

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FUTURITY

History and Overview

The American Brittany Club Futurities are Field Stakes and Shows established in late 1940's to showcase the breeding programs of Brittany breeders throughout the country and designed to encourage and reward the Brittanys who are promising representations of the breed in conformation and in the field. Such recognition is important to the breed for continued breed improvement. At its core, the Futurity is a Breeders Stake and seeks to highlight and reward the breeders, the backbone of our Breed, as well as the owners. This will be accomplished through the awarding of a cash purse derived from both nominating fees and forfeits.

The Futurity was strictly a field event until 1963 when Ann White inaugurated the Show Futurity. In this event, the dogs are separated by sex into three age brackets; Senior, Intermediate and Junior. The three class winners compete for first money; a reserve winner (second money) and a second reserve (third money) are chosen in each sex. First money male and first money female compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity.

In 2000 the Futurity Committee added the Gun Dog Futurity to accompany the All-Age Futurity. At the time of running, those that paid the final forfeits had to make the choice between All Age or Gun Dog as no dog could participate in both field events at the same sectional futurity, but a dog can run in the All-Age in one section and the Gun Dog in another if the owner so chooses.

Brittany Breeders, who must be members of the ABC, nominate their litters with the Futurity Litter Nomination Secretary within 60 days of whelping. The nomination application is available in the American Brittany Magazine, and can also be downloaded from the ABC website. Puppies from a nominated litter are then eligible to compete in the Field and Show Futurities held in the year that they turn 2 years old, provided a final forfeit fee has been paid by the owner.

Example: A puppy born in 2013 would be eligible to compete in 2015.

The National Futurity Secretary will supply Breeders with the paperwork and instructions for the new puppy owners so that they can pay the Final Forfeit. It is the breeder's responsibility to insure that owners receive this paperwork before the October 1st deadline of the Final Forfeit.

Owners will have the option of competing in 1, 2, or all 3 Sectional Futurities (Eastern, Central & Western). Once the final forfeit(s) have been paid, the National Futurity Secretary will mail a premium containing the entry form for the appropriate Sectional Futurity Field>Show events.

The standards for both the field and show events are established by the ABC Board of Directors.

~~All dogs must be owned by members of the ABC or their immediate family as described by the AKC. The ABC Futurities are established for the purpose of encouraging and benefiting breeders and owners of Brittanys. The trials and shows were inaugurated by the ABC and are conducted under their rules.~~

~~The following rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the ABC and are distributed to those making entries in the futurity through printing on the reverse side of all futurity entry forms.~~

National Futurity Chair

The National Futurity Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President, and be responsible to the Board of Directors for their actions and decisions. They ~~he~~ shall act at all times to protect the interests of the ABC and see that the events are run in accordance with the ABC ~~standards and~~ rules and guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

Each year, the National Futurity Committee Chair is responsible for submitting a report of activities and recommendations, to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting.

The National Futurity Chairman shall appoint the National Futurity Secretary to handle the duties of the Futurity. Chair shall also appoint the Litter Nominations Secretary, who may also serve as an assistant to the National Futurity Secretary. Both Secretaries serve on the National Futurity Committee and report to the Futurity Chairman. Both appointments are subject to the approval of the ABC President.

