

# American Stock Horse Association 2009

## 3 Year Old Versatility Futurity World Championship

Hosted by Stock Horse of Texas Association during ASHA Nat'l EXPO – Nov. 19-22, 2009 in Stephenville, TX

### **Purpose and History:**

In keeping with the concept of a four event, versatile stock horse, ASHA has developed the three year old futurity event. This event provides an opportunity to showcase the talents of the four event horse at an early age, as well as providing a logical measure of progress for the training of the young stock horse.

Available to ASHA members in good standing, this is an age specific event, open to three year old horses of all breeds. Horses are to be shown in four classes and the Champion will be chosen as the highest placing horse in the “all around”. These classes will be: Trail, Pleasure, Reining, and Working Cow Horse. Class rules will be the rules governing the Open division as approved by the 2009 ASHA handbook.

### **Rules:**

- Horse(s) must be shown as a three year old determined by age as of January 1
- Horse(s) exhibited in the versatility futurity must have and ASHA competition license. (See ASHA Rules and Bylaws, EV-039 Horse Eligibility and Licensing)
- Non-Breed Registered Horses must provide: A signed veterinarian certificate verifying age in addition to four (4) color photographs of the horse. Photos must exhibit a right and left profile of the horse, and a front and rear view. Any and all markings, brands, etc. must be visible. All other documents concerning Non-Breed Registered Horses will be pursuant to ASHA Rules and Bylaws, EV-039 Horse Eligibility and Licensing.
- To qualify for futurity, horse(s) may be shown in any division where rider is eligible to compete (Open, Non-Pro, Limited Non-Pro, Novice, Youth or Green Horse). Horse(s) will be eligible for year end awards, class awards, and merit awards, where applicable. Horses shown in collegiate shows will also be eligible to participate in futurity class and those shows will count towards qualifying for futurity event.
- A nomination form will be submitted for each horse and rider combination. A \$100.00 nomination fee will be paid at first show when said show is intended to count towards futurity competition eligibility. Futurity nomination fees will be over and above standard ASHA show fees which would be approximately \$175.
- If horse and rider do not attend at least four shows and compete in all four classes at said shows, eligibility is still possible if additional futurity fees are paid as stated below. All additional futurity fees shall be paid upon registration of futurity event.

	<b>Futurity Nomination Fee</b>	<b>Nomination Fee Paid</b>		<b>Balance Due</b>
o Four shows attended:	\$100.00	\$100.00	-----	<b>O</b>
o Three shows attended:	\$200.00	\$100.00	-----	\$100.00
o Two shows attended:	\$300.00	\$100.00	-----	\$200.00
o One show attended:	\$400.00	\$100.00	-----	\$300.00
o Zero shows attended:	\$800.00	\$100.00	-----	\$700.00

## Equipment Rules:

- 1 Horse(s) will be exhibited in a snaffle bit, bosal, or hackamore on the day of the futurity
  - 2 If horse is to be shown in snaffle bit, it shall be “D” or “O” ring type, no larger than 4 inches and no smaller than 2 inches in diameter on inside of the ring. They must have a broken 2 piece, mouthpiece, being a minimum of 5/16 inches in diameter, measured 1 inch from the inside of the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg shaped smooth and unwrapped metal
  - 3 A leather or woven material chin strap may be used. No iron, chain or other material may be used
  - 4 If horse is to be shown in hackamore or bosal, equipment must be made of braided rawhide, braided leather, or rope, and will be a maximum of ¾ inch at the cheek. There must be a minimum of 2 finger widths, approximately 1 ½ inch, between bosal and nose. Absolutely no metal under the jaw or on the noseband in connection with the bosal
  - 5 Mechanical hackamores are prohibited
  - 6 Split reins or mecate reins must be used
  - 7 After each reining and cow work go, headstalls must be dropped and viewed by equipment official and mouth checked
  - 8 A horse found to have blood present on the mouth or anywhere else on its body can be disqualified at the discretion of the equipment official
- All other competition rules and guidelines of the futurity will be those pursuant to the ASHA Open Division as related to the judging criteria and rules governing the individual classes.
  - Rider may exhibit up to two horses.
  - Rider must be a member in good standing of the ASHA.
  - A horse may be exhibited by only one rider in the futurity, multiple horse and rider combinations are prohibited.
  - Jackpot payback for the futurity will be determined according to ASHA Rules and Bylaws EV-180, ASHA Entry Fees and Paybacks.
  - Versatility Champion will be determined by the highest placing horse and rider combination in the four event competition aka the “All Around”.
  - At futurity, each horse and rider combination will have one opportunity to show in Trail, Pleasure, Reining, and Working Cow Horse. Therefore, there will only be one go.
  - The All Around Champion will be considered the ‘3 Year Old Versatility World Champion’