

Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.

Futurity Stake Rules and Regulations

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Futurity Stake is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Miniature Pinscher and to reward the breeders for their efforts. For this reason, the Stakes are weighed in the favor of the breeder, who is the one that chooses the sire, nominates the bitch before whelping, and often pays the entry fees for the individual puppies as well.

DESCRIPTION

The Futurity Stake shall be held the day before the Miniature Pinscher Club of America National Specialty Show and Sweepstakes. Should the MPCA Specialty not be held within the time limits applying to the Futurity Rules, the Board of Directors shall decide the disposition of the monies accrued toward the Futurity Stake.

The Futurity Stake is open only to breeders who are active members, in good standing, of the Miniature Pinscher Club of America.

The Futurity Stake is entered by nomination of the litter. The get from this litter are eligible to compete in the first annual Futurity Stake held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this stake.

The bitch whose litter is nominated must be owned (or leased) in whole or part by a MPCA member. Thus, if a bitch is co-owned or leased by two people, at least one must be a MPCA member. This requirement does not apply to the owners of the puppies from the nominated litter.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

The nomination of the bitch's litter must be made after she is bred, but before the whelping date. Nominations are non-transferable, and may not be assigned to another bitch in the event of a non-litter. The nomination of each individual puppy must be made after it is whelped, but before it is four months old.

FEES

"Fees for the Litter Nomination(s) and the Puppy Nomination(s) will be determined by the MPCA Board, and are non-transferable and non-refundable. Such fee(s) will be indicated on the nomination form(s). All applicable fee(s) must be submitted with the appropriate nomination form(s).

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING LITTERS

Any active MPCA member in good standing may nominate a litter for the Futurity. The nomination must be made on an official Futurity entry form which can be obtained by writing to the Futurity Chairman. Said litter nomination must be made prior to the whelping of the litter. The determination date for timely nominations shall be the postmark on the envelope, which must be dated no later than midnight the day prior to the whelping of the litter. The bitch must be owned or leased, in whole, or in part, by an active member of the MPCA. The breeder shall be supplied with a confirmation of nomination of the litter. A form shall be provided to the breeder for the purpose of notifying the Futurity Chairman of the whelping date, number and sex division in the litter nominated. This form must be returned within one month of the whelping date.

The nomination of a litter qualifies any of the litter for entry in the Futurity Stake, regardless of the ownership of the individual puppy when entered or shown. All nominations must be made before the puppy to be shown in the Futurity reaches four months of age, on an official Puppy Nomination form which can be obtained by writing the Futurity Chairman. The determining date of the nomination shall be the postmark on the envelope containing the nomination. This postmark must be dated no later than midnight the day prior to the day the puppy reaches the age of four months. If the breeder wishes to nominate all puppies in the litter individually, this may be done at any time after the date the litter is whelped but before it is four months old. In such cases, fees for all puppies in the litter must be paid and nomination forms sent to the Futurity Chairman.

If neither the AKC litter number, nor the individual registration number, has been received by the breeder at the time each puppy nomination is made, this information must be forwarded to the Futurity Chairman immediately upon receipt. If ownership changes after individual puppy nomination is made, the Futurity Chairman must be provided with correct information regarding (a) name of puppy; (b) registration number; (c) color; (d) sex, and (e) new owners name and address.

If this information has not been received by the Futurity Chairman at least one month prior to the date of the Futurity, the dog in question shall be disqualified. The same rule shall apply to the change of the dog's name if such occurs at the time of registration.

ELIGIBILITY

The Miniature Pinscher must be entered in one of the regular classes at the MPCA Specialty Show, if the Futurity is held in conjunction with the Specialty Show. If the Futurity is held in conjunction with an all breed show, the dog must be entered in one of the regular classes at the show. When completing the entry form, the fact that the dog is to be shown in the Futurity must be indicated on the entry form. The entry fee for the Futurity class is an additional fee. This fee should be included with the regular entry fee for the class at the show. No Miniature Pinscher will be eligible to compete in the Futurity which does not meet the following requirements:

1. Be from a litter which was nominated in a proper and timely fashion.
2. Have been individually nominated before it reached the age of four months, and:
3. Be properly entered in one of the regular classes at the show.
4. "Futurity Stakes" is to be written in as an extra class on entry form.

***NON-MEMBERS**

Persons who are not a member of the Miniature Pinscher Club of America who wish to nominate litters for the Futurity may submit an application for membership with the nomination form for the litters nomination. In the event that the application for membership is accepted by the MPCA the nomination will be dated as valid according to the date received. If the application for membership in the MPCA is not accepted, the nomination of the litter will be null and void, the nomination fee and membership dues will not be refunded. The Board of Directors of the MPCA shall decide any dispute that should arise pursuant to this Futurity Stake at its earliest convenience.