Duties of the National Futurity Chairman

1. The chairman shall act as advisor to the Litter Nominating Secretary in the acceptance of litter nominations and to the National Futurity Secretary in the acceptance of forfeits.
2. The chairman shall poll the futurity committee on all decisions concerning the acceptance or rejection of irregular nominations and forfeits. If a conflict of interest arises with any member of the futurity committee, they must excuse themselves from the decision.
3. The chairman shall keep records from the figures supplied by the Litter Nominating Secretary of the number of litters nominated, and report them at the annual board meeting.
4. Solicit and assist sectional ABC clubs in applying to host futurities and poll committee members for selection of futurity hosts. It is recommended to secure host clubs two to three years in advance to allow clubs and participants time to plan their futurity schedules.
5. The chairman shall coordinate the dates and locations so that a futurity event shall be available to as many members as possible. Before dates and locations are finalized they must clear the dates with the regional field trial dates committees
6. As soon as the dates and grounds are finally accepted they shall be sent to all ABC media: i.e.: ABC Website, ABC Magazine, and ABC Facebook.
7. The chairman shall poll the Futurity Committee to obtain the approval of the judges selected by the sectional manager in each section. If a conflict of interest arises with any member of the futurity committee, they must excuse themselves from the decision.
8. The chairman must be able to act in an advisory capacity to the Sectional Managers & Secretaries.
9. The chairman must keep in touch and ensure the Sectional Managers are following ABC rules & procedures.
10. The chairman after verification from the National Futurity Secretary, approves Purse pay outs for each sectional futurity.
11. The chairman must include a summary report of the events to the Board of Directors for the annual Board Meeting

1ST YEAR

1. The chairman shall make all decisions on the acceptance or rejection of irregular forfeits.
2. He shall act as advisor to the 1st year secretary in the acceptance of litter forfeits and to the futurity secretary in the acceptance of entries.
3. He shall keep records from the figures supplied by the First Futurity (2011) Secretary of the number of litters nominated, and report them to the club at the annual membership meeting.
4. During the late summer the chairman must poll his committee for the selection of futurity managers for each stake to be held the following year. The sectional managers must send their choice of grounds and dates to the chairman as soon as possible.
5. The chairman shall coordinate the dates and locations so that a futurity event shall be available to as many members as possible. Before dates and locations are finalized they must receive approval of the futurity committee.
6. The chairman shall then clear the dates with the regional field trial dates committees.
7. The futurity chairman must then receive approval of dates from the national field trial dates chairman. The grounds and dates should be firmed by the end of the year in order that the schedule for the field trials may be built around them.
8. As soon as the dates and grounds are finally accepted they shall be sent to the editor to be listed in "The American Brittany".

2ND YEAR

1. The chairman shall act as an advisor to the futurity secretary in the acceptance of entries.
2. He shall poll the futurity committee to obtain the approval of the judges selected by the various managers.
3. He must be able to act in an advisory capacity to the sectional managers.
4. He must keep in touch and be sure the sectional managers are following scheduled procedures as closely as possible.
5. He must submit a report at the conclusion of the events to the Board of Directors and to the annual membership meeting.

The President shall appoint an American Brittany Club Futurity Secretary to handle the duties of the Futurity. He may appoint a Litter Nominations Secretary to serve as an assistant to the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008)

Duties of the Litter Nominations Secretary

1ST YEAR – Litter Nominations Secretary

1. The litter nominations secretary shall see to the printing of all necessary litter forms.
2. ~~He/she~~ They shall receive and acknowledge all litter forfeits nominations.
3. ~~She~~ They must refer any irregular nominations to the Futurity Chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner so that all decisions may be made without bias. At no time may the secretary make decisions on irregular entries or policies.
4. ~~The futurity secretary~~ They shall report to the chairman on a regular basis the ~~forfeits~~ nominations received.
5. ~~She shall see that all money is deposited as directed by the treasurer. The Futurity Secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated; the number of litters whelped and sends them to the futurity chairman.~~ The money received shall be deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer.
6. The Futurity Secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated; ~~the number of litters whelped~~ and sends them to the National Futurity Chairman and National Futurity Secretary

