

West Highland White Terrier Club of America

Futurity & Maturity Stakes Rules

Futurity

1. The Futurity Stakes will be open only to puppies from litters nominated and bred by members of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, or members of the WHWTCA recognized regional clubs, co-owners included. A list of WHWTCA recognized regional clubs will be listed, the entrants will have to declare what club they belong to, and their membership will have to be confirmed by the futurity chair. Entrants need not be owned by the breeder. All members, and all applicants, must be in good standing with the AKC, also, with the parent club (West Highland White Terrier Club of America) or/or the regional club, from nomination through the event. In the event that one loses good standing with any of the aforementioned clubs during the time of nomination, and/or enrollment of puppies, fees that have been paid, will not be reimbursed.
2. Nominations are open to puppies whelped within the dates that are outlined under the section: "Date of Whelping -- Eligibility for Nomination"
3. The Board of Directors for the West Highland White Terrier Club of America reserves the right to amend and alter these rules from time to time as needed.
4. Official futurity forms for nominating a bitch, prior to whelping, or after whelping, in the time frame given, can be downloaded from the official West Highland White Terrier Club of America website. Or, sent by mail from the futurity chairperson.
5. Puppies may be older than 18 months, showing in Futurity, given the fluctuation of show dates, but if nominated in the futurity year before.....they are eligible.

Maturity

1. **Eligibility**
A litter, and/or individual puppies registered by its breeder for the WHWTCA Futurity, having paid the required fees by the appropriate date, and having been entered in the futurity, shall be considered registered for the maturity stakes, to be held at the national specialty in the year subsequent to the futurity. the nominated litter/puppies need not be shown in the actual futurity, for them to still be qualified for maturity stakes, as long as all fees were paid in full and on time for the futurity.
2. **Further Requirements**
 - a. It will be the sole responsibility of each new owner to notify the futurity chairperson of change of ownership of any eligible Westie
 - b. The individuals selected to judge the annual Futurity would also judge the Maturity of the same year
 - c. A judge of the current year's **Futurity** may maintain eligibility in next year's **Maturity**, for dogs otherwise eligible for the **Futurity**, by making a written request to the Futurity Chairperson and paying all applicable fees in lieu of entering a dog in the show they are scheduled to judge. (example: the 2009 judge is "Mary Jones." If she has a litter futurity nominated for that year, but can't show the puppies, because she is judging, then as long as she writes the futurity chairperson and has paid all applicable fees, the puppies she futurity nominated for 2009, will still be eligible for the 2010 maturity stakes without being entered in the 2009 futurity stakes.
3. **Classes and Judging Method**
 - Classes will be divided by sex only.
 - Placements will be 1st thru 4th.
 - Dog classes, followed by bitch classes.
 - The top dog and top bitch will compete for **Best in Maturity** and **Best of Opposite in Maturity**.
 - Judging will be by a 1-member judging panel.

Dates of Whelping - Eligibility for Nomination

For showing in Futurity in the year 2009 only	
Senior Puppy:	whelped between 3/1/08 and 5/31/08
Intermediate Puppy:	whelped between 6/1/08 and 8/31/08
Junior Puppy:	whelped between 9/1/08 and 11/30/08
Puppy:	whelped between 12/1/08 and 2/28/09

For showing in Futurity in the year 2010 and beyond	
Senior Puppy:	whelped between 4/1 and 6/30 year preceding futurity
Intermediate Puppy:	whelped between 7/1 and 9/30 year preceding futurity
Junior Puppy:	whelped between 10/1 and 12/31 the year preceding futurity
Puppy:	whelped between 1/1 and 3/31 year of futurity

Note: due to the fluctuation of show dates, it is possible that puppies may be older than 18 months on the day of the futurity. This difference distinguishes FUTURITY from sweepstakes.

The breeder must be a member of the WHWTCA and/or a recognized regional Westie club (see below) in order to be eligible to nominate a litter. Recognized regional clubs are those listed on the website of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America.

Valley of the Sun WHWTC
 WHWTC of California
 San Francisco Bay WHWTC
 WHWTC of Greater Denver
 WHWT Society of Connecticut
 Florida Suncoast WHWTC
 WHWTC of Greater Atlanta
 WHWTC of Hawaii
 WHWTC of Northern Illinois
 WHWTC of Indiana
 Chesapeake Bay WHWTC

WHWTC of New England
 WHWTC of Southeast Michigan
 WHWTC of Northern New Jersey
 WHWTC of Greater New York
 WHWTC of Northern Ohio
 WHWTC of Western Pennsylvania
 William Penn WHWTC
 WHWTC of Southeast Texas
 Trinity Valley WHWTC
 WHWTC of Puget Sound
 WHWTC of Greater Washington

Futurity Fees

Prior to birth of litter (to nominate bitch/litter)	\$25.00 per litter
30 days after litter is born:	\$50.00 per litter
Individual enrollment of puppy (must be made before 6 months of age)	\$25.00 per puppy

If enrollments are late, a late fee will be assessed.

No late enrollments will be accepted beyond 21 days after payment is due, and no refunds will be made for monies paid prior to that date.

It is up to the breeder/nominator to keep up to date with dates/ages and futurity fees to be sent.

Judge Selection

Judges will be selected from the member BREEDERS of the previous year's national specialty winners: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, all 8 placements in the Bred by Exhibitor classes (dogs and bitches), and all Award of Merit recipients. This will provide a pool of 12+ candidates for the ballot.

WHWTCA FUTURITY POLICIES

Litter Eligibility (if co-owned by an individual less than 18 years of age)

Litter must be bred by a WHWTCA member, or a member of a regional club. However, if the member co-owns with an individual under 18, the litter will still be eligible to be nominated for Futurity.

Eligibility for Judging

All member breeders of the following winners at the National specialty are eligible to have their names placed on the ballot for the following years Futurity Judge:

BOB, BOS, WD, WB, the four placements in each of the Bred by Exhibitor classes, and the breeders of the award of merit winners. If a breeder of one of the above named dogs has judged the Futurity during the past eight years, they will not be eligible and their name will not appear on the ballot.

Judges Selection Process

Within two (2) months after each National Specialty, the Corresponding Secretary will write to each potential qualifying candidate, based on the award won, notifying them of their eligibility to be a candidate to judge and asking if they would be willing to accept this assignment if selected. A copy of the Futurity/Maturity Rules will be included in the mailing.

A list of names based on the above eligibility and willingness to accept if selected is sent to the membership the annual judges' ballot that is mailed to the membership in January.

The membership is asked to vote for ONE.

Ballots shall be sent to and tallied in the same manner as for the conformation judges.

In case of a tie in the Futurity balloting, the WHWTCA Board of Directors will vote to break the tie.

Judges Expenses

The Futurity judge may receive up to \$200.00 for expenses incurred but will make his/her arrangements regarding transportation, motel, banquet reservations, etc.