



Baileys Horse Feeds/BEF Futurity 2011

Factsheet 5

Eligibility to take part in the Futurity

British bred

All entries must be British bred. British bred means that the horse was either foaled in Great Britain or foaled abroad to a dam normally living in Great Britain that had been temporarily exported for the purpose of breeding only. Neither the country of origin of the dam nor the country where the foal's sire is based nor the country of issue of the horse's passport is relevant in determining whether or not the foal is British bred. It is preferable that all entries are registered with a UK studbook.

Horses must be entered into the Futurity by their owners or authorised agents of their owners. An owner is the legal owner or legal lessee of the horse at the time of its evaluation/award.

The owner may also be the breeder. Breeder is as defined by the stud book of origin of any horse entered, which could either be the owner of the mare at the time of foaling or the owner of the mare at the time of covering.

Height of entries

Horses will be classified as above or likely to mature above 148 cm

Sports Ponies will be classified as under or likely to mature at or under 148cm. In addition, at least one parent must be under 148cm for an entry to be classified as a pony.

Registration of horses

In order to enter, horses must be a British bred horse that has (or in the case of a foal is eligible for) original pedigree papers and passport including a verified pedigree, issued by a British studbook that is either on the DEFRA list of approved Passport Issuing Organisations (PIOs), including daughter studbooks of World Breeding Federation for

Sport Horses (WBFSH) studbooks overseas, or is a member of the British Horse Society (BHS) Horse and Pony Breeds Committee.

Overstamping

In addition, horses registered with overseas studbooks which are members of the WBFSH are also eligible for participation. Yearlings, two year olds and three year olds will need to have their passports overstamped by a British studbook that is on the DEFRA list of approved Passport Issuing Organisations (PIO). If your yearling, two year old or three year old's passport has not yet been overstamped, you can still enter the Futurity. Please select "overstamp pending" from the drop down box when you enter. Overstamping will not be necessary for foals because most will not have passports. Where horses are eligible for original pedigree papers and passport including a verified pedigree from a British breed society that is either on the DEFRA list of approved PIOs or is a member of the British Horse Society (BHS) Horse and Pony Breeds Committee but has an ID Only passport issued by a non-stud book PIO, owners will need to apply to the relevant studbook for cancellation and reissue of that passport and the new passport must include the Unique Equine Life Number (UELN) of the original passport to prove authenticity which contains 15 characters and begins 826.....

Advisory note – grading standards for Futurity sires from 2012

Under the Strategy for the Horse Industry in England and Wales (2005) the BEF is charged, in conjunction with the Lead Body for British Performance Sport Horses and Ponies (PSHP), with "improving the quality and breeding of our horses and ponies". With this in mind, the following eligibility criteria for Futurity entries will need to be met from 2012.

Stallions

Horses entering the Futurity may be of any breed provided that they have been sired by a stallion which has either :

- (i) been graded /approved/licenced for breeding with a UK studbook or daughter studbook recognised by DEFRA that is dedicated to the breeding of sport horses or ponies, or has a specific section for sport horses or ponies in which the stallion is listed or
- (ii) is currently graded/approved for breeding with a WBFSH member and is standing abroad or
- (iii) in the case of native and indigenous breeds only is a member of the British Horse Society (BHS) Horse and Pony Breeds Committee.

A graded/approved/licensed stallion is one that has been evaluated and assessed for conformation, type, movement and correctness by a panel of professional judges of an accredited and recognised DEFRA studbook and has been approved to stand at stud, or has been graded overseas by a World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) member studbook using these criteria and has been accepted into such a studbook. The grading/approval/licensing process must also have included a five stage vetting with particular investigation of heritable or genetic conditions or vices. Horses sired by stallions which are approved for breeding in any other DEFRA recognised studbook or section of a studbook and which have competed successfully

in Grade A show jumping, Advanced Eventing or Advanced Dressage are also permitted to enter the Futurity.

Horses sired by stallions from other studbooks with a proven record of producing sport horses but have no sports-related grading systems (e.g. pure-bred, part-bred and Anglo Arabs and Iberian breeds) will be considered on an individual basis on the merits of their sports-related bloodlines.

In addition horses sired by Weatherbys General Stud Book racing thoroughbreds which may not have been graded but who may have performance records on the racetrack, may also be eligible to take part in the Futurity and the decision on the eligibility of such sires will be made by the BEF on an individual basis.

Progeny of stallions entered into Section VII of the Weatherbys Non-Thoroughbred Register (NTR) will only be eligible for the Futurity if their sires are also graded/approved/licenced by another DEFRA listed studbook.

It is preferable, although not a requirement at this time, that dams of Futurity entries have been graded by a UK studbook or daughter studbook recognised by DEFRA that is dedicated to the breeding of sport horses or ponies, or has a specific section for sport horses or ponies or is a World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) member studbook either in the UK or abroad or have a verifiable performance record.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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