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Section 1: HORSE ELIGIBILITY

1. CMSA Futurity

- a. The CMSA Futurity is only open to all REGISTERED horses that are 4 years old
- b. Futurity horses CAN NOT show or compete in any mounted shooting competition before January 1st of their 4-year-old year
 - i. Only exhibition rides will be permitted before the 4-year-old year
- c. Horses are limited to one entry, either Non-pro or Open Futurity, not both
- d. There is a limit of three horses per rider in the CMSA Futurity

2. CMSA Derby

- a. The CMSA Derby is only open to all REGISTERED horses that are 5 or 6 years old AND meet one of these criteria
 - i. Competed in the National CMSA Futurity during their 4-year-old year
 - ii. Pay a one-time late nomination fee of \$750 plus the applicable \$400/\$500 entry fee for any horse that did *NOT* compete in the National CMSA Futurity their 4-year-old year
 - 1. The late fee will be added to the CMSA Derby payout
- b. Eligibility for the CMSA Derby follows the horse, not the rider
 - i. Rider can be the same or a different individual than the rider that rode the horse in the prior year's CMSA Futurity/Derby
- c. A Non-Pro CMSA Futurity horse can be ridden in the Open CMSA Derby and an Open CMSA Futurity horse can be ridden by a Non-Pro rider in the Non-Pro CMSA Derby
- d. Horses are limited to one entry, either in the Non-Pro or Open Derby class, not both
- e. There is a limit of three horses per rider in the CMSA Derby class

3. Age Example

- a. Example 1: Born Dec 1, 2023, the horse turns 1 year old on January 1, 2024
- b. Example 2: Born Jan 15, 2023, the horse turns 1 year old on January 1, 2024

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Section 2: OPEN AND NON-PRO RIDER ELIGIBILITY

1. Rider Divisions

- a. The CMSA Futurity and Derby Program is split into two divisions for each event
- b. CMSA Futurity
 - i. Open
 - ii. Non-Pro
- c. CMSA Derby
 - i. Open
 - ii. Non-Pro

2. Rider Qualifications- Open Division

- a. Open division is open to all CMSA riders, Levels 1-6
- b. Rider must compete in Open division if they are a Level 5-6 rider prior to July 31st of the current year
 - i. Rider can choose to ride in Open division, even if they qualify for the Non-Pro division
- c. Open riders may have shown, trained, or been compensated for any of the following:
 - i. Shown, judged, trained, or assisted in training a horse
 - ii. Instructed others for compensation
 - iii. Held membership with professional rodeo or equestrian associations
- d. Open riders can hold a Pro Card, and may be sponsored, or receive compensation for promoting products

3. Rider Qualifications- Non-Pro Division

- a. Must be a Level 1-4 rider as of July 31st of the current year
 - i. A rider that moves up to a level 5 after the July 31st cutoff still qualifies as a level 4 for the current year's Futurity and Derby
- b. Riders must not have, in the past 3 years
 - i. Shown, judged, trained, or assisted in training for compensation (monetary or otherwise)

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- ii. Received entry fees or expenses from anyone other than themselves or their immediate family
 - iii. Instructed others in riding, training, or showing for compensation
 - iv. Assisted an immediate family member for remuneration (money paid for work or a service)
- c. The horse must be owned by the rider or their immediate family (as defined by AQHA) including parents, siblings, in-laws, and grandparents)
- d. The applicant may not be a sponsored rider and/or hold a Pro Card with CMSA
 - i. An applicant is considered sponsored if applicant receives monetary, product, or discount-based compensation for promotion of a product or service of which they do not hold majority ownership

4. Non-Pro Application

- a. A Non-Pro Application is required for all riders that intend to participate in the Non-Pro division for the Futurity and/or Derby
 - i. A new application must be completed each event year
- b. Non-Pro Application must be completed on the www.cmsafuturity.com website
- c. Non-Pro Application submission deadline is July 31st of current year
- d. All Non-Pro Applications are reviewed by a CMSA owner-appointed board
- e. A preliminary non-pro list will be posted on August 15th for two weeks to allow protests
 - i. Protest fee: \$250, with a written statement of proof
 - ii. CMSA owner-appointed board will review protests
 - iii. If the applicant is disqualified as a Non-Pro, they will be moved to the Open division
- f. Late Applications
 - i. A \$250 late fee applies if the application is submitted after July 31st and up until Sep 1st of the current year
 - 1. Failure to submit application by Sep 1st, applicant may still enter open division following open division guidelines
 - 2. Approval will be determined by the CMSA owner-appointed board

