

American Black and Tan Coonhound Club Futurity Guidelines

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1. Purpose

To encourage the breeding of the best possible Black and Tan Coonhounds and to reward the breeders for their efforts. Thus, the Futurity Stake is weighted towards the breeder. Recognition is also given the owners in whose hands lie the responsibility of developing the inherited potentialities. The sire is recognized for his genetic contribution.

2. General

- A. Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and the individual puppy are required for stake eligibility.
- B. Prize monies can only be won through competition in stake judging.
- C. Nomination forms may be secured from the Futurity Director.

D. A nominated puppy is only eligible to be shown in one year of Futurity competition.

3. Nomination of Litter

- A. Must be by Breeder, or Co-Breeder, who must have been a member of the AB&TCC, in good standing, for at least a six-month period immediately preceding the date of nomination. The nominator, if living, must also be an AB&TCC member at the time of stake judging.
- B. Must be made after the breeding, but before the puppies are whelped. Postmark on envelope transmitting nomination establishes date of nomination.
- C. Fee is \$10.00. There will be no refunds.
- D. Nomination of litter makes each puppy in litter eligible for individual nomination.
- E. Late Litter Nominations-Late nomination for litters can be made after the bitch has whelped by submitting a fee of \$25.00. The puppies may then be nominated in the usual manner before they reach 4 months of age.

F. Should the timing of the litter and annual Futurity be such that puppies might potentially be the appropriate age to be shown in two subsequent years, the Bitch owner may nominate the bitch/litter for each prospective year, and pay the applicable fees. In no case, may a puppy be shown in two subsequent Futurity competitions.

4. Nomination of Puppy

- A. Must be by owner, who need not be an AB&TCC member.
- B. Must be before puppy reaches four (4) months of age. Postmark on envelope transmitting nomination establishes date of nomination.
- C. Fee is \$10.00 for each nomination. There will be no refunds.
- D. An entire litter may be individually nominated by paying fee for each puppy and supplying whelping date, name and sex for each puppy. If neither litter registration number nor individual registration number is available at time of nomination, this must be supplied as soon as available and in no case later than **four (4) weeks** before the stake judging.
- E. Any changes in the identifying information which will be included in the Futurity or AB&TCC Specialty Show catalog from that previously provided the Futurity Director must be received by the Futurity Director no later than **four (4) weeks** before the stake judging. Failure to provide such information will result in disqualification.
- F. Late Nominations
 - 1. Late nominations can be made for puppies which have missed the deadline but whose litter was properly nominated by submitting a fee of \$25.00. This must be done no later than 4 weeks before the Futurity Stake judging. Postmark on the envelope transmitting the nomination establishes the date of nomination. This nomination must be done by the owner, who need not be an ABTCC member. The nomination must be submitted on the proper form, with the puppy's name and registration number recorded. There will be no refunds.
 - 2. Late nominations can be made for puppies which have missed the deadline and whose litter was NOT nominated by the breeder submitting a late nomination fee for the bitch of \$25.00 AND the owner of the puppy submitting a late puppy nomination fee of \$25.00 as well. Both nominations must be made no later than 4 weeks before the Futurity Stake judging. Postmark on the envelope transmitting the nomination establishes the date of nomination. The breeder must be a member in good standing of the ABTCC for at least a 6-month period preceding the nomination. The puppy owner need not be a member of the ABTCC. There will be no refunds.

5. Entry for Stake Judging

- A. Must be entered in one of the regular classes, either conformation or obedience, at the AB&TCC Specialty Show and Obedience Trial. Fee for this entry must be paid.

- B. Futurity Stake entry must be indicated as an additional entry.
- C. Additional class entry must include age division (e.g. Futurity 6-9). Puppies are eligible only for the Futurity Stake, which is in conjunction with the first AB&TCC Specialty Show held on or after the date they reach six (6) months of age.
- D. The puppy must be Owner or Breeder handled during the Stake Judging for the Futurity class the puppy is entered in. Under special circumstances, another member of the ABTCC may be permitted to show the puppy in the initial Futurity class, with prior written permission of the Futurity Chair. The Puppy may be handled by another individual in the remaining competition should the puppy win its class.
- E. All puppies shown in the Futurity shall be identifiable by microchip.