2ND YEAR - Final Running Secretary ABC Futurity Secretary

1. ~~The futurity secretary must prepare a list of eligible litters for publication in the June or July "The American Brittany" magazine.~~
2. ~~About July 15 she must mail to each breeder of an eligible litter some entry forms and a cover letter requesting him to notify all interested persons who purchased a pup from his litter. This mailing must include the criteria for judging the field futurities~~
3. ~~The futurity secretary shall receive all September forfeits. (2000)~~
4. ~~The money received shall be deposited as directed by the ABC treasurer.~~
5. ~~The entries should be checked for eligibility consulting with the membership data chairperson to be sure all dogs are owned by members.~~
6. ~~All non-members shall be notified of the membership requirement.~~
7. ~~Entry fees shall be returned to those who do not choose to join~~
8. ~~All entries received without individual registration numbers shall be accepted as conditional and owners should be notified that the dogs may not compete unless numbers are received prior to the opening of the show or the drawing for the trial. Individual registration in any recognized stud book is adequate but litter registration is not.~~
9. ~~No refunds shall be made for dogs that the owners fail to register in time.~~

Duties of the National Futurity Secretary

1. They shall see to the printing of all necessary ~~forfeit & entry~~ forms.
2. They shall receive and acknowledge all ~~September~~ forfeits. (2000)
3. They must refer any irregular entries to the chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner so that all decisions may be made without bias.

4. They shall report to the chairman on a regular basis the forfeits received.
5. They shall see that all money is deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer. They also shall keep a record of the number of forfeits received, the number of futurity entries received, and send them to the National Futurity Chairman.
6. They must prepare a list of eligible litters for publication in the June or July "The American Brittany" magazine.
7. About July 15 they must mail to each breeder of an eligible litter some entry forms and a cover letter requesting them to notify all interested persons who purchased a pup from their litter. This mailing must include the Standard of Performance for the Field and Show Futurities as established by the ABC Board of Directors.
~~This mailing must include the criteria for judging the field futurities~~
8. ~~The entries should be checked for eligibility consulting with the membership data chairperson to be sure all dogs are owned by members.~~ The forfeits should be checked for eligibility consulting with the membership data chairperson to insure all dogs are owned or co-owned by ABC members. All non-members shall be notified of the membership requirements.
9. Forfeits fees shall be returned to those who choose not to join ABC.
10. All forfeits received without individual registration numbers shall be accepted as conditional and owners should be notified that the dogs cannot compete unless numbers are received prior to the opening of the show or the drawing for the trial. ~~Individual registration in any recognized stud book is adequate but litter registration is not~~ AKC registration is REQUIRED to compete in an ABC Futurity event. American Field registration is recommended.
11. No refunds shall be made for dogs that the owners fail to register in time.
12. They will send a list of eligible dogs, by class, to each Sectional Futurity Secretary when the premiums are ready to be distributed.
13. They will secure an ad in the American Field, advertising **each** of the 3 Sectional Field Events at least 45 days prior to the first event.
14. Order trophies, ribbons, and judges gifts for each section.
15. Upon verification and approval from the National Futurity Chairman of all awards, the National Futurity Secretary will inform the ABC Treasurer who the purse checks will be made out to and how much. Upon receiving the checks from the Treasurer, the checks will be distributed to the winners.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY, CONDITIONS AND RULES

1. All litters nominated must be registered in a recognized stud book, whelped on or after January 1st through December 31st in a given calendar year.
2. The Primary Breeder of record needs to be a member in Good Standing of the ABC when the litter is nominated and when they compete.
3. The owner of the sire is not required to be a member of the ABC.
4. All dogs competing in the American Brittany Club Futurity must be individually registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC). American Field registration is highly recommended.
5. The Primary owner of record needs to be a member in Good Standing of the ABC when submitting Final Forfeits and fees at event.
6. If a Futurity nominated puppy is sold, eligibility will continue to the new owner, provided the new owner/owners are members of the ABC in Good
7. It is recommended, but not required that all sires and dams of nominated litters have DNA profiles on file with the AKC.

Prior to 1/1/2004, nominations of the dam were to be made within 30 days after the bitch was bred, at which time the first \$10 forfeit was paid. A second \$10 forfeit was then to be paid before the litter reached 30 days of age.

Beginning 1/1/2004, the first and second forfeits are to be combined into a single "first forfeit" fee which must be paid within 30 days (judged by postmark) after whelping date. This simplifies record keeping for both the ABC and the litter owner. It also eliminates any confusion caused by "failure to whelp". The ABC Board of Directors will set the fees.

