

AGED EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Name: Aged Events Committee

Meeting Date: July 16, 2015 & July 20, 2015

Present: Colleen McQuay, Cheryl Cody, Chris Potter, Shannon Rafacz, Jennifer Hoyt, Josh Visser

Not Present: Dell Hendricks

Staff Present: Shianne Megel, Todd Knerr, Tiffany Gonzales, John Foy

Committee Purpose: To advise on the production of the NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby to increase participation and the overall quality of the event.

- Recommend enhancements to the event conditions and schedules for both events.
- Recommend improvements related to the exhibitor and spectator experience.

Topics Discussed

Derby Conditions

- Coupon Books & Entry Processes
 - Are they needed for one payment program? Can an entry website be created?
 - Event needs are included in major IT project that will be considered by BOD in August. It is important this committee be kept up to date with the progress of this project.
- Sire & Dam Entry Exception
 - Clarify verbiage and use it consistent throughout conditions.
 - Going forward we need to have a better understanding of the Sire & Dam entries and interface with the S&D committee as needed.
- Entering Open After Competing in NP Derby
 - Remove verbiage about not advancing to the finals or choosing not to compete in the finals. Add verbiage that allows riders to enter both Derbies.
 - Change transfer fee from \$500 to \$250. Be consistent in Futurity conditions.
- Refunds on Payments Made Prior to Deadlines
 - Refunds should be made on payments that have not yet come due.
- Competition Licensing
 - Does this need to be left in the conditions? It was decided to leave it in with shortened language.
- Owners
 - Language needs updating with new types of memberships. “General” membership mentions needs to be addressed throughout conditions.
- Rider Not Designated
 - No changes to conditions are needed. Changes in office processes should eliminate any errors caused by horses without a designated rider.
- Judges
 - If the 2-Point Penalty rule passes, this will not need to be included in the conditions. Is a separate document needed to communicate judging stipulations? If this rule does not pass, it will need to be communicated to the exhibitors in some manner.
- Office Fee
 - The office fee is \$25 for each horse. Fees should be evaluated from year to year.
- Payouts
 - Add verbiage from Futurity conditions to Derby conditions for consistency
- Eligibility
 - This section may be removed because it is included in the NRHA Handbook.
- Right to Cancel/Right to Refuse
 - Remove “without notice”, this is not needed due to our ability to so easily communicate with our membership.

- Open Prime Time Division
 - Should level 4 be added? Should the prime time have a final? Does it need to be handicapped?
 - Tabled for next meeting.
- Eligibility Policy
 - Update verbiage throughout the conditions.
- Prime Time Non Pro
 - Include handicap system in a chart for ease of reading. Scores for go-round are included in the handicap system.

Futurity Conditions

- Received/Postmarked Dates
 - Leave as postmark, be consistent throughout
- Sire & Dam Program
 - Work with committee to study details of S&D entries – August Meeting
- Entering Non Pro after competing in the Open
 - Be consistent with Derby, \$250 fee
 - Change verbiage from 5:00pm to 30 minutes following the conclusion of the 1st go
- Scratches and Refunds
 - Be consistent with Derby, allow refunds before deadline, Chris to work on verbiage
- Draw
 - Change verbiage to match office process of one horse per day – Change for Futurity also
- Judges
 - Remove 2 Point Penalty to be consistent with Derby
- Office Fee
 - Revisit in 2017
- Rider Not Designated
 - Office procedure takes care of potential problems
- Eligibility
 - Remove to be consistent with Derby
- Classes
 - Add verbiage about NRHA rules and regulations to be consistent with Derby
- Semi Finals Declarations
 - Need to look at the number of scratches in the semi finals
 - Should there be a fee for horses that do not scratch?
- Prime Time Open
 - Add Prime Time Open scores will not be handicapped
- Consolation
 - Remove consolation round for non pro
 - Add 5 horses to each level for the finals
- Youth Non Pro Division/First Time Non Pro Division
 - Move \$5,000 from First Time Trainers Award to Youth Non Pro Added Money

Items Tabled to August Meeting

- Level 4 Prime Time Open
- Sire & Dam Program Conditions
- Semi Finals Declaration
- Review Conditions in their entirety
 - Entering both divisions
 - Remove consolation
- Open Level 1 Rider Class
- Rule Changes Review

Items Tabled for 2017 Discussion

- Office Fee