

Gypsy Vanner Gold Cup Futurity Program

I. General Rules

- A. The Gold Cup Program shall be divided into two sections
 - 1. Gold Cup Halter Futurity Division
 - 2. Gold Cup Performance Futurity Division
- B. Only the get from a registered Gypsy Vanner Stallion are eligible.
- C. Stallion Requirements
 - 1. No stallion can be nominated as a Gold Cup Stallion prior to the year he reaches his 3rd birthday.
 - 2. Anyone can nominate a registered Gypsy Vanner stallion with a one time \$500 nomination fee.
- D. Mare Requirements
 - 1. Any GVHS registered mare bred to a nominated Gold Cup stallion in the Program is eligible to be nominated.
 - 2. The mare nomination form must be filled out, signed and the fee paid before the mare will be accepted.
 - 3. The mare must be nominated and the \$100 nomination fee per mare must be paid by December 31st of the year the mare is bred.
 - 4. The resulting foal remains nominated and eligible to be shown in futurity halter and performance futurity division classes, regardless of sale or transfer of ownership, but the foal must be GVHS registered.
 - 5. No mare can be nominated prior to Jan 1st of the year she will reach her 3rd birthday.

II. Gold Cup Halter Futurity Division

- A. Foals from nominated mares (aka Futurity Foals) will be shown as yearlings at an annual futurity event.
- B. Futurity Foals will be shown as 2 year olds at an annual futurity event.
- C. There will be a two judge system with scores being averaged.
- D. The colts and fillies will be divided into separate classes.
- E. Geldings will have a class with prize money based on sponsorship.
- F. The futurity prize money will be divided among the top 10 fillies placed and the top 10 colts placed. (see section IV.)
- G. Entry fee for the futurity halter class and gelding incentive class will be \$20 in addition to any other fees required by the show, paid directly to the futurity and become part of the futurity prize money.

III. Gold Cup Performance Futurity Division

- A. The Futurity Foals will be eligible to compete in the performance classes held at the annual futurity event show.
- B. Horses must be 3 years old or older to show in performance futurity classes.
- C. Horses born after 2006 that are offspring of Gold Cup Stallions, but were not nominated into the Halter Futurity Division can be nominated into the Performance Division under the following rules:
 - 1. Nominations are for Performance classes only, no horse regardless

- or age can be post nominated into the halter futurity division.
2. Only horses that are 4 years old and under can be nominated by filling out the form, and paying the following fee:
 - a. horses nominated prior to Dec 31st of the birth year \$150
 - b. horses age 3 and under \$250
 - c. horses 4 years old \$500
 3. Ages will be determined by the Jan 1st rule, rather than by actual birthdate.
- D. If a stallion leaves the Gold Cup Program, the foals resulting from mares bred during his last full or partial year in the program are the last foals eligible for nomination.
 - E. Except for the above exceptions stated in section III C. & D., the only new horses that will be allowed into the Gold Cup Futurity Program Performance Division, will be the resulting foals from mares that were bred to Gold Cup Stallions and properly nominated prior to birth.
 - F. There will be a two judge system with scores averaged.
 - G. The person showing a horse in the performance futurity must be a GVHS member.
 - H. The prize money will be divided among the top 5 horses from each class, see Section IV.
 - I. The Futurity Performance classes will be Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, and Driving.
 - J. Mares, Stallions and Geldings will all show in the same class.
 - K. There must be a minimum of 3 horses competing in the class for there to be a payout of the futurity fund for performance, and for the winner to be declared a Futurity Champion.
 - L. The horse that wins the performance class is considered a Futurity Champion in that discipline, and cannot perform in the futurity in that same discipline again in the future.
 - M. The entry fee for each performance futurity class is \$50, in addition to any other fees that the show requires. This fee is paid directly to the futurity and becomes part of the futurity funds for prize money. If there are not the required 3 entries to be eligible as a futurity class the \$50 will be refunded.

IV. Prize Money and Ribbons

- A. Gold Cup Futurity Yearling Halter Classes (first shown in 2007)
 1. Prize money for the Yearling Futurity will be comprised of the following:
 - 50% of the Gold Cup Stallion nominations, from year bred
 - 50% of the mare nomination fees from year bred
 2. The total allocated prize money will go 50% to colts and 50% to fillies.
 2. The top ten Fillies will receive \$50 and a ribbon
 3. The top ten Colts will receive \$50 and a ribbon
 4. The remainder of the prize money will be distributed:
 - Champion 40%
 - Reserve Champion 20%

5. In the event there are less than 10 yearlings in a class the percentage will stay the same for those placed, and the remaining prize money will be divided equally among the class participants.
- B. Gold Cup Futurity 2 Year old Halter Classes (first shown in 2008)
1. Prize money for the 2 Year Olds will be comprised of the following:
 - 50% of the mare nomination fees from year bred
 - Total of class entry fees for both 2 year old fillies and colts.
 2. The total allocated prize money will go 50% to colts and 50% to fillies.
 2. The top ten Fillies will receive \$50 and a ribbon
 3. The top ten Colts will receive \$50 and a ribbon
 4. The remainder of the prize money will be distributed:
 - Champion 40%
 - Reserve Champion 20%
 5. In the event there are less than ten 2 year olds in a class the percentage will stay the same for those placed, and the remaining prize money will be divided equally among the class participants.
- C. Golden Gelding Incentive
1. Sponsors will contribute prize money for geldings which will be divided 50% to yearling geldings and 50% to two year old geldings.
 2. The top ten geldings will each get \$25
 3. The balance will be awarded 60% to Champion and 40% to Reserve.
- C. Gold Cup Futurity Performance Division
1. Prize money for the Performance classes will be comprised of the following:
 - 50% of the Gold Cup Stallion nominations from previous year.
 - Performance class entry fees.
 2. The funds will be divided equally between the three disciplines.
 3. The top 5 placed horses will be paid from the funds allocated to the class as follows:
 - Champion 40%
 - Reserve 30%
 - Remainder 10%

V. Additional Rules

- A. There is no limit to number of horses that can be nominated each year.
- B. Everyone pays the same nomination fees as stated in the rules.
- C. Effective 1/1/2008, a mare can be nominated more than one time in the same year, due to embryo transfer, as long as each foal is sired by a different Gold Cup Stallion.
- D. Any issues or disputes will be resolved by the Futurity Committee.
- E. There are no refunds from the Futurity funds, except in the case of entry fees as stated in the performance Futurity section of the rules. No refunds for mares nominated that subsequently slip their foal. All funds become the property of the Futurity program.

- F. In the event the Futurity Program is dissolved, closed, or cancelled all remaining funds will be donated to or distributed to one or more non profit equine organizations.
- G. Anyone who participates in this program in any manner accepts these rules without recourse.