



Futurity Stake Rules and Regulations

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Futurity Stake is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Portuguese Podengo Pequeno and to reward the breeders for their efforts. For this reason, the Stakes are weighed in the favor of the breeder, who is the one that chooses the sire, nominates the bitch before whelping, and often pays the entry fees for the individual puppies as well.

DESCRIPTION

The Futurity Stake shall be held the day before the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America National Specialty Show and Sweepstakes, when possible. Should the PPPA Specialty not be held within the time limits applying to the Futurity Rules, the Board of Directors shall decide the disposition of the monies accrued toward the Futurity Stake. The Futurity Stake is open only to breeders who are active members, in good standing, of the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America. The Futurity Stake is entered by nomination of the litter. The get from this litter are eligible to compete in the first annual Futurity Stake held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this stake. The bitch whose litter is nominated must be owned (or leased) in whole or part by a PPPA member. Thus, if a bitch is co-owned or leased by two people, at least one must be a PPPA member. This requirement does not apply to the owners of the puppies from the nominated litter.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

The nomination of the bitch's litter must be made after she is bred, but before the whelping date. Nominations are non-transferable and may not be assigned to another bitch in the event of a non - litter. The nomination of each individual puppy must be made after it is whelped, but before **TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THAT YEAR'S NATIONAL STAKES**. No bitch nominations will be accepted 6months prior to the Futurity Stake for that year and be counted for that year.

FEES

"Fees" for the Litter Nomination(s) and the Puppy Nomination(s) will be determined by the PPPA Board and are non-transferable and non-refundable. Such fee(s) will be indicated on the nomination form(s). All applicable fee(s) must be submitted with the appropriate nomination form(s).

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING LITTERS

Any active PPPA member in good standing may nominate a litter for the Futurity. The nomination must be made on an official Futurity entry form which can be found on the PPPA website or by writing to the Futurity Chairman. Said litter nomination must be made prior to the whelping of the litter. The determination date for timely nominations shall be the postmark on the envelope (if mailed in) or by date of online submission form, which must be dated no later than midnight the day prior to the whelping of the litter. The bitch must be owned or leased, in whole, or in part, by an active member of the PPPA.

The nomination of a litter qualifies any of the litter for entry in the Futurity Stake, regardless of the ownership of the individual puppy when entered or shown. An official Puppy Nomination form which can be found on the PPPA website or by writing the Futurity Chairman must be completed **2 months** prior to closing of the PPPA National regular stakes. The determining date of the nomination shall be the postmark on the envelope containing the nomination (if mailed) or by online submission date. All puppy nominations must be in 2 months prior to the futurity stake.

Alternative option is to do the Online submission form on the club website.

If neither the AKC litter number, nor the individual registration number, has been received by the breeder at the time each puppy nomination is made, this information must be forwarded to the Futurity Chairman immediately upon receipt. If ownership changes after individual puppy nomination is made, the Futurity Chairman must be provided with correct information regarding (a) name of puppy; (b) registration number; (c) color; (d) sex, and (e) new owners name and address. If this information has not been received by the Futurity Chairman at least one month prior to the date of the Futurity, the dog in question shall be disqualified. The same rule shall apply to the change of the dog's name if such occurs at the time of registration.

Microchip number or Tattoo must be provided on the puppy nomination form. If there is an individual reason this cannot be accomplished, please contact the Futurity Chair.

ELIGIBILITY

The Portuguese Podengo Pequeno must be entered in one of the regular classes at the PPPA Specialty Show, if the Futurity is held in conjunction with the Specialty Show. If the Futurity is held in conjunction with an all-breed show, the dog must be entered in one of the regular classes at the show. When completing the entry form, the fact that the dog is to be shown in the Futurity must be indicated on the entry form. The entry fee for the Futurity class is an additional fee. This fee should be included with the regular entry fee for the class at the show. AKC Conformation to be adhered to. No Portuguese Podengo Pequeno will be eligible to compete in the Futurity which does not meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be from a litter which was nominated in a proper and timely fashion.**
- 2. Have been individually nominated before 2months prior to the Futurity Stake, and:**
- 3. Be properly entered in one of the regular classes at the show.**
- 4. "Futurity Stakes" is to be written in as an extra class on entry form.**

NON-MEMBERS

Persons who are not a member of the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America who wish to nominate litters for the Futurity may apply for membership with the nomination form for the litter’s nomination. In the event, that the application for membership is accepted by the PPPA. The nomination will be dated as valid according to the date received (Envelope postmark or Online Submission. If the application for membership in the PPPA is not accepted, the nomination of the litter will be null and void, the nomination fee and membership dues will not be refunded. The Board of Directors of the PPPA shall decide any dispute that should arise pursuant to this Futurity Stake at its earliest convenience.