Litter Forfeits Nomination

Each ABC futurity shall be open to every purebred Brittany bitch and all her progeny whelped on or after January 1st of any given year. Bitches must be owned, co-owned or leased by a member of the ABC or by a member of the immediate family.

All dams nominated and all stud dogs used must be registered in a recognized stud book (2008) (Must be registered at time bred). Only dogs registered in a registry recognized by ABC will be eligible. (2008) (precludes registries not recognized by ABC)

Nominations of litters ~~dams~~must be made within 60 ~~30~~ days after the pups have been whelped, at which time the forfeit must be paid. Payment will entitle each puppy of this particular litter to be entered in the ABC Futurities Field (All-Age or Gun Dog) and/or Show upon fulfillment of requirements above ~~below~~. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors and can be found on the futurity form in "The American Brittany" magazine (2003) and on the ABC Website. The litter nomination fee is currently set at \$50.

Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 180 days from whelping (2011) Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 180 days from whelping. Late fees are \$50.00 for 61-90 days, and \$100.00 for 91-180 days. ~~with the following current fee schedule: Late fees are \$30 for 31-60 days, \$60 for 61-90 days and \$100 for any nomination received more than 90 days after whelping. No nominations will be accepted past 180 days after whelping (2008, Motion 21).~~ Late fees are \$30.00 for 31-60 days, an additional \$30.00 for 61-90 days and an additional \$100 for 90-180 days. (2011) Nominations after 180 days will be at the discretion of the Futurity Committee. Additional late fees may be imposed from time to time by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008)) (~~This defines late fees and provides for all litters to have the same amount of time within the penalty. (explanation in the minutes only)~~ The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations. (2003)

~~The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of final forfeits will be divided equally among the sections holding futurities (Base Purse). (2012)~~

~~The final forfeits due on October 1st shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid and added to the Base Purse above. (2012)~~

~~Field forfeits will be allocated based on the ratio of event entry (i.e. ratio of All Age to Gun Dog). After deduction of 10% administration fee for ABC, the balance will constitute the purse for that section. (Starting fees will be used to cover all expenses for the preparation and running of the events.) (2012)~~

Final Forfeit

On or before October 1st of the year following a pup's birth year, those owners wishing to compete in the Futurity must pay a final forfeit on entry forms furnished by the ABC. This Final Forfeit allows the dog to participate in any selected Sectional Futurity Event which includes the Field (All-Age or Gun Dog) and/or Show upon fulfillment of requirements above. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors . The Final Forfeit fee is currently set at \$50 per section.

For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee of \$50.00 for each section nominated (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31. No forfeits will be accepted after December 31st. Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations.

~~For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee of \$50.00 for each field and \$50.00 for each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31. (2000, 2010)~~
~~Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008)~~

Futurity Event Entry

The futurities are to be held **during the spring season**. Both All-Age and Gun Dog Field Futurities, and a Show Futurity will be offered at each of the Three Sectional Futurities.

On the final field entry, the participant must declare either the All Age or Gun Dog stake, since they cannot run in both at a sectional futurity. Current fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided. In addition, a starting fee, set by the ABC Board of Directors, must be paid before the start of the events. No dog may participate until its AKC registration number has been received by the ABC. *The current entry fees are \$55 for the field events and \$40 for the show.*

Show classes shall be divided by sex:

*Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January-April

*Intermediate classes shall be for dogs whelped May-August and

*Junior classes shall be for dogs whelped September – December

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Form of Payment of Fees

1. All fees required under the Futurity program must be made by check or money order.
All fees are to be paid in U.S. funds.
2. All fees are nonrefundable unless the dog or exhibitor is ineligible to compete under the selected a judging panel in the Sectional Futurity for which they are nominated. In such cases they will be given the option to switch sections or receive a refund for the 2nd forfeit minus any late fees.

