlings warrants additional work, 10 to 12 entries will ask to remain in the ring and the balance of the class will be excused. The judges can work any number of entries they feel necessary.
4. The class will be tied to 8 places.
5. Prize money will be paid to 8 places with the weanling owner receiving 75% of the purse and the stallion owner receiving 25% of the purse.
6. 6th, 7th, & 8th place prize money may change according to the amount of money raised at each stallion auction.

<u>Pay out schedule:</u>	1 st place 45%	5 th place 5%
	2 nd place 25%	6 th place?
	3 rd place 15%	7 th place ?
	4 th place 10%	8 th place?

NOMINATING THE STALLION:

Stallions may be nominated to The Bluegrass Futurity by donating one breeding fee to the annual auction. Stallion owners that donate a breeding fee will also be eligible to nominate one weanling that is by their donated stallion for a \$1000.00 fee. They do not have to own the mare or weanling that is nominated.

NOMINATING THE MARE:

A copy of the mare's registration papers, a completed mare nomination form and a \$15.00 nomination fee must be postmarked by December 31, of the breeding year to be eligible for competition.

The rights of a nominated mare's foal cannot be postponed to the following year. It is also up to each stallion owner, if they wish to offer a return privilege in the event the mare does not get in foal. However, the resulting foal will not be eligible for The Bluegrass Futurity.

EMBRYO TRANSFERS:

An Embryo transfer foal will only be allowed to participate if it is the only embryo from the nominated mare and The Bluegrass Futurity Stallion. You may do as many embryo transfers as allowed by ASHA, but only one transfer must result from the nominated mare bred to The Bluegrass Futurity Stallion. If more than one Bluegrass Futurity Stallion is purchased the same mare can be used for each breeding. (Exception: if the stallion owner buys his/her stud fee back and nominates a mare as the stud fee purchaser and stallion owner, then two embryo transfers maybe done from the same mare and Bluegrass Futurity Stallion. However, all nominations fees must be paid and maintain on both breedings, for the stallion owner and stud fee purchaser in order to be eligible.) Violators of the rule will forfeit all prize monies, nomination fees and stud fees.

NOMINATING THE WEANLING:

A completed weanling nomination form, along with a \$50.00 nomination fee must be postmarked by June 15 of the weanling year to be eligible for competition, provided that the mare was properly nominated with a \$15.00 nomination fee paid. The stallion owner is eligible to nominate one weanling by their Bluegrass Futurity Stallion for a \$1000. Nomination fee that must be postmarked by June 15th of the weanling year, provide that the mares is properly nominated with the \$15.00 nomination fee paid.

In order to show as a weanling, the foal MUST be registered on or before the post entry closing date of The Kentucky Fall classic Horse Show.

Have not shown as a weanling, the foal MUST be registered (or application received in the ASHA office) by December 31 of the foaling year. Pending applications must be completed before February 28th of the yearling year.

All weanlings showing in The Bluegrass Futurity will be subject to Drug Testing by USA Equestrian and The Bluegrass Futurity following the competition. Any prize money won by a conditionally registered horse will be held until blood typing or DNA testing verifies parentage. All ribbon winners will be DNA or Blood typed to verify parentage.

NOMINATING THE TWO-YEAR-OLD:

In order to show as a two-year-old, the horse must have been nominated as a weanling with all weanling fees paid and maintain eligibility by paying a \$250 fee by March 15th of the yearling year. And a \$500. nomination fee postmarked by March 15th of the two-year-old year.

KENTUCKY FALL CLASSIC HORSE SHOW:

All entries must be entered on an official Kentucky Fall Classic Horse show entry form will all office fees paid and returned to the show secretary. There is no additional entry fee for the class.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence and nomination fees should be mailed to: The Bluegrass Futurity, P.O. Box 55, Versailles, KY 40383. Phone 859-873-9129 or fax 859-879-9483. Melissa Moore is the Futurity manager. Email address: Mmoore8059@aol.com.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Grace period deadline</u>
Mare nomination:	\$ 15.00 – December 31	\$115.00 – January 31
(Stallion Owner)	\$ 15.00 – December 31	\$115.00 – January 31
Weanling Nomination	\$ 50.00 – June 15	\$150.00 – July 15
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(Stallion Owner)	\$1000.00 – June 15	\$1100.00 – July 15
Yearling Nomination	\$ 250.00 – March 15	\$ 350.00 – April 15
2 Year Old Nomination	\$ 500.00 – March 15	\$ 600.00 – April 15

* If an entry has been disqualified by ASHA, USEF or the horse show where the horse has competed, the owner shall forfeit and return all premium money, trophies and ribbons upon notification.

** An IRS form 1099 will be sent to all money winners

*** Agents and/or owners making entries in this futurity are responsible for making payments when due and The bluegrass Futurity assumes no responsibility for reminding participants of payment dates. If a previously nominated horse is sold, it is the seller’s responsibility to notify the new owner of payment due dates.