LAPSING OF DUES

Any member who, having nominated a litter fails to remain an active member in good standing with the PPPA by lapsing of dues, or indebtedness to the club, or by suspension or expulsion, and has not been reinstated 30 days prior to the Futurity, shall lose all rights in the Futurity. Dogs nominated by the lapsed or suspended individual but transferred to the ownership of another individual prior to said lapse of dues, suspension or expulsion, or indebtedness may be shown as eligible. Monetary awards will be made in such instances only to the owner of the individual dog pursuant to Futurity prize rules.

DEATH

If a member shall nominate a litter and subsequently dies before the Futurity, the nomination shall be valid, and the puppies will be considered as eligible for nomination, entry and judging, provided all subsequent fees are paid to date.

CLASSES:

Divided by Dogs and Bitches

Divided by Smooth and Wire coat

- 6 months and under 9 months
- 9 months and under 12 months
- 12 months and under 18 months
- 18 months and under 21 months (NOT ALWAYS OFFERED. If the Class needs to be held because of time frame of the event as compared to the date of the nomination)

Winners of each of these classes will compete for Best Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.

MONETARY AWARDS

NOMINATION FEES:

35% shall be deducted from the total nomination fee purse to be used for Futurity expenses. This will be deposited in the PPPA Treasury. This fund shall cover all expenses incurred by the Futurity Stake i.e. judges, printing, mailing, etc.

The remaining 65% will be awarded as follows:

- 60% - Best in Futurity
 - 60% - Breeder of Record
 - 40% - Owner of Record
- 40% - Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity
 - 60% - Breeder of Record
 - 40% - Owner of Record

ENTRY FEES

35% shall be deducted from the total entry fee purse to be used for Futurity expenses and will be held in the PPPA Treasury. The remaining 65% will be awarded as follows:

- Entries40% - First, 30% - 2nd, 20% - 3rd, 10% - 4th. (If less than four competitors, the balance will be divided among placements in that class. All placements will be divided such: 60% Breeder of Record, 40% Owner of Record.)

Ribbons shall be awarded through fourth place in each class. Rosettes shall be given to Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite in Futurity. The cost for each to be covered from the PPPA Treasury. Trophies may be given. Trophy solicitations for the Futurity Stake shall be the responsibility of the Futurity Chairman for each PPPA Specialty.

Monetary awards which are provided for, but cannot be given, whatever the reason, shall be retained by the club.

SELECTION OF JUDGES

It shall be the prerogative of the owners of the nominated dams to nominate the Futurity Stake judge. Upon notification by the Futurity Chairman, at a time to be six months, more or less, prior to the Futurity Stake, the owner of each nominated dam may nominate one person for the Futurity Stake judge.

Each eligible breeder shall thereafter, one week from the deadline for nominations, receive a ballot listing all persons nominated as set forth above. Each eligible breeder shall vote for five candidates listed in order of preference i.e. first, second, third, etc. If a breeder has nominated more than one bitch, they only get one vote.

The candidate receiving the highest total number of points (a vote of first choice receiving 5 points, second receiving 4 points, etc.) In the votes cast shall then be declared the Futurity Stake judge for that year. In the event the number of dogs entered requires a second judge, the candidate receiving the second highest total number of points shall judge the bitch classes only. When the ballots for selection of a judge are tallied and a tie for first place has resulted, the Futurity Chairman shall determine who will be the judge for that Futurity.

During the nominating and voting period, the Futurity Chairman will not disclose names of Futurity breeders. No voting information will be disclosed, in accordance with a specified deadline date. At that time, the participants will be notified of the voting outcome.

Ballots which are incomplete, incorrect or exceed the deadline date will be considered invalid.

Persons nominated as the Futurity Stake judge do not necessarily have to be an AKC licensed Portuguese Podengo Pequeno judge but must be in good standing with the AKC. They must also agree to the assignment prior to being nominated. The fee for judging a futurity shall be no more than \$50.00, reimbursement for one night's lodging, dinner at the Awards Banquet and lunch or dinner on the day of their judging assignment.

Any person(s) elected to judge a Futurity Stake, who has nominated a litter(s) for that same Futurity Stake, or who has an immediate member of his/her family with a nominated litter(s), automatically voids the competition of that litter(s) in that same Futurity Stake. Any monies paid by the person(s) to the Futurity Stake are refundable due to the conflict of interest. Any Futurity nominated puppy who, by its placement in the Futurity, could result in a monetary prize to the judge would be ineligible for competition at that Futurity. A refund of all nomination fees for the ineligible dam and puppies will be made due to the conflict of interest. Nominators must apply to the PPPA Futurity Chairman for this refund prior to the close of entries. The Futurity Judge by his/her agreement to judge, agrees to the following: The Futurity Judge shall not exhibit, or have an exhibit in the Futurity Stakes. Judge CAN show in TOP 20 if eligible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any returned check will carry an additional fee of \$15.