

## FCCRA - Quad Futurity Rules and Payment Schedule – 2008

### 1. Stallion Eligibility

A. Each year, stallion owners are invited to donate one breeding per stallion to the Four Corners Cutting and Reining Association to be auctioned at the FCCRA Stallion Service Auction. This breeding is auctioned for the highest bid (stallions must sell for at least \$200). If a stallion service does not sell at the auction, or the owner does not wish to have him auctioned, the owner has the option to enter the stallion by paying one-half of his normal breeding fee by December 31st of the calendar year in which the auction was held. An account will be opened for the next year's foal crop with the money raised at the Stallion Service Auction. Stallion owners receive a family membership for the year the stallion breeding is donated and \$35 of the breeding fee from each stallion will be placed in the general fund to be used for club expenses.

B. After the stallions are entered, all resulting foals from that breeding year, sired by each listed stallion are eligible for the fall futurity, providing that the foal owner pays the foal entry fee and gets the stallion owner's signature on the FCCRA Foal Entry Form.

C. If a stallion does not sell at the Stallion Service Auction, the owner of a mare may pay him in as long as the stallion owner agrees and signs the FCCRA Quad Futurity Foal Entry Form. All foals by that stallion will then be eligible for the paid-in year.

D. **The contract as to mare care, veterinary bills, guarantees, etc. is between the stallion owner and the mare owner. FCCRA acts as a selling agent only and is not responsible in any way.** Please contact the stallion owner for information on possible artificial insemination and/or mare care fees.

E. For the protection of all parties involved, FCCRA suggests a signed breeding contract between stallion and mare owners by the time the mare is delivered for breeding. **The FCCRA disclaims any liability regarding false disclosure of any pertinent information for all of the horses promoted in this program.**

F. **No refunds will be made for any reason except that stated in FCCRA Rule #4 Stallion Death.**

### 2. Rebreed Eligibility

A. If a rebreed is necessary for the mare owned by the purchaser of a breeding from the FCCRA Stallion Service Auction, and the stallion named in the contract is not current in the program, this one foal will still be eligible to participate in the FCCRA Quad Futurity Program. It will be the responsibility of the mare owner to notify the FCCRA Board of Directors of this situation prior to the end of the year in which the rebreed takes place. **This rebreed eligibility is in effect for only one year following the year of the purchased breeding.**

### 3. Retroactive Stallion Eligibility

A. It is possible to pay a stallion in at double the minimum bid or one-half the advertised stud fee, **whichever is greater**, for each year he is being paid up. The stallion will be given credit for any interim year he was already eligible. Foals from this retroactive process are eligible for yearly FCCRA Futurity payouts but are not eligible for FCCRA Quad Futurity High Point Awards unless they are shown all four years.

### 4. Stallion Death

A. If the purchaser of a breeding from the FCCRA Stallion Service Auction is unable to have his mare bred one cycle of the current breeding season **due to the death of the stallion**, FCCRA will refund the purchase price to the purchaser. Any other foals by this stallion from the current year will continue to be eligible. **If the mare has been covered, any adjustments are between the stallion and mare owners and no money will be refunded by FCCRA.**

### 5. Quad Futurity Rules

A. To compete in the FCCRA Quad Futurity Program, a participant must be a member of the FCCRA. Dues are <sup>35</sup>\$25 a year for a single membership and <sup>40</sup>\$35 a year for a family membership.

B. All classes will be judged by AQHA rules in conjunction with the following FCCRA rules.

C. The Quad Futurity consists of:

1. **Weanling Halter Futurity** (junior and senior classes split by gender and median age of the foals [odd number goes in senior division]). Classes of four (4) or less may be combined within the same gender. Halter classes are placed on a one go-round basis. Tack or other awards, to be determined each year by the Futurity Committee, will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Class payouts are based on the schedule and rules listed below.

2. **Yearling Halter Futurity** (by gender – filly, colt, gelding). Classes of four (4) or less may be combined within the same gender. Halter classes are placed on a one go-round basis. Tack or other awards, to be determined each year by the Futurity Committee, will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Class payouts are based on the schedule and rules listed below.

**3. Two Year Old Western Pleasure Futurity** (by Open and Amateur Divisions). Horses must be shown in two go-rounds to be eligible. Combined score of two (2) go-rounds or *two separate judges' scores* will designate the winner with the final placing determining the awarded points per the point schedule published below. Each horse may enter **only one** Two Year Old Futurity class and division. Two Year Old horses shall be shown two-handed in a snaffle bit or bosal. (Bosal means braided rawhide, braided leather or rope).

a. In case of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place the tie will be broken by another go-round between the tied contestants when there are two go-rounds, or in the case of two separate judges' scores for a single go, a tie-breaker judge will be determined prior to the start of the show by those board of directors present at the show. Points will be averaged and split equally in the case of a tie for any other placings. Buckles, or other awards to be determined each year by the Futurity Committee, will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Class payouts are based on the schedule and rules listed below.

