**US Event Horse Futurity 2023**

**Understand that this is program that is organized and run by VOLUNTEERS!**

**Purpose**

* To develop a market for purpose bred /produced event horses through media exposure and publicity
* To develop and promote a pool of professionals who are willing and able to develop the young event horse to the top levels of the sport
* To develop and align a network of breeders, trainers, and riders to develop the pool of young horse talent in the US
* To engage the general public into the world of young horses and Young Event Horse Training

**Eligibility**

* Completion of the Application
* Open to horses eligible for the 4 year old Young Event Horse Championships of 2023 and the 5 year old Young Event Horse Championship of 2023
* US bred only . Open to TB’s that have that have **NO** recorded works or starts)
* Age verification required with application -(proof of pedigree and date of birth) such as registration papers, or vet verification
* Commitment of riders/trainers to provide monthly training updates in the form of a social media post ( 30 sec to 2 min social media post of their choice**) to be shared with the US Event Horse Futurity pages .** Failure to provide updates results in dropping from program and forfeiture of nomination fee.
* Horse and rider to compete as a team.
* Horse and rider must be registered with the USEA
* Must be eligible and complete the requirements (including the qualification scores) for the YEH Championships AND participate in the Championships to be considered for the final awards
* Must satisfy all USEF requirements (Safe Sport)
* Must sign a hold harmless agreement
* **The 5 year old division and the West Coast Division will only be held IF we can get enough entries ( 20 5 year olds and 10 West Coast combined 4/5 year olds ). If we cannot get enough entries, all monies for those entries will be returned.**

**How:**

* Entries will submit an application form and a fee of $525 for 4 year olds and $625 for 5 year olds ( an exception will be made for 5 year olds who participated in the 4 year old Futurity last year - they will pay $525.) Payment must be made at the time of application and entries will close as of Jan 31, 2023.
* Separate Divisions will be held on the East Coast for 4 and 5 year olds. The 5 year old division will only be held if we have sufficient entries .
* A separate competition will be offered for a combined 4/5 year old class on the west Coast and will only be held if we have 10 entries

**Once paid, the fee is not refundable unless as stated above**

* No refund of any monies will be given in cases, such as, but not limited to – illness, accident, injury of horse or rider or failure to qualify for the Championships
* A Facebook page /Instagram (The US Event Horse Futurity) will chronicle each contestant
* The committee will suggest certain topics for discussion. Entries will submit short ( 30sec- 2 minute) monthly social media posts of their choosing t**o be shared with the US Event Horse Futurity pages**  that can pick from a list of suggested topics.
* Transparency is to be encouraged. Not every horse will be mature enough to participate in the Championships, and not all training will go to plan. These setbacks are to be acknowledged and worked through in a visible manner. It is our hope that a trainer will develop a following, not only by winning the competition but also by developing the young horse to the best of their abilities.
* **2 consecutive months of not posting will eliminate a contestant from the program - no refund will be given**

**Awards to entrants**

Awards will be presented at the East Coast Young Event Horse Championships in October 2023 to the highest scoring Futurity Entrants. The scores from the Championships will determine the placings . They do not have to be the overall winner, but must compete and finish the competition to be eligible for the prize money. West Coast contestants will be awarded monies and prizes based on the number of West Coast entrants ( if sufficient entries allow).

Monies collected will be distributed in the following manner after expenses are met (awards, marketing , publicity materials, etc )

* + 10% to the breeder of highest scoring Futurity entrant
  + 50% to the highest scoring Futurity entrant
  + 25 % to 2cd place Futurity entrant
  + 10% to 3rd place Futurity entrant
  + 5 % to 4th place Futurity entrant
  + Ribbons to the top 6 entrants
  + Picture frame and picture coupon to the winning breeder
  + Award to the fan favorite entrant
  + Registry awards to the highest scoring KWPN, ISR/OldNA, Westfalen, and GOV registered horses

There may be other breed registry awards as well as other prizes.

* + **Awards to fans**
* There will then be a drawing of a winner from all those who correctly picked the highest scoring Futurity horse (prize to be determined) in the polling the week before the Championships

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