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Section 3: EVENT ENTRIES

1. Horse and Rider Entries

- a. For horse and rider entries to be accepted, they MUST include the following
 - i. Entry form
 - 1. Submitted on cmsaevents.com website under “Events” page
CMSA Futurity Open/Non-Pro or CMSA Derby Open/Non-Pro
 - ii. Entry fee
 - 1. Paid on cmsaevents.com event page or by check made payable to CMSA
 - iii. Front and back colored copy of horse registration papers
 - 1. Must be uploaded to www.cmsafuturity.com website
 - iv. Horse and rider bio
 - 1. Bio information entered on www.cmsafuturity.com website
 - v. W9 on file with CMSA
- b. The horse and rider are entered as a team; no changes to the team are allowed after office registration for CMSA Futurity and Derby closes
- c. Entry Deadline
 - i. Mail-In or Online: August 31st
 - 1. Mail-in entries must be postmarked by August 31st
 - ii. Late fee of \$250 applied to all entries received after August 31st deadline
 - 1. Late registration accepted until closure of office registration for CMSA Futurity and Derby events
 - 2. Participant may draw out of the event and receive a refund (minus late fee, if applicable) until closure of office registration for CMSA Futurity and Derby events

2. Stallion Incentive Entries

- a. For Stallion Incentive (SI) entries to be accepted, they must include the following
 - i. SI Entry Form
 - 1. Entry form located on www.cmsafuturity.com website

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- ii. SI Entry Fee
 - 1. Payable to CMSA, write Stallion Incentive in comments line
 - 2. Accepted payment methods
 - a. Check mailed to CMSA office, Attn. Shana Sallee
 - b. Credit card payment via phone to CMSA office
- iii. SI W9
 - 1. Sent to CMSA office

3. Check-in Information

- a. All CMSA Futurity and Derby riders must check in to finalize registration for the event
 - i. Office hours for the CMSA Futurity and Derby events will be posted no later than one week prior to the event

Section 4: ENTRY FEE AND PAYOUT- CMSA FUTURITY AND STALLION INCENTIVE

1. Entry Fee

- a. Open Division: \$500
- b. Non-Pro Division: \$400
- c. Additional \$50 drug fee will be applied to *ALL* entries
 - i. Note: All horses have the possibility of undergoing random drug testing
- d. Payback
 - i. CMSA will pay the owner, rider, and/or stallion owner for both class and added money payouts

2. Payout

- a. The futurity is an 80% CMSA standard payout for division money from entry fees
 - i. Out of the 80% standard payout for division money
 - 1. 80% goes to the division payback
 - 2. 20% equal split to the top winner of each of the four stages

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3. Payout is per division (Open and Non-Pro)
4. Payout to follow CMSA class payout ratios and pays one spot for every five competitors

3. Added Money

- a. Added money is collected from sponsorships and the Stallion Incentive Program
 - i. \$900 from each stallion is included in the added money
 - ii. Additional money above the \$900 for Silver and Gold stallions is used for advertising purposes
- b. Added money will only be paid to participants enrolled in the Stallion Incentive Program (SI) at the Bronze, Silver, or Gold levels
 - i. If no advertising is purchased (Bronze level), added money is paid to the rider and stallion owner and has no claim to the added money unless paid in by the stallion owner
- c. The announced added money will be split 70% to the Open division and 30% to the Non-Pro division
 - i. 10% from each Open and Non-Pro division will be reserved for stallion owner/rider enrolled in Stallion Incentive
 - ii. Less than 10 Stallion Incentive entries
 1. CMSA class payout ration will be used
 - iii. 10 or more Stallion Incentive entries
 1. Paid using the top 3 eligible Stallion Incentive winners
 - a. 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, and 3rd 20%
 - iv. 100% of the advertised added money will be paid out each year, including but not limited to the 50% draw party sponsorship