**4. Three Year Old Cutting and Reining Futurities** (by Open and Amateur Divisions).

a. Combined actual score of two (2) go-rounds or two separate judges' scores will designate the winner. Each horse may enter **only one** Three Year Old Futurity class and division.

b. Cutting or Reining must be designated by August 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$150 penalty for class change after August 15<sup>th</sup>. **Entry in any Three Year Old Futurity class requiring cattle will not be allowed later than ten (10) days prior to the FCCRA Futurity.**

c. **Three** Year Old horses may be shown two-handed in a snaffle bit or bosal, or one-handed in a bit. (Bosal means braided rawhide, braided leather or rope). Contestants should proceed to the judge at the end of their work for bit inspection.

d. In case of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place the tie will be broken by another go-round between the tied contestants when there are two go-rounds. Or in the case of two separate judges' scores for a single go, a tie-breaker judge will be determined prior to the start of the show by those board of directors present at the show. If a tie still exists after the runoff, the awards and payout will be split for that placing. Points will be averaged and split equally in the case of a tie for any other placings.

e. Buckles, or other awards to be determined each year by the Futurity Committee, will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Class payouts are based on the schedule and rules listed in Section 6.

#### **6. FCCRA Futurity Payouts**

8% - Weanling Futurity

12% - Yearling Futurity

20% - 2 Year-Old Western Pleasure Futurity

Remainder - 3 Year-Old Reining and Cutting Futurity

#### **7. Foal Account Dispersal**

A. The FCCRA Quad Futurity payout total for each foal year is calculated on the balance of the Foal Account after all expenses for the current year have been assessed, less the amount of money being held for the Quad Futurity High Point and Incentive Awards (Stallion Incentive and High Point Open and Amateur Awards).

B. The adjusted FCCRA Quad Futurity payout total for each foal year, plus the current year's Nomination Fees, will be divided by the number of horses shown in that year's futurity, then multiplied by the number of horses in each class/division of that foal year, and dispersed per the table in Section 8.

C. Late Fees assessed on any futurity nomination payment will be deposited in the General Account as an Office Charge and used for club operation expenses.

D. Any outstanding debts owed FCCRA will be collected before any prize money is dispersed to a participant, including stallion incentive money.

#### **8. FCCRA Futurity Points and Payout**

A. Halter and Performance FCCRA Quad Futurities will be figured as follows:

# In class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Payout
1	1						100%
2	2	1					70% 30%
3	3	2	1				50% 30% 20%
4	4	3	2	1			40% 30% 20% 10%
5	5	4	3	2	1		34% 27% 20% 10% 9%
6	6	5	4	3	2	1	32% 22% 19% 10% 9% 8%

or more

B. To keep the foals eligible in the FCCRA Quad Futurities, payments must be made according to the entry fee schedule in Section 9.

C. If there is more than one go-round; substitution of riders will not be permitted except by agreement of the management and representative in the case of injury.

D. After 1<sup>st</sup> go-round, each horse is subject to being mouthed by a veterinarian.

E. There will be a 3-minute gate call for all contestants. Inform the show management of a tack or horse change conflict so the work order of the class can be adjusted.

### 9. Payment Schedule of Nomination Fees

		<u>Late Fee</u>
A. August 15	\$65.00 Foal Entry Fee	\$10
August 15	\$90.00 Yearling Entry Fee	\$25
August 15	\$110.00 Two Year Old Entry Fee	\$50
August 15	\$140.00 Three Year Old Entry Fee	\$100

**B. Futurity payments must be postmarked by payment schedule date to avoid assessment of late fees.**

**C. An eligible horse may be entered any of the years it qualifies for the FCCRA Futurity Program by paying all prior years' entry fees, plus the late fee assessed on the year it is being paid in, using the following fee and penalty schedule:**

Weanling	-	\$65	Late Fee -	\$10
Yearling	-	\$90	Late Fee -	\$25
Two Year Old	-	\$110	Late Fee -	\$50
Three Year Old	-	\$140	Late Fee -	\$100

**D. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OF FUTURITY PAYMENTS AT ANY TIME.**

**E. ALL STALLION SERVICE AUCTION MONIES ARE TO BE USED FOR THE AUCTION EXPENSES AND FUTURITY PAYOUTS AND EXPENSES AND SECRETARY FEES ONLY. Secretary fees are assessed equally on all Futurity accounts.**

**F. Foals must compete all four years to be eligible for FCCRA Quad High Point Awards at the end of four years.**

### 10. Quad Futurity High Point Awards

**A. The Quad High Point Horse is the horse with the most points accumulated after the Three Year Old Futurity is completed. It is necessary to compete 4 years (weanling, yearling, two year old and three year old) in the FCCRA Quad Futurity to be eligible for FCCRA Quad High Point Awards.**

**B. There are two divisions of classes in the two and three year old futurities.**

1. The Quad Open High Point Horse is shown in the Open Division.
2. The Quad Amateur High Point Horse is shown by an **amateur person**, as defined by AQHA rules.

