



Baileys Horse Feeds/BEF Futurity 2010

Factsheet 6

Futurity Definitions and General Rules of Entry "The Small Print"

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DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR OF HORSES

If any horse taking part in the Futurity is deemed by the organisers to be **at any time** behaving in such a way as to endanger the safety of any person, animal or property or any part of the venue where the evaluation is being held, including all stabling areas, working in arenas, horsebox parks and public areas, the organisers reserve the right to terminate the assessment of that horse, and require the exhibitor or his or her representative to remove the horse from the venue immediately. In the event of such a termination, no refund of fees will be allowed.

DATA PROTECTION ACT

Owners and breeders enrolling animal into the Futurity should note that details of their names and addresses are stored electronically. Results for participating horses will also be uploaded to the National Equine Database (NED) in the normal way and by entering the Futurity you agree to this. The British Equestrian Federation (BEF) and NED are authorised to process personal data under the terms of the Data Protection Act, 1998.

DECLINING OF ENTRIES

The organisers (BEF) may at their absolute discretion, decline any entry, or exclude or remove any person or animal from any evaluation without being required to assign any reason or being liable for any compensation.

DISQUALIFICATION

In the event of any animal being disqualified, whether as a result of an objection or otherwise, the result shall be declared invalid and any recognition shall be forfeited.

DOGS

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Some venues may prohibit dogs from certain parts or all of their facilities.

ELIMINATION

Following the vet assessment, it can happen that a horse may be eliminated from taking part in the rest of the evaluation on the grounds of lameness or infectious disease. The decision to eliminate a horse should be made known to the owner, handler and BEF official. A horse eliminated on the grounds of injury or illness may apply for dispensation to take part in another evaluation later in the same year only.

EQUITY POLICY

The BEF is committed to a policy of equal opportunities and aims to ensure that all people, irrespective of age, gender, ability, race, religion, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation have a genuine and equal opportunity to participate in its programmes at all levels and in all roles. This is taken to include employees, volunteers, participants and spectators.

FACILITIES

The BEF assesses each venue for safety and workability before running an evaluation but cannot be held responsible for any perceived lack of facilities which become apparent to competitors during their stay.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Exhibitors are asked to read carefully and observe the rules and regulations concerning fire precautions at the relevant host venue and to comply with any rules.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Exhibitors must adhere to all relevant Health and Safety legislation, policies and guidelines for each venue at all times and not to put themselves or anyone else at risk. Exhibitors, spectators and all other persons should bear in mind that these evaluations are for young horses and that all horses, particularly young ones, can be easily frightened and could cause an accident. Members of the public are requested to keep clear of all horse areas and to avoid behaviour that might alarm horses. Children must be closely supervised at all times.

HORSES FOR SALE

The BEF Futurity seeks to help support the development of a market for the horses that have participated in its evaluations. This is done in several ways, including encouraging the sale of young horses along with their "BEF Premium" which will confirm their evaluation score and make them stand out from other young horses which have not participated in the Futurity. The BEF is developing a marketing message to raise buyers' awareness as to the importance of the Futurity in today's competitive marketplace. In addition, Futurity horses available for sale can be listed in the catalogue at each venue at no extra charge and exhibitors who wish to make use of this facility should tick the appropriate box when entering online. Several good young horses have changed hands every year as a direct result of their appearance in the Futurity. Marking a horse as For Sale in the Futurity catalogue is not intended to be a principal sales route for young horses, it is intended to support other sales activity.

INCIVILITY

Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to any evaluator, veterinary surgeon, steward or official on the part of the owner, groom, rider, trainer or agent of any horse will at the discretion of the BEF render that handler/owner's horse eligible for disqualification, in which case any entry fees, charges and awards will be forfeited.

INFRINGEMENT OF RULES OF CONDUCT

Alleged infringements of rules of conduct must be reported to the BEF representative at any evaluation venue.

INSURANCE

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. It is a requirement that they have in force current third-party insurance providing full cover for equines participating in a Futurity evaluation.

LEGAL DISCLAIMER

Neither the administrators of the Futurity, nor the British Equestrian Federation nor its member bodies, nor venue organisers nor their agents or officials or

employees nor the sponsors will be responsible for any accident, injury or damage that may occur to, or any illness disease which may be contracted by any animal entered for the series howsoever occurring, or person attending an evaluation for whatever purpose, and the exhibitors shall keep the British Equestrian Federation, the venue organisers, sponsors, together with their agents, officials and employees and the sponsors indemnified against all liability arising from any accident, injury, damage, illness or disease. Neither the British Equestrian Federation, nor its member bodies nor the venue nor their agents or officials or employees nor the sponsors shall be in any way liable for anything that may happen (from any circumstances whatever) to property brought to any Futurity evaluation or for any other loss, claim, matter, circumstance or event whatever in connection with, or rising out of, or attributable to the British Equestrian Federation, or the venue organisers, sponsors, together with their agents, officials and employees or the sponsors or these or any other rules or regulations or special conditions prescribed by the Futurity scheme. Each exhibitor will be considered responsible in all respects for the attendants in charge of his/her animals and for any other staff, employees, or agents of his for the consequences of any infringement by any such persons of these rules and regulations.