Duties of the Host Club

GENERAL PROCEDURES

An official application to host a sectional futurity must be submitted to either the National ABC Futurity Secretary or the National ABC Futurity Chairman.

Applications are available from any member of the National Futurity Committee. ~~Forms are available from the Futurity Secretary or on the ABC Web Site.~~ Request should be made as early as possible, preferably at least a year in advance so that prospective participants can plan their travel schedules. The National Futurity Chair will review the application and distribute to the ABC Futurity Committee for discussion and approval. (2008)

~~Forms necessary for participation in the Futurity will be available on the ABC Web Site.~~ (2008)

~~The trial must be planned with the following in mind and each decision must be made with the thought of what will make the best trial and show for the most people in the area.~~

Procedures (2008)

~~Effective with the running in 2006 ABC will go 50/50 on the profit made by clubs hosting the ABC Futurities.~~ Effective with the running in 2014-profits make by Sectional clubs hosting the ABC Futurities will retain 70% of the profits with ABC receiving 30% of the profits. ABC will absorb reasonable losses based on the **Expenses** guideline. ABC will absorb reasonable losses based on the **Expenses** guideline guidelines listed. (2005) (Reinstated in 2008) (inadvertently left out of policy book) ~~ABC will absorb losses only in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as weather problems, requiring the Futurity to be run on an additional day. Regional costs are not extenuating circumstances.~~ (2008) The ABC Futurity Chairman must approve expenditures prior to final settlement with the host clubs by the ABC Treasurer. (2008) Final settlement with regional clubs will not be forwarded by the ABC Treasurer until all write ups, pictures, and expense documentation have been received and approved. (2008) The National Futurity Chairman must approve expenditures prior to final settlement with the Sectional host clubs. Final settlement with Sectional host clubs will not be forwarded by the ABC Treasurer until all write ups, pictures, and expense documentation have been received and approved.

Nominal costs of running a trial and show with in the entry fees are acceptable expenses.

~~Regional~~ Sectional host clubs must provide their own insurance. (2008)

The futurity entry fee monies are to be mailed to the ABC ~~Treasurer~~ National Futurity Secretary at the closing of entries for the event. (2008)

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The ABC National Futurity Secretary is responsible for the "American Field" listing, printing and mailing of entry forms (2008) as well as judges gifts (2008) ~~and these amounts will be charged against your budget. There is no AKC license fee nor any recording fees to pay to the ABC.~~ There will not be any AKC license fee, or any recording fees to pay to the ABC. There is no charge for any publicity you might desire in "The American Brittany", or for ads in that publication. You should submit requests ~~directly to the magazine~~ to the ABC National Futurity Chairman.

Upon receipt of the marked catalog, the National Futurity Secretary shall send a listing of money amounts and recipients to the National Futurity Chair for approval. checks for the winners and breeders will be made out by the ABC Treasurer (or National Futurity Secretary), then sent to the National Futurity Secretary who will deliver them to the recipients of the awards ~~treasurer and sent to the ABC futurity secretary, who will deliver them in person or by mail, to the recipients of the awards.~~ In a case where the recipient of the award cannot be located, the award shall revert to ABC. The ABC Treasurer shall pay for Futurity expenses billed directly to ABC (such as American Field ad, trophies, judges' gifts, etc.)

All owner's checks, field, show and dual, are made to the PRIMARY OWNER AND BREEDER OF THE DOG as declared on the Futurity Litter Nomination and Sectional Futurity Entry.

~~All owner's checks, field, show and dual, are made to the OWNER OF THE DOG. A copy of the purse payment schedule will be supplied by the treasurer and should be posted in a prominent place at both the show and field trial. Under no circumstance is a purse payment to be made other than as described here.~~

~~No detailed budget is suggested due to variance in expenses from area to area.~~ Host club(s) should prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the Futurity Chairman for approval.(2008). But remember to stay within your budget. Remember to try and make the trial and show worthy of the classification of a National ABC event.