LAPSING OF DUES

Any member who, having nominated a litter fails to remain an active member in good standing with the MPCA by lapsing of dues, or indebtedness to the club, or by suspension or expulsion, and has not been reinstated 30 days prior to the Futurity, shall lose all rights in the Futurity. Dogs nominated by the lapsed or suspended individual but transferred to the ownership of another individual prior to said

lapse of dues, suspension or expulsion, or indebtedness may be shown as eligible. Monetary awards will be made in such instances only to the owner of the individual dog pursuant to Futurity prize rules.

DEATH

If a member shall nominate a litter and subsequently dies before the Futurity, the nomination shall be valid and the puppies will be considered as eligible for nomination, entry and judging, provided all subsequent fees are paid to date.

CLASSES

6 months and under 9 months
9 months and under 12 months
12 months and under 18 months
18 months and Over

Dogs and Bitches

Winners of each of these classes will compete for Best Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.

MONETARY AWARDS

1. NOMINATION FEES:

35% shall be deducted from the total nomination fee purse to be used for Futurity expenses. This will be deposited in the MPCA Treasury. This fund shall cover all expenses incurred by the Futurity Stake i.e. judges, printing, mailing, etc. The remaining 65% will be awarded as follows:

60% - Best in Futurity

60% - Breeder of Record

40% - Owner of Record

40% - Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity

60% - Breeder of Record

40% - Owner of Record

2. ENTRY FEES

35% shall be deducted from the total entry fee purse to be used for Futurity expenses and will be held in the MPCA Treasury. The remaining 65% will be awarded as follows:

1. Entry....40% - First

2. Entries....40% - First, 30% - 2nd

3. Entries....40% - First, 30% - 2nd, 20% - 3rd, 10% - 4th.

(If less than four competitors, the balance will be divided among placements in that class. All placements will be divided such: 60% Breeder of Record, 40% Owner of Record.

3. Ribbons shall be awarded through fourth place in each class. Rosettes shall be given to Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite in Futurity. The cost for each to be covered from the Miniature Pinscher Treasury. Trophies may be given. Trophy solicitations for the Futurity Stake shall be the responsibility of the Futurity Chairman for each MPCA Specialty.

4. Monetary awards which are provided for, but cannot be given, whatever the reason, shall be retained by the club.

SELECTION OF JUDGES

It shall be the prerogative of the owners of the nominated dams to nominate the Futurity Stake judge. Upon notification by the Futurity Chairman, at a time to be six months, more or less, prior to the Futurity Stake, the owner of each nominated dam may nominate one person for the Futurity Stake judge.

Each eligible breeder shall thereafter, one month, more or less, from the deadline for nominations, receive a ballot listing all persons nominated as set forth above. Each eligible breeder shall vote for five candidates listed in order of preference i.e. first, second, third, etc.

The candidate receiving the highest total number of points (a vote of first choice receiving 5 points, second receiving 4 points, etc.) In the votes cast shall then be declared the Futurity Stake judge for that particular year. In the event the number of dogs entered requires a second judge, the candidate receiving the second highest total number of points shall judge the bitch classes only. When the ballots for selection of a judge are tallied and a tie for first place has resulted, the Futurity Chairman shall determine who will be the judge for that particular Futurity.

During the nominating and voting period, the Futurity Chairman will not disclose names of Futurity breeders. No voting information will be disclosed, in accordance with a specified deadline date. At that time, the participants will be notified of the voting outcome.

Ballots which are incomplete, incorrect, unsigned or exceed the deadline date will be considered invalid.

Persons nominated as the Futurity Stake judge do not necessarily have to be an AKC licensed Miniature Pinscher judge, but must be in good standing with the AKC and the MPCA, and be a MPCA member. The fee for judging a futurity shall be no more than \$50.00, reimbursement for one night's lodging, dinner at the Awards Banquet and lunch or dinner on the day of their judging assignment.

Any person(s) elected to judge a Futurity Stake, who has nominated a litter(s) for that same Futurity Stake, or who has an immediate member of his/her family with a nominated litter(s), automatically voids the competition of that litter(s) in that same Futurity Stake. Any monies paid by the person(s) to the Futurity Stake are refundable due to the conflict of interest.

Any Futurity nominated puppy who, by virtue of its placement in the Futurity, could result in a monetary prize to the judge would be ineligible for competition at that Futurity. A refund of all nomination fees for the ineligible dam and puppies will be made due to the conflict of interest. Nominators must apply to the MPCA Futurity Chairman for this refund prior to the close of entries.

The Futurity Judge by his/her agreement to judge, agrees to the following: The Futurity Judge shall not exhibit, or have an exhibit in the Futurity Stakes, or the National Specialty, which the Futurity Stakes is a part of. The Futurity Judge may exhibit at any show following, or preceding the National Specialty.

*Futurity Chairman shall not exhibit, or own any exhibit at the Futurity Stake.