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

The entry fee of £55 plus VAT covers one evaluation section at any one evaluation venue.

Horses will not be allowed to enter at more than one evaluation venue. However in the case of unforeseen sickness of horse, handler, owner or transport problems on the day of the first evaluation, the owner may apply for the original entry to be transferred to another venue later in the series, which will be granted provided there is space.

Single owners entering five or more horses owned by them in one single transaction will be entitled to an entry fee discount of 10% which is calculated at point of entry and payment - regrettably this process can only be handled through the automated process.

NUMBERS

Horses presented for evaluation are required to make or obtain their own bridle numbers. These are small circular discs of approx 8-10cm diameter which can be bought or made. The number to be placed on the disc will be published, along with your vetting and evaluation timings on www.bef.co.uk one week before the evaluation date. Ideally a horse will have the number on both sides of its halter or bridle. The number must be as visible as possible and marked in permanent black ink. This will help to identify your photographs on the photographer's website as well.

OBJECTIONS

Any objections lodged concerning the eligibility of specific entries or related matters must be submitted before the evaluation has finished and must be accompanied by a cash fee of £50, which will be returned if the objection is upheld. The BEF's formal complaints procedure will be followed.

PASSPORTS AND VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

Horse passports MUST accompany every horse (except for unweaned foals which do not yet have passports, but their dams must have passports) presenting for evaluation. This is a legal requirement. BEF is not an enforcement body for the checking of passports, this responsibility is with Trading Standards who could attend any venue at any time. Failure to produce a valid passport could result in a fine of up to £5000. Some venues require vaccination certificates and it is advisable that these are carried too, if they do not form part of the passport. Please contact individual centres to establish their vaccination policy, especially if you are stabling overnight.

PAYMENTS

All entry payments will be made through a secure online facility operated by PayPal, where you have the option of paying through PayPal or with a credit/debit card. Entry discounts will be calculated automatically at this point, if they apply. Entries and entry discounts cannot be handled manually.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Horses being prepared for or taking part in the Futurity must not be exposed to any of the forbidden drugs or treatments listed as prohibited in the British Equestrian Federation Rule Book as these might influence the performance or the behaviour of the horse. Random drug tests may be carried out in accordance with the British Equestrian Federation procedures. Full details are at http://www.bef.co.uk/Information_for_Competitors/Rules_and_Regulations.html

REFUNDS

Refund of entry fees, subject to a £5 admin charge, will be allowed where:

1. The horse has either died since the entry fee was paid or
2. The horse has been certified by a veterinarian as unable for another reason to take part in the Futurity. A copy of the veterinary certificate will be required or
3. You cancel your entry no later than three weeks before the evaluation date you had entered and we are able to fill your place with another entry which is on a waiting list

RESULTS

Each evaluation's results will be published on the BEF website www.bef.co.uk as soon as possible after the evaluation. The results, media information and photographs of certain horses from will be sent to the national and regional media who may contact you to follow up the story.

Results will appear on the National Equine Database (NED).

Whenever possible, copies of the score sheets will be available for collection by the owners at the end of the evaluation day. Failing that, they will be mailed or emailed after the evaluation as soon as admin resources permit.

FACTSHEET CHANGES

The organisers reserve the right to change any of the Factsheets without notice should circumstances warrant. Revised versions will be marked as such and posted on www.bef.co.uk.

STABLING

Exhibitors are asked to enquire about and observe the rules and regulations (including vaccination requirements) concerning stabling and regulations at the relevant host venue. All stabling should be booked directly with the host venue. In the event that stables are left unclean and a charge is made to the BEF, this charge will be passed on to the individual who hired that stable.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions will be allowed up until the entry closing date for any evaluation. Later substitutions will be at the discretion of the BEF and in any case must be agreed before the date of the evaluation.

TRANSFER OF ENTRIES

If the evaluators feel that an animal is more suitable for another discipline or category, they can suggest that animal be transferred to that discipline and be scored as such. The owner's consent must be given for any transfer to occur, and if the owner does not consent the animal will be scored for the category for which it was originally entered.

UNPAID INVOICES

Where a Futurity entry has an invoice issued by the BEF or British Breeding in relation to any transaction between the BEF or British Breeding and that organisation or individual which remains unpaid, any entries to the Futurity will be declined until the outstanding invoice is settled.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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