The Section Manager and Section Secretary are eligible to compete in the event and are dogs they bred or co-own, however they should not be involved with the selection or hiring of the judges for the show or field.

Duties of the Section Futurity Manager

1. The section manager shall have full responsibility for the running of the show and field trial subject to the ABC rules and subject to the authority of the National Futurity Chairman.
2. They shall appoint a sectional futurity secretary who shall receive all final field and show entries.
3. They shall appoint a show chairman and a trial chairman. If they so desire they may serve in the capacity of chairman of either or both events..
4. During the running of the event, they shall be in contact with the National Futurity Chairman, or any National Futurity committee member if the chairman is unavailable to answer any questions which may arise.

Duties of the Sectional Futurity Secretary

1. They must insure that the selected Judges (field and show) have a copy of the ABC Futurity Standard of Performance at least a month prior to the events.
2. They shall receive the final entries and fees and confirm receipt of entries to participants. Entries shall close at least a week before the event is held.
3. All entries must be checked for eligibility with the listing supplied by the National Futurity Secretary.
4. Any irregular entries should be checked with the National Futurity Chairman and/or National Futurity Secretary.
5. Any entries sent in error to the National Futurity Secretary shall be honored if received before the closing date.
6. At the close of entries, the Sectional Futurity Secretary shall inform the National Futurity Secretary of the number of entries in each event (Gun Dog, All-Age, and Show) and send all checks to the National Futurity Secretary for deposit. It is recommended for the sectional futurity secretary to make photocopies of all checks prior to mailing.
7. They shall develop the show catalog from the current information provided by the National Futurity Secretary. A catalog template is available from the National Futurity Committee.
8. When the show and trial begins, the Sectional Futurity Secretary shall perform such duties as normally fall to a field trial and/or show secretary.
9. IMPORTANT things to remember: Be sure you have the correct name of the owner on all money winners, show and field. Remember to check the AKC registration number on all placing dogs. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any of these dogs start without an AKC registration number. This is the responsibility of the Sectional Secretary and/or Section Manager.
10. Within thirty (30) days of the completion of the futurity, the Sectional Futurity Secretary must send the following to the National Futurity Secretary:
 - All entry forms
 - two (2) marked copies of the show judge's book, one signed by the show judge
 - field trial results, signed by the field trial judges
 - full financial report to the ABC National Futurity Secretary
 - write-ups for the All-Age, Gun Dog stakes, and the Show
 - pictures for All-Age, Gun Dog, and Show (photos needed are group and individual photos of all winners plus the Dual Award winner)
11. The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results photos and write-up to the ABC National Futurity Secretary. After 30 days, a \$25.00 penalty plus \$1.00 a day after 30 days will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for each sectional futurity. Therefore, it might be prudent for the sectional futurity secretary to be a member of the sponsoring club.

DUTIES OF THE SECTIONAL FUTURITY SECRETARY

1. The sectional futurity secretary shall receive the final entries and fees. Entries shall close uniformly a week before the event is held.
2. All entries must be checked for eligibility with the listing supplied by the futurity secretary.

