

SWCDA –Futurity Rules

SWCDA will hold its futurity during the course of the SWCDA Finals Trial.

Futurity Eligibility

☒ *Dogs must be 30 months or younger on or before November 1st, the year of the SWCDA Futurity.*

- *Age of the dog must be proven by registration.*
- *Any breed registration is accepted*
- *Copy of papers must accompany entry fee and form.*

☒ ***Dogs cannot be trialed or exhibited anywhere in the world prior to the SWCDA futurity.*** *This includes any competition format that is hosted by trial affiliations/organizations/associations as well as dog breaking cattle for a trial.*

☒ *If SWCDA finds out that the dog has been trialed or exhibited prior to the SWCDA futurity, all monies and trophies will be forfeited and/or refunded.*

Payout for Futurity

There will be a payout per go-round and per average based on 10% of the number of dogs run. Example: If there are 30 dogs, 10% of 30 is 3 so we will pay three places. If there are 25 dogs, 10% of 25 is 2.5 rounded up to 3. If there are 24 dogs, 10% of 24 is 2.4 so we will pay 2 places.

So, for 25 to 30 dogs 3 places per go-round and 3 places for the average will be paid. 100% of all entry money will be paid out. All donated monies for the Futurity and Finals will be used to pay expenses with remaining monies to be added to Finals and futurity payouts at 50% for each.

Futurity Guidelines

☒ *SWCDA futurity will be run as a separate class.*

☒ ***All dogs that run in the SWCDA futurity will be eligible to run in the SWCDA Association Finals. (Entry money for those classes will be required and no points towards dog of the year will be given.)***

☒ *If logistics allow, futurity dogs will have their own set of fresh (dog exposed) cattle.*

☒ *Course obstacles will be set by the SWCDA Board of Directors, with consideration to age and lack of experience of dogs, temperament of cattle and arena design.*

☒ *The futurity class will be run prior to the regular membership finals.*

☒ *Any handler may trial a futurity dog at the SWCDA futurity.*

☒ *It is each handler's responsibility to check with other organizations to see if this might affect his/her status with those associations.*

- ☐ **Entry fee is \$350/dog and is due no later than September 30th of that year.**
- ☐ *100% payback-less cattle charge.*
- ☐ *Payout plus trophy buckles will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion.*
- ☐ *Payout scale is determined by the number of entries.*
- ☐ *All information regarding the futurity class will be posted to the website 30 days prior to the event. Such information will include but not limited to; date, time, location, and so forth.*

Maturity Guidelines:

- ☐ *The Maturity class will be for all dogs that have competed in a previous SWCDA Futurity within the past 2 years. ☐ **Entry Fee is \$350/dog and is due no later than September 30th of that year.***