**C. Change of Division:** A horse may be changed from the Amateur Division (as defined by AQHA Rules) to the Open Division or the Open Division to the Amateur Division (as defined by AQHA Rules) due to change in ownership, injury or preference of rider/owner, etc. All FCCRA Quad Futurity points will follow the horse from division to division for calculation of FCCRA Quad Futurity High Point Awards.

**D. Three Year Old scores from both days are added to previous years' points to determine the winner of the Quad Futurity High Point awards. The show management will adjust any score lower than 60 for calculating Quad High Point winners only. When there are no three year old entries in cutting, Reining scores will be added to accumulated points to determine Quad High Point winner. If there are entries in both events, the FCCRA 60 Point Rule, listed above, will apply.**

**E. In case of a tie, it will be broken by the highest score in the following order:**

1. The combined two-day score of the three year old Reining or Cutting futurity.
2. The number of points accrued as a two year old.
3. The number of points accrued as a yearling.
4. The number of points accrued as a weanling.
5. The flip of a coin.

**F. FCCRA Quad Futurity High Point Amateur and Open winners receive \$250 each, plus a buckle, spurs or other trophy, to be determined by the Futurity Committee and Board of Directors, and an embroidered sheet. FCCRA Quad Futurity Reserve High Point Amateur and Open winners receive an embroidered sheet. There is no money paid to Reserve placings.**

**G. Along with the futurity payouts are other incentives to keep horses enrolled the full four years. The FCCRA Quad High Point Horse Award pays \$500 to the owner of the sire of the high point open and amateur horses.**

**H. Placings will be announced each day at the futurity show. Final Placings and Awards will be given at a FCCRA Awards Night held one or two weeks after the Futurity Show. Time and place will be announced during the Futurity Show each year.**

### 11. FCCRA Business Procedures

**A. The regular meeting of the FCCRA Board of Directors will be held the first Wednesday of each month, time and place to be announced. All members of FCCRA are encouraged to attend. Contact the officers or members of the board with items you wish to place on the agenda.**

**B. Membership fees will be used for the operation of FCCRA business.**

C. Sponsor, Donation and Catalog Advertisement monies will be used for the operation and awards of the event for which they were given. Business card ads will be used to offset the cost of the newsletter and other advertising.

D. Insurance for all FCCRA approved events will be purchased by the Association. Insurance fees are prorated by the number of days of scheduled FCCRA events and the cost assessed to each event. More insurance will be purchased for additional approved FCCRA events.

E. One dollar per day from each entry fee during an event involving non-members of FCCRA shall be designated as a paid membership for that event only.

F. Expenditures over \$50 must be passed by the Board of Directors.

G. Secretary Fees of <sup>600- year</sup> \$150 per month will be paid ~~at the end of each quarter and will be assessed on all Futurity Foal Accounts equally if there is not enough General Account money to cover it.~~ <sup>General acct.</sup>

H. 25% of the income from clinics or other money-making activities of FCCRA will be used for club expenses including, but not limited to newsletters, postage and secretary fees. The balance will be used for added money or awards for FCCRA activities as determined by the Board of Directors.

### 12. Newsletter

A. The FCCRA newsletter will be sent to the entire contact list in an effort to involve those who are not currently members in FCCRA activities.

B. Included in the newsletter will be a free 5-line classified ad service for FCCRA members. This ad is due the first Wednesday of each month at the regularly scheduled meeting of FCCRA.

C. A full-page insert service is offered for \$35/page. This insert must be delivered to FCCRA ready to be included in the newsletter and is not limited to current FCCRA members. This money will be used to pay for the newsletter/postage costs for the mailing.

### 13. FCCRA Web Page

A. FCCRA Web Page has been designed to promote the FCCRA and its scheduled events, and the stallions nominated to the FCCRA Futurity Program.

B. A domain name and monthly Internet service carrier is required for a permanent setup.

C. A Web Page Administrator is required for maintaining and updating the web page. An FCCRA member volunteer will be assigned this task as long as one is available. Otherwise, the web page will be administered by a paid professional.

D. A cover sheet for the web page will explain the functions of FCCRA and contain links to important information like the FCCRA membership form, Futurity rules, and various forms for FCCRA events.

E. Classified Ads will be offered at \$35 per ad.