



Maine Quarter Horse Association
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2009 MeQHA FUTURITY RULES
AND
GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION

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Dear MeQHA Exhibitor(s):

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Maine Quarter Horse Association welcome you to the 2009 show season. **Please look carefully through this booklet.** It contains Futurity and Show information being offered in 2009. An MeQHA membership application is included in the March 30 Maine N Tale.

Please review complete Futurity listings (including new payout schedule and entry fees) listed below.

PLEASE be sure to view all show fees as listed in the GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR MEQHA PERFORMANCE FUTURITIES Rules pages in this booklet and posted to the MeQHA website (www.meqha.org). Lists and showbills are also included in the March 2009 Maine N Tale.

- Horse Shows are held at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan, ME.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Trafton (MeQHA Show Committee Chair) at 207-443-4006.

2009 MeQHA Futurity List

	Entry Fees	Added Monies	Sponsors
Pine Tree Classic – May 22 – 25 ** Four day Show			
Pine Tree Classic Novice Showmanship Challenge	\$50	\$500	Samantha and Kevin Smith in honor of all past and present horses from Spruce Hill Farm
The Lisa Favreau Quinn Nov/Am & Nov Youth Hunter Under Saddle	\$50	\$500	Bryce and Holly Hamilton, of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
Amateur & Youth Western Pleasure	\$50	\$500	Gail Mason, DVM, Bath-Brunswick Veterinary Associates
FIRECRACKER CIRCUIT – July 3 – 6 ** Four day Show			
Mac's Showmanship Challenge (See centerfold of this booklet for Mac's Showmanship Challenge rules and payout schedule).	\$50	\$1,000	Wanda Lounder/ Double L Equestrian Center
The Spruce Hill Farm Memorial Open Hunter Under Saddle	\$75	\$1,000	Amy and Dana Sterling, Wanda Lounder, Lynne Wolfe
Open Western Pleasure	\$75	\$1,000	Terry Leighton, Caswell's Liquidation Center and Rob and Darcy Whisenant of ReMax Riverside Real Estate
NORTHEAST HORSEARAMA – Sept. 4 – 7 ** Four day Show			
Amateur & Youth Hunter Under Saddle	\$50	\$500	
Nov/Am & Nov/Yth Western Pleasure	\$50	\$500	

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR MEQHA PERFORMANCE FUTURITIES

1. Maine Quarter Horse Association (MEQHA) Futurities are open to any Quarter Horse registered with the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). **The owner(s) of the entry, at the time of entry at the show, as well as the owner(s) rider/exhibitor must be or become a member of MEQHA.**
2. Paybacks will be calculated according to the attached 2009 MeQHA Futurity List. Entry fees for each futurity will be listed there also.
3. **ALL ENTRIES WILL BE MADE AT THE SHOW ON THE DAY OF THE FIRST GO-ROUND.** The exact time of the deadline will be announced at the Show. Every entry must fill in the proper registration form, present original (or a photocopy) of the registration papers showing current ownership and complete address information. Horses may be matched for identification and age with their registration papers before entering the competition.
4. All horses may be asked to submit to laboratory testing. Entrants must show proof of negative coggins test and any other items that may be required by Maine Law at the time of the show. Any owner or handler refusing will be disqualified. Any horse showing a positive lab test for any foreign substance will be disqualified with forfeiture of all awards. In the event of a positive drug test, the owner and/or trainer/agent will be held liable for all legal fees incurred and for the return of all prize monies and trophies. The Therapeutic Medication Addendum (AQHA Rule 441) has been implemented.
5. Inhumane treatment of any horse (as defined per AQHA Rule 441) will be grounds for disqualification of that horse and all awards will be forfeited.
6. In 2009, the futurities offered at all three MeQHA circuits (Pine Tree Classic Circuit, Firecracker Circuit, Northeast Horsearama Circuit) will have four go-rounds. Each go-round will be judged by a different AQHA judge. Each go will be placed in the ring as slated in the circuit showbill. PLEASE SEE MAC'S SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE RULES FOR SPECIFIC DETAIL OF RULES AND PAYOUTS – WHICH WILL DIFFER FROM ALL OTHER FUTURITIES OFFERED. The futurities will be held at AQHA sanctioned shows in Skowhegan, Maine. Go-round monies will be paid in all futurities. Each entry will be scored in each go-round. The scores will be added with the lowest number of points the winner. In the event of a tie, the "worst (highest)" score of all go-rounds will be thrown out. If a tie still exists, the second "worst (highest)" score will be thrown out and points added again. If there is still a tie, the winner will be determined by the placing in the first go-round. A prize for the winner and ribbons to 6 places will be awarded. Futurity premiums will be available at the show office.
7. AQHA rules and regulations will prevail in all MEQHA futurities. Decisions of the judges will be final and nominations will be accepted only on this condition. Amateur and Novice Amateur exhibitors, please be aware of the AQHA rules that govern your participation at AQHA shows.