Section 5: ENTRY FEE AND PAYOUT- CMSA DERBY

1. Entry Fee

- a. Open Division: \$500
- b. Non-Pro Division: \$400
- c. Additional \$50 drug fee will be applied to *ALL* entries
 - i. Note: All horses have the possibility of undergoing random drug testing

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- d. Payback
 - i. CMSA will pay the rider only

2. Payout

- a. Payout includes
 - i. 80% class payout from entry fees
 - 1. Open entry fee money stays with the Open division and Non-Pro entry fee money stays with the Non-Pro division
 - ii. Added money from CMSA Derby sponsorships
 - 1. Added money will be split 70% to the Open division and 30% to the Non-Pro division
 - 2. Less than 10 entries
 - a. CMSA class payout ration will be used
 - 3. 10 or more entries
 - a. Paid to the first three finishers in each division
 - i. 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, and 3rd 20%
 - iii. Payout of class payback and added money
 - 1. 80% goes to the division payback
 - 2. 20% equal split to the top winner of each of the four stages
 - 3. Payout is per division (Open and Non-Pro)
 - 4. Payout to follow CMSA class payout ratios and pays one spot for every five competitors

Section 6: PAYMENT AND AWARDS

1. Checks for Payout

- a. All checks are made out to the rider unless otherwise stated when entries are submitted
 - i. If requesting a check is made out to the owner, please note on the entry form and turn in a W9 for the owner
- b. All checks will be mailed within one week *AFTER* the drug test results of the event

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- i. Note, the CMSA Futurity and Derby Program does not have control over how long the drug test results take
- c. Checks will not be mailed out without a current W 9 for payee

2. Awards

- a. If rider cannot attend the awards ceremony, arrangements must be made to have an alternate person pick up awards and take pictures on rider's behalf
 - i. If rider or alternate is not present, prizes will be forfeit

3. Important Payment Reminders

- a. All cards declined will incur a \$50 fee
- b. All checks returned will incur a \$50 fee
- c. Checks must be made out to "CMSA"
- d. CMSA accepts online or mail-in entries
 - i. No mail in entries are accepted after the postmark date of August 31st

Section 7: ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Drug Testing

- a. Prohibited Substances
 - i. Performance-enhancing or calming drugs are prohibited
 - ii. All horses placing in the Futurity will undergo the possibility of drug testing, following AQHA standards

2. Dress Code

- a. CMSA rules apply, please visit www.cmsaevents.com for further guidance

3. Misconduct Rule

- a. Code of Conduct
 - i. Abusive language or conduct, either in or out of the arena, will not be tolerated from competitors, spectators, or related parties
 - ii. A first offense will result in a warning. A second offense will lead to a **five-year suspension** from participating in CMSA Futurity and Derby events

4. All other CMSA rules will apply

5. Violating any of the above rules may result in a **five-year suspension** from CMSA Futurity and Derby events for the rider and/or horse owner

CMSA reserves the right to refuse entry to any horse or individual. Any rules herewith can be changed, added to, or denied at the discretion of CMSA. CMSA will have the final word in interpreting or supplementing the rules and conditions of the Futurity and/or Derby if the need arises.

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Section 8: ADDENDUM

1. Payout Examples

a. Futurity payout from entry fees

Ex: 20 Open riders and 10 Non-Pro riders

Open Riders: \$550 fee paid to CMSA

\$550 Fee paid to CMSA - \$50 Vet Fee = \$500

\$500 x .80 CMSA Standard Payout = \$400

\$400 x .80 Class Money = \$320

\$400 x .20 Equal Split = \$80

20 Riders x \$320 Class Money = \$6,400 Class Money
Payout (1ST 40%-\$2560, 2ND 30%-\$1920, 3RD 20%-\$1280, 4TH 10%-\$640)

20 Riders x \$80 = \$1600 Equal Split Per Stage

(1ST PLACE STAGE 1 - \$400, 1ST PLACE STAGE 2 - \$400,

1ST PLACE STAGE 3 - \$400, 1ST PLACE STAGE 4 - \$400.)

