

GRIDIRON Rules and Regulations

The GRIDIRON will be supervised by our GRIDIRON Committee and their decisions are FINAL. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any horse or individual. No discrimination will be tolerated. No disrespect towards any member of the GRIDIRON “crew” will be tolerated!

2D Open Futurity With Breeders Incentive

The Futurity is open to horses that are four or five years old. They may not have reached the age of six by the time of the Futurity. Horses must be checked in prior to running.

To be eligible for the Futurity, the horse must NEVER have competed in ANY barrel race, including AQHA shows, play days, novice horse events, derbies, rodeos, etc. prior to November 15, 2022. To do so means forfeit of any & all fees paid & elimination from the Futurity. However, horses may have competed anywhere after November 15, 2022. Horses may have been entered in other events.

To be eligible to enter the Breeders Incentive Side-pot, the horse must be sired by one of the currently nominated stallions.

Owners may enter more than one horse. The owner does not have to ride his/her horse. Either male or female rider is allowed. There will be no age limit on the rider. Should a nominated horse be sold during the course of the payment period, written authorization must be received from the original owner before the horse will be entered.

Rider changes will be accepted until May 22nd, 2023. After that date, there will be a \$50 office charge. **THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES ONCE THE DRAW IS POSTED.**

Substitutions are allowed due to illness, injury, or death of the nominated horse. A veterinarian's affidavit of proof MUST accompany substitutions along with a \$50 fee. This means that buy-outs are allowed, though the transaction of fees must occur between the two parties & not the office. The necessary papers on the horse must accompany the \$50 fee. Any substituted horse will be ridden by the originally nominated rider. No exceptions. The transactions will only be accepted up to May 22nd, 2023.

Buyouts will be taken ONLY on horses paid in full and can only be done between May 15th and May 22nd, 2023. Entry fees are to be exchanged between the two parties as well as a \$100 buyout fee submitted to TH Productions, LLC along with a copy of the registration papers.

There will be two go-rounds at the GRIDIRON Futurity. Total times of the two go's will determine the Winner of the 1st place award.

Two electric eyes will be used. Should the original electric eye fail, you will be given the choice to take the back up electric eye time, before your time is announced, or take a rerun. Rerun will carry penalties with it. A tipped barrel will result in a no time.

Futurity will be paid out in a 2D format with the split being 1 second.

ONE PAYMENT
\$300 due May 15th, 2023
\$100 Breeders Incentive due May 15th, 2023
\$300 TOTAL FEES (\$400 IF IN BREEDERS INCENTIVE SIDE-POT)

Anything postmarked after May 15th, 2023 will be considered late.

30% of the total entry fee will used to cover costs such as added money, awards, administration charge and paying of help. The balance, or 70% of the fees, will go toward the purse as will that portion for all horses paid in full whether they run or not.

*****100% of the Breeders Incentive fees go toward the Breeders incentive side-pot.**

Late entries will be accepted until May 22nd, 2023 and will be assessed \$100 late fee.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 22, 2023!
PAYMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY!

A photocopy of the FRONT & BACK of the registration papers of the horse must accompany all entries; if not included, will be figured as late until received.

Refunds will only be **considered** due to the death of the nominated horse.

Please refer to the South Dakota State Veterinarian's website regarding the transportation of animals into and within the state boundaries of SD. This step is to protect you from costly fines by the State of South Dakota.

AMATEUR FUTURITY RULES

An Amateur Entry is one who has never won \$501 or more in actual 1D futurity money prior to November 15, 2022.

Amateur entry may NOT HAVE or EVER HAVE HAD A WPRA OR PWBRA card or filled a PWBRA or WPRA permit.

You MUST DESIGNATE your Amateur Status on the entry form by May 22nd, 2023.

Any entry form NOT MARKED is considered a "NO".

No additional entry fee other than your Futurity Entry Fee is required.

There is no financial payment for the Amateur division. The first and second place finishers will get an award. That award will be awarded based on the fastest time of the TWO RUN average.

Amateur entries will be verified with Equi-stat by the GRIDIRON Committee June 1st, 2023 unless an Equi-stat report is provided by the rider.

SOME LIMITS

There will be a one-time annual fee of \$100 per contestant. This allows for the nomination of one horse. Each additional horse will be an additional \$100 for the year. Should a nominated horse become injured or sold, substitution of another horse will be considered as long as it is also owned by the rider or an immediate family member.

Contestants do not need to be from the state of South Dakota to enter, but the money will be paid out amongst South Dakota futurities. The number of included futurities will depend on the number of entries. In 2023 equal money will be distributed between the Gridiron, Dash and Dance and the 5-State Breeders Futurity.

100% of the contestant entry fee will be paid out along with 100% of the added money. Checks will be paid out by LI Productions, LLC. The payout at each of the 3 futurities will be equal and will consist of at minimum \$333 added money and 1/3 of the total contestant entry fees. The number of places paid will be determined by the number of total Some Limits entries. The last

hole will be paid to the first 2D time (i.e. if 5 places are paid, the 4 fastest times will be paid and the 5th hole will be 1 second off the winning Some Limits time). If the 1D is not filled, the places will be paid progressively with no 2D. Since the 5-State is a limited Futurity, times of the futurity horses in the Saturday night 5D will be included. At the Gridiron, the Open Futurity will determine placings. Other Futurity events not limited will also be paid off of the placings in the Futurity entry. Except for the 5-State, you must enter the Futurity to be eligible for the money. Year-end awards will be given as well as awards at each event. Year-end awards will be given based on high money earnings. The number of places to be awarded will be determined based on high money earnings. The number of places to be awarded will be determined based on the final number of entries.

Guidelines to qualify for Some Limits Futurity Incentives are as follows:

1. Have not shown, trained, or assisted in training a horse for payment the past 5 calendar years.
2. Horse entered is currently owned by the contestant or owned by an immediate family member of the contestant.

CARRYING OF TIMES

All futurity entries will be allowed to carry their times to any other incentive side-pots they are eligible for, including the Open 4D/5D.

If you are unable to pick up your award, please have someone available to pick them up for you and stand in for pictures. This is very important. We have such generous sponsors and stallion owners and we want to thank them in every way possible.

NO AWARDS WILL BE MAILED!!!!