



Baileys Horse Feeds/BEF Futurity 2010

Factsheet 2

What has changed for 2010?

1. New venues and dates, see www.bef.co.uk and the press for details
2. In line with your survey responses, the premiums awarded have been more clearly defined, please see Factsheet 9. In addition, the premium thresholds have been adjusted to reflect these definitions. This will set out clearly for breeders and buyers where the horses evaluated fit in to the market. If you have set out to breed a "sound horse to do a bit of affiliated or unaffiliated competition" and receive a first or second premium, you can be pleased that you have achieved your goal.
3. We have amended the score sheets, also in line with your feedback, with a view to helping the evaluators explain more clearly what they see and what they mean.
4. Overall sire and dam rankings for all disciplines will be available online and constantly updated throughout the series. You can now view the offspring's scores that make up the ranking, by clicking the button labelled 'Progeny Scores' on either the sire or dam ranking.
5. Horses and ponies may now only enter one discipline so you should carefully select the discipline for which your horse or pony was bred or is most talented.
6. Ponies bred to be 148cm or under at maturity will now need to be entered for a specific discipline as well. Entries details and results will clearly be noted as SP (Sports Pony).
7. Owners are entirely responsible for the accuracy of any information they provide at the time of entry. BEF cannot be held responsible for any effects of the use of inaccurate or incomplete information as supplied by owners or agents. No information that you supply is amended in any way so it is important that you key it in correctly, and re-check it, when you enter.

8. Baileys Horse Feeds will be on hand during the vet phase to offer advice on nutrition and feeding. This initiative will not form part of the scoring, but it will form part of the recommendations for future care and management.
9. Bag whips are no longer allowed during the evaluations. Certain venues do not allow them and whatever rule we adopt we must adopt for all venues.
10. This year, when a horse enters the arena for evaluation, following the vet phase, they will walk and trot on the triangle before the static evaluation. This way they are more likely to settle and stand still for assessment.
11. Should the evaluators feel that a horse or pony would be more suited to a different discipline they can advise that a horse be transferred to that different discipline and owners must consent before they can be transferred. If they do not consent, horses or ponies will be scored in line with the discipline they first entered.
12. Potential endurance horses and ponies can be evaluated at all venues this year.
13. Jumping lane dimensions have been altered for this year. They will follow distances consistent with other EU studbooks. There will also be a time limit for the jumping lane. Please see factsheet 3.
14. Hard hats are even more strongly recommended for all handlers and helpers than they were last year. We would like to make them mandatory, but many breeders state that they do not own hard hats and do not wish to buy one. Standards are PAS 015, BSEN 1384, EN 1384 or ASTM F1163. In the event of any incidents giving rise to concern, we will make a hard hat rule mandatory. Hard hats are mandatory for the handlers of three year old jumping horses.
15. Horses from one year upwards must have had their feet seen and, if appropriate, treated by a farrier. The BEF is not responsible for any reduction in marks attributable to poor foot care. The above applies to foals as well, in the event that they are old enough, and require treatment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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