Non-Pro Riders: \$450 fee paid to CMSA

\$450 Fee Paid to CMSA - \$50 Vet Fee = \$400

\$400 x .80 CMSA Standard Payout = \$320

\$320 x .80 Class Money = \$256

\$320 x .20 Equal Split = \$64

10 Riders X \$256 Class Money = \$2560 Class Money

Payout (1ST 60%-\$1536, 2ND 40%-\$1024)

10 Riders x \$64 = \$640 Equal Split Per Stage

(1ST PLACE STAGE 1 - \$160, 1ST PLACE STAGE 2 - \$160, 1ST PLACE
STAGE 3 - \$160, 1ST PLACE STAGE 4 - \$160)

b. Futurity Stallion Incentive enrolled payout (includes all added money)

Ex: 20 Open riders and 10 Non-Pro riders - \$20,000 added money

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Open Riders: $\$20,000 \times 70\% = \$14,000$

Ex: 20 Open riders paid as follows:

1ST Place – Rider A $\$14,000 \times 50\% = \$7,000$

2ND Place – Rider B $\$14,000 \times 30\% = \$4,200$

3RD Place – Rider C $\$14,000 \times 20\% = \$2,800$

Non-Pro Riders: $\$20,000 \times 30\% = \$6,000$

Ex: 10 Non-Pro riders paid as follows (CMSA ratio chart):

1ST Place – Rider A $\$6,000 \times 60\% = \$3,600$

2ND Place – Rider B $\$6,000 \times 40\% = \$2,400$

c. Derby payout from entry fees

Ex: 20 Open riders and 10 limited riders

Open Riders: \$550 fee paid to CMSA

$\$550 \text{ Fee paid to CMSA} - \$50 \text{ Vet Fee} = \$500$

$\$500 \times .80 \text{ CMSA Standard Payout} = \400

$\$400 \times .80 \text{ Class Money} = \320

$\$400 \times .20 \text{ Equal Split} = \80

20 Riders $\times \$320 \text{ Class Money} = \$6,400 \text{ Class Money}$

Payout (1ST 40%-\$2560, 2ND 30%-\$1920, 3RD 20%-\$1280, 4TH 10%-\$640)

20 Riders $\times \$80 = \$1600 \text{ Equal Split Per Stage}$

(1ST PLACE STAGE 1 - \$400, 1ST PLACE STAGE 2 - \$400, 1ST PLACE STAGE 3 - \$400, 1ST PLACE STAGE 4 - \$400.)

Non-Pro Riders: \$450 fee paid to CMSA

$\$450 \text{ Fee Paid to CMSA} - \$50 \text{ Vet Fee} = \$400$

$\$400 \times .80 \text{ CMSA Standard Payout} = \320

$\$320 \times .80 \text{ Class Money} = \256

$\$320 \times .20 \text{ Equal Split} = \64

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10 Riders x \$256 Class Money = \$2,560 Class Money

Payout (1ST 60%-\$1536, 2ND 40%-\$1024)

10 Riders x \$64 = \$640 Equal Split Per Stage

(1ST PLACE STAGE 1 - \$160, 1ST PLACE STAGE 2 - \$160, 1ST PLACE STAGE 3 - \$160, 1ST PLACE STAGE 4 - \$160)

d. Derby payout from added money

Ex: 20 Open riders and 10 limited riders - \$20,000 purse money

Open Riders: \$20,000 x 70% = \$14,000

Ex: 20 open riders paid as follows:

1ST Place – Rider A \$14,000 x 50% = \$7,000

2ND Place – Rider B \$14,00 x 30% = \$4,200

3RD Place – Rider C \$14,000 x 20% = \$2,800

Non-Pro Riders: \$20,000 X 30% = \$6,000

Ex: 10 Non-Pro riders paid as follows (CMSA ratio chart):

1ST Place – Rider A \$6,000 x 60% = \$3,600

2ND Place – Rider B \$6,000 x 40% = \$2,400