8. **NO SPECIAL WARM- UP TIME WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE ARENA PRIOR TO THE EVENT. EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL WARM-UP SESSIONS HELD AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE CIRCUIT.**
9. MEQHA reserves the right to cancel these events without notice and without liability any time prior to the contest.

Note to All Exhibitors from the Officers and BOD of MeQHA:

Since the inception of the MeQHA futurity program, the Futurity Committee and the BOD have continually tried to refine the futurity rules and regulations in order to be fair to all parties involved. After each show season, the strengths and weaknesses of that year's futurity program are discussed and recommendations are made for changes to improve the program for the following year. We feel that this has resulted in the program being greatly improved from the initial effort.

Many of the past changes have been the result of discussions with other affiliate officials or because of comments from exhibitors.

2009 Show Fees

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Youth Classes : \$10 per class/Judge or \$50 ALL DAY Fee per Judge
 NOVICE Youth Classes : \$8 per class/Judge or \$40 All Day Fee per Judge
 Leadline and Small Fry Classes : \$5 per class/Judge
 Amateur Classes : \$12 per class/Judge or \$60 ALL DAY Fee per Judge
 NOVICE Amateur : \$8 per class/Judge or \$40 ALL DAY Fee per Judge
 Open Classes : \$12 per class/Judge
 Open Walk-Trot and Green Horse Walk Trot : \$10 per class/Judge
 Office Fee:\$10 per horse/Judge
 AQHA Drug/Show Processing Fee: \$3 per class/Judge
 Office Fee for non MeQHA members : \$15 per horse/per Judge

**Weekend Stalls : \$95 (extra night \$25 ea) MUST BE RESERVED by
 phone: (607) 369-4800 or e-MAIL : bgcandrews@yahoo.com**

Tack Stall : \$45 for weekend Camper Fee: \$15 per day/night
 Ground Fee : \$10 per day - no stall Standing Stall: \$15 per night/per horse

2009 MAC'S SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE \$1,000 added

About Showmanship at Halter...

MAC'S SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE is a prestigious contest for all Showmanship lovers: **Youths, Novices, Amateurs and Pros.** **MAC'S SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE** offers a high-level competition plus superb Prize Monies... TOP NOVICE getting an extra \$100... and TOP YOUTH an extra \$100...

About Eligible Exhibitors...

MAC'S SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE is OPEN TO THE WORLD and each exhibitor must be an MeQHA member or must buy membership from Show Office: There are no restrictions in regard to age, sex and competitive status. Each exhibitor must show a Registered American Quarter Horse. **There are no restrictions in regard to horse's age, sex and ownership: The use of a «borrowed» horse is therefore allowed!** However, no stallion may be shown by a Youth or by a Novice exhibitor.

About entry fees...

The Entry Fee is \$50. Entries must be made at the Show Office no later than 8:00 AM on the opening day of the show circuit.

About competition format...

All paid entries then show in two (2) qualifying go-rounds and the ten (10) highest combined marks (total points earned in qualifying goes) are invited to FINALS. Only placings in Finals are considered for **MAC'S SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE** overall results: **It thus means that each and every finalist enters Finals on the same basis.**

All ties for 10th placing after (2) two qualifying rounds are also being invited to Finals, hence the possibility of an 11th finalist. **After all Finalists have been named, TOP NOVICE Exhibitor from remainder of field is also invited to**

Finals, if a novice has not already qualified, which now allows for a possible 12th finalist.

About two qualifying go-rounds...

Top 10 placings of each qualifying go-round earn points as per MeQHA Premium Committee Standard Scale. Patterns are available and posted no later than 10:00 am on first day of the show circuit.

1st qualifying go-round is held according to the posted MeQHA circuit showbill; 2nd qualifying go-round is held right after end (and a 5-minutes break) of 1st go.

After 2nd go, results (top 10) of 1st go are announced, then top 10 of 2nd go are also presented. After proper tabulations, all Finalists are introduced.

About Finals...

Finals are held as noted by the MeQHA circuit showbill **with two (2) Judges** who both hand in results for all Finalists. Two Finals patterns are posted no later than 10:00 AM on same day.

Standard Scale is again used for top 10 placings of each judge: Each Judge's Top Ten are announced. After tabulating total points from both judges, winners are announced (ONLY actual Finals results are being used to determine winners). All ties are broken using MeQHA Premiums Committee Standard Rules.

About Prize Monies...

MAC'S SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE Top placing NOVICE in Finals earns an extra \$100. Top placing YOUTH in Finals also earns an extra \$100. \$50 will be paid to 6th through 10/11/12 places. After deducting these payouts from total purse (\$1,000 + entry fees, minus 15% of entry fees), the remainder is paid to 1st through 5th places on this scale: 1st--35%, 2nd--26%, 3rd--19%, 4th--13%, 5th--7%. Ribbons are also presented to 1st through 6th place.