



COLORADO ARABIAN BREEDERS ALLIANCE (CABA) is the owner and facilitator of the:
ARABIAN BREEDERS CHALLENGE and administrator of these
Futurity Rules
2025

1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The **CABA ARABIAN BREEDERS CHALLENGE FUTURITY** is a breeding incentive futurity program for Purebred Arabian and Half-Arabian Horses open to all horses registered with the Arabian Horse Association and which have been nominated by **July 1st** of any given year. Halter Futurity eligibility ends the year following the nominees three (3) year old show year. The rules, regulations and administration of the **BREEDERS CHALLENGE FUTURITY** shall be solely executed by the **COLORADO ARABIAN BREEDERS ALLIANCE** Board of Directors.

2. **ELIGIBILITY**

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations of in utero foals and weanling through 2 year old initial nominations, and re-nominations, must be made between **September 1 and July 1** in order to be eligible to show in the futurity classes in the same year that nominations close. Nominations must be accompanied by the fees set by the Board of Directors (see current nomination/re-nomination forms) for each nomination and paid to the **COLORADO ARABIAN BREEDERS ALLIANCE (CABA)**.

B. INITIAL NOMINATION OF AGED HORSES (FOR WEANLING THROUGH 2YR OLD)

Effective **January 1, 2016**, aged horses will continue to be eligible to be nominated for the **BREEDERS CHALLENGE FUTURITY** as an Initial Nomination. The **Nomination of Aged Horses** provision will be subject to annual review by the CABA BOD and may be revoked or revised by Board action, if deemed appropriate.

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C. RE-NOMINATION OF FOALS

1. All horses (foals) must be re-nominated on an annual basis in order to be eligible to show in the Breeders Challenge classes. Classes are provided from their weanling year through three year-old year.

D. Nomination/Re-Nomination must be made on the official **Breeders Challenge Futurity Nomination/Re-nomination form, filled out completely.**

E. Embryo Transfer mares are eligible to nominate multiple in utero foals providing they meet all other Embryo Transfer requirements for nomination. One foal nominated per form.

F. No refunds will be offered after the closing date for nominations/re-nominations.

If a mare fails to produce a live foal the original nomination, and fee, may be applied to any other foal bred the same year as the originally nominated in utero foal by the same

owner, or applied to any mare in foal belonging to the same owner for the following year. The nomination may not otherwise be transferred. A CABA **In Utero Foal Report** must be completed, accompanied by a veterinarian's statement of cause, and submitted for approval.

- G. All participants (owners) are responsible for their own nominations/re-nominations. In order to maintain futurity eligibility, horses must be re-nominated annually and owners must pay the appropriate fees.
- H. **TRANSFERS: Breeders Challenge Futurity** participation is transferable with change of ownership of the nominated horse or in utero mare. Notification to the **Breeders Challenge Futurity** administrator of the change of ownership is the responsibility of the new owner and a copy of the horse's registration showing new ownership must be submitted to CABA. Neither **CABA** nor the **Breeders Challenge Futurity** will be responsible for any dispute arising from a change of ownership.
- I. **REINSTATEMENT OF A PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED HORSE**
Reinstatement of a previously nominated Futurity Horse that has missed one or more years of Re-Nominations shall be allowed with the assessment of a Reinstatement Fee (see Re-Nomination form for applicable fee).

3. SHOWING & JUDGING

- A. **SHOWS** – The **Arabian Breeders Challenge Futurity** breeding classes will be held at an Arabian Horse Show, or other venue, designated by **CABA**. Participants in the Futurity shall be notified of the show location and dates of the specific classes for which they have eligible horses. Nominees may show in the weaning class the year of their birth and yearling class the next year, if re-nominated, and so forth.
- B. **AWARDS** – Cash prize paybacks will be at the sole discretion of CABA and the administrator of the **Breeders Challenge Futurity** program. Prize monies will be determined by the number of nominations and resultant entries in each age group, sponsorships, and other revenues generated by **CABA**. The minimum guaranteed payback for each class will be published on the entry form for each year's Futurity.

C. RULES & PROCEDURES FOR FUTURITY CLASSES

Judging System-Handlers for all CBC Futurity classes must be Amateurs (ATH) and must meet all USEF amateur requirements and qualifications. Halter classes for the **Breeders Challenge Futurity** will **NOT** utilize the AHA scoring system. Classes will be adjudicated using the comparative judging system. The number of judges will be determined by **CABA** and **Futurity** administrator. Classes will be conducted in accordance with AHA Halter Rules. Each participant is responsible for knowledge of these rules and is subject to these rules. The **CABA BOD** and the **Futurity Administrator** reserve the right to combine classes at their discretion. Any questions that may arise which are not covered by AHA Rules will be resolved by the CABA governing body.

All entries will be judged independently and comparatively by the panel of judges. Judges must not confer with each other. Judges will examine all horses individually while walking, trotting, and standing. Horses shall enter the ring at a trot in a counter-clockwise direction in chronological age order (according to date of birth) from oldest to youngest. Horses will be encouraged to move with elegance, impulsion, and charismatic animation at the trot, exhibiting authentic Arabian type. Following the trot into the arena, each entry shall proceed to the far end. All entries **MUST** remain at the designated area while the other horses enter the arena. Immediately following the individual presentations at the trot (entrance into the

arena), all horses shall walk in a counter-clockwise direction around the arena. Horses to circle at a controlled walk around the ring at the discretion of the judge and at the instruction of the ring steward. The purpose of this presentation is to allow the judges to collectively assess the quality of each entry at a natural walk. At the conclusion of the walk, horses will be presented to the judges in the center of the ring. Horses will be presented to the judging panel for evaluation in a controlled, yet uninhibited and non-intimidated manner.

Horses are encouraged to exhibit Arabian presence. The use of a standard halter show whip is allowed but not mandatory. These procedures will apply for all yearling, two year old and three year old horses.

WEANLING CLASS- Weanlings are welcomed to enter and be presented in this class with their Dams. Weanlings will utilize the same procedures in the ring as the older horses with the following exception: **TRADITIONAL HALTER STAND-UP OF WEANLINGS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Each entry will be exhibited and presented to the judging panel for evaluation in a controlled, yet uninhibited and non-intimidated manner. Horses shall stand squarely on all four legs and shall be shown by the handler while standing at the shoulder instead of in front, and shown with natural elegance and professionalism. **NO WHIPS OR LIVE CHAINS will be tolerated** in the weanling class. Handlers using either in this class will result in expulsion from the ring and the entry will be disqualified. More than one horse may be exhibited by a handler and a designated handler will be permitted at the far end of the arena to take over for handlers that are presenting more than one weanling, providing there is a capable handler for each horse during the initial group judging and during the awards presentation. **All judging in the weanling class shall be comparative.**

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