



2024 USMS FUTURITY PROGRAM

The Futurity Program is a competition limited to younger horses which offers significant prize money to winners generated in part from fees paid to nominate, maintain eligibility, and enter the futurity class. Our program is open to any 4- or 5-year-old horse who is registered and has never competed in any mounted shooting event (any organization, sanctioned or unsanctioned) for money, prizes, or points at any time before January 1st, 2024. Horses may have been entered in other (non-mounted shooting) events.

Futurity horses have one (1) year of eligibility to compete in a Futurity class.

Horse Nomination

Any USMS member is eligible to nominate a horse in this program. All horses must be nominated into the program during their Futurity year. 100% of the nomination money will be used to purchase awards and/or added money for the Futurity class hosted at Nationals. To nominate the owner or representative must electronically submit a copy of the registration papers, pay the nomination fee, and complete the online form at: <https://usms2020.com/product/futurity/>

2024 Nominated horses can be seen here:

<https://usms2020.com/futurityhorses/>

The 2024 Futurity Nomination Fee is **\$100** per horse.

****If your futurity horse was nominated before October 29th 2023, the horse will be grandfathered into the new program and is paid in full for the year your horse is of age to compete.**

Once a horse is nominated, you will receive a custom back number with their registered name on it. We encourage riders to wear their back numbers throughout the season when competing.

Futurity Stand-alone Competitions

A Futurity class will be offered at the USMS Nationals in Cordova, TN. June 21st-23rd 2024.

Local USMS Clubs have the option to offer a Futurity class at their events. This Futurity class will not earn points towards the yearend awards.

A Futurity High Roller Side pot will be offered at the 2024 Nationals in Cordova. This class is optional with a **\$500 entry fee, payback is 100%** This side pot will pay from the top based on the number of entries, all stages combined, raw time plus any penalties.

A Futurity horse cannot compete with more than one rider in the same Futurity Class.

FUTURITY CLASS PAYOUT HOSTED AT THE NATIONALS

The Futurity class will be paid out per stage in a 2D format. The rider must shoot clean and be penalty-free to be eligible for a payback in each stage.

- 1-6 Riders – pays 1 spot per D
- 7-12 Riders – pays 2 spots per D
- 13-18 Riders – pays 3 spots per D
- Add 1 payout spot per D per 6 riders

There will also be awards based on aggregate points earned per stage. All points combined to award the 1D & 2D champions etc.,

Main Match entry is not required to compete in the Futurity Class however you must have a horse in the Main Match.

If your main match horse is your Futurity horse your main match time will roll over.

If your Futurity horse is not your main match horse, then you will run a separate run.

FUTURITY YEAR END AWARDS

The Point year will run from January 1, 2024, thru December 31, 2024.

Futurity horses must enter the Main match to earn year end points. Points will be tracked for each nominated horse and rider combo and will be accrued per stage at each USMS event. Futurity horse points will not begin tracking until horse has been nominated.

A contestant will earn a minimum of one point per stage at all events attended. Contestants will earn an additional point for every contestant they place higher than. This is not a separate class. Points do not include the Futurity Class held at Nationals or any Club shoots.

Points will be taken from the main match and rolled over to the Futurity horse year end points. The number of places awarded will be determined by number of Futurity horses nominated for that season.

The Overall High Point Futurity Champion will earn a breeding to Slick by Design and a check based on the number of Futurity points your horse earned for the 2024 season. The year end points will be all pistol points combined. It does not matter what division your horse lands in. The payout will be .25 cents per point earned.

For example: If your Futurity horse earns 10,000 points for the season you would earn a check for \$2,500. Only 1 horse will be awarded a check. Only Nominated Futurity horses are competing against each other for this payout.

The Futurity Reserve Champion Year-end award will be announced later.

*If there are more than 15 horses nominated for the 2024 season 3 spots will be awarded prizes.

More than 20 horses nominated there will be 5 spots awarded prizes.

Equipment & Dress code Rule (See USMS Rulebook)

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