6. Class Divisions

- A. Stake is divided into four age divisions: 6-9, 9-12, 12-15 and 15 plus months of age.
- B. Each age division is further divided by sex. Thus there are two (2) classes in each age division.
- C. Four (4) placements are made in the judging of each class.

7. Sequence of Judging

- A. 6-9 puppy dogs, 6-9 puppy bitches B. 9-12 puppy dogs, 9-12 puppy bitches.
- C. The first place winners from the 6-9 puppy dog & puppy bitch classes, and the first place winners from the 9-12 puppy dog & puppy bitch classes then re-enter the ring to compete for Best Futurity Puppy. D. 12-15 junior dog, 12-15 junior bitches.
- E. 15 plus dogs, 15 plus bitches.
- F. The first place winners from the 12-15 junior dogs & junior bitches, & the first place winners from the 15 plus dogs & bitches then re-enter the ring to compete for Best Futurity Junior.
- G. The Best Futurity Puppy & the Best Futurity Junior then compete for Grand Prize Futurity Winner.

8. Division of Total Futurity Stake Monies A. Puppy Nomination Fees

- 1. 15% to be kept for general operating expenses.
- 2. 15% to the Grand Prize Futurity Winner.
- 3. 10% to the Best Futurity Junior.
- 4. 10% to the Best Futurity Puppy.
- 5. The remaining 50% to be divided equally among those participating in the ring.

B. Bitch Nomination Fees

- 1. 10% to be kept for the general operating expenses.
- 2. 60% to the Breeder of the Grand Prize Winner.
- 3. 30% to the owner of the sire of the Grand Prize Winner.

9. Trophies and Ribbons

- A. A trophy and a rosette will be provided for the Best Futurity Puppy, the Best Futurity Junior and the Grand Prize Futurity winners from Futurity operating funds.
- B. Other trophies and rosettes may be awarded at discretion of the national Specialty Bench show committee.
- C. Ribbons are awarded for each placement.

10. Records

It is recommended those who have made entries in the Futurity have copies of all pertinent correspondence regarding acceptance of nominations, name changes, etc. available at the time of judging.

Summary of Major Rules

- 1. Litter must be nominated by AB&TCC member breeder before it is whelped. If the bitch is not nominated prior to whelping a late fee will apply (please note Section 4F of the guidelines). (Modification to guidelines as of April 2002)
- 2. Puppy must be nominated by owner, before it reaches four (4) months of age. Owner need not be member of AB&TCC. If the puppy is not nominated before it reaches four (4) months of age a late fee will apply providing the bitch has been nominated (please note Section 4F of the guidelines).
- 3. Futurity is an additional class at the National Specialty, and entry form must so indicate. (No points towards Championship are awarded).

4. The puppy must be Owner or Breeder handled during the Stake Judging for the Futurity class the puppy is entered in. Under special circumstances, another member of the ABTCC may be permitted to show the puppy in the initial Futurity class, with prior written permission of the Futurity Chair. The Puppy may be handled by another individual in the remaining competition should the puppy win its class.
5. All information on entry form for Stake judging must be consistent with that which has been supplied the Futurity Chairperson.

Futurity Chairperson Job Description

1. Maintain an annual record of bitch nominations and funds collected – the record should include the original nomination form submitted.
The Chairperson will sign and date when received, record the date of postmark on remittance envelope, make a copy after signing, keep original for club record, and mail the copy to the nominator.
2. Maintain an annual record of puppy nominations and funds collected – the record should include the original nomination form submitted.
The Chairperson will sign and date when received, record the date of postmark on remittance envelope, make a copy after signing, keep original for club records and mail the copy to the nominator.
3. Make available to interested persons, copies of the bitch and puppy nomination forms. The forms contain a summary of the major rules, and the nominator, by signing signifies that they are aware and understand the Futurity Guidelines.
4. Four (4) times a year, the nominations are to be listed in the Newsletter.
5. A list of eligible dogs is to be mailed to the Superintendent prior to closing, so only eligible dogs will be permitted to enter the class by the Superintendent.
6. Prior to the judging date, the Chairman is to figure the amount of money due to the participants. The Futurity Chairman is to forward to the Club Treasurer within two (2) weeks after the Futurity, the Award payments. The awards dispersal should include the names to whom check(s) are to be written, along with the mailing addresses.
7. Maintain an annual record of the results of the Futurity, including a marked catalog.

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