3. Any irregular entries should be checked with the chairman and/or futurity secretary.
4. Any entries sent in error to the futurity secretary shall be honored if received before the closing date.
5. The sectional futurity secretary shall send checks for deposit to the treasurer as soon after receipt as practical, using transmittal forms supplied by the treasurer or futurity secretary.
6. At the time of closing of entries the sectional futurity secretary shall send an account of the number of show and field entries and the balance of the checks for deposit in the futurity fund as directed by the treasurer. In case any checks are returned. (Revised 2008)
7. The sectional futurity secretary shall send all checks to the treasurer for deposit. The sectional futurity secretary shall develop the show catalog from the current information provided by the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008)
8. When the show and trial begin, the sectional futurity secretary shall perform such duties as normally fall to a field trial and/or show secretary
9. Within one week of the completion of the trial all entry forms, a list of field winners and two marked copies of the show judge's book must be sent to the futurity secretary. Be absolutely sure the correct owners' names are given on all money winners, show and field.
10. Send a marked catalog with field and show placements to the treasurer.
11. Send a full financial report to the ABC Futurity Final Running Secretary at the end of the trial. (The treasurer will furnish you with a sample to follow in submitting this report.)
12. Within one week of completion of the trial send the ABC futurity secretary your write-up and pictures for both the field and show. The ABC futurity secretary will be responsible for sending the write up to "The American Brittany" magazine and the "American Field".
13. The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results photos and write up to the ABC final running secretary. After 20 days, a \$25.00 penalty plus \$1.00 a day after 20 days will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for the regional futurities. Therefore, it might be prudent for the sectional futurity secretary to be a member of the sponsoring club.
14. IMPORTANT things to remember: Be sure you have the correct name of the owner on all money winners, show and field. Remember to check the registration number on all dogs that are listed by the futurity secretary as needing numbers. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any of these dogs start without a registration number. It shall be your duty to watch these things; do them correctly yourself or check that the sectional manager does them properly.

Budget

Sectional Host Clubs must run the Futurity trial and show from the entry fees received. The budget shall be based on the current fees established by the Board of Directors for each field entry and each show entry. (*It is recommended to estimate the amount by taking 60-70% of the*

number of those who pay the Final forfeit, which shall be supplied by the National Futurity Secretary after the forfeit deadline.)

~~You MUST run your trial and show from the entry fees received. Your budget shall be based on the current fees established by the Board of Directors for each field entry and each show entry. The amount should be estimated by taking 60% of the number of those who pay the final (2011) forfeit which shall be supplied by the futurity secretary and/or the treasurer soon after entries close on that date. You are requested to budget your funds carefully and, under NO circumstances, go over your budget without clearing it with the futurity chairman. (2000)(2001)~~

The American Field ad will be paid by ABC and covered by the 10% administrative cost deduction from the overall purse.

Premium printing/mailing costs, judge's gifts and trophies cost are to be paid for ABC but will be included in the final settlement.

~~The American Field ad, trophies, judge's gifts, and premium printing/mailing costs paid by ABC will be included in the final settlement.~~ The sectional host club shall submit a claim for the expenses to the ABC Treasurer for reimbursement. Major expenses such as Judges Expenses, Grounds and show site rental, horse rental for Judges, birds, etc, must be documented by a receipt or other appropriate documentation. The host club shall use their own club checks and be reimbursed for expenditures by the ABC Treasurer. Any advance will be included in the final settlement between the host club and the ABC. (2008)

If an ABC futurity host club requires a cash advance, this advance must be approved by the National futurity chairman and cannot exceed the ABC's share of the futurity purse. (ABC's share of the purse is 10% of the forfeits less expenses)

Reporter: The reporter is generally paid for ~~his~~ their horse.

Expenses

Both field and show judges should be paid travel expenses to and from the futurity, if the budget will allow. (2008). It has always been the judge's decision as to method of travel with the club picking up airfare or if driving, give them the option of reimbursement of actual expense (gas, lodging, and per diem for meals) or a flat fee. ~~or mileage (last set price of \$.25 per mile)~~ Horse rental for the field judges is also an appropriate expense. (2008). Some show judges set a flat rate that covers travel as well as the fee. If the field or show judges selected are on the grounds to judge or compete at the sectional trial or show, before or after the futurity, travel and judges expenses should be pro-rated (2008), but this is at the discretion of the host club. It is recommended that the club have a written agreement with judges (both show & field) outlining their estimated expenses and establishing the maximum amount allowable.

Section manager, show and field trial secretaries: These all fall into the same category, , they should be left to the various individuals for reimbursement. They may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses if they request it. ~~Printing, postage, telephone are the basic expenses.~~ No personal expenses.

Reporters

The reporter for each field stake may be someone who is running a dog in that particular stake, and must ride every brace. It is recommended that at the conclusion of the running of the field events, each stake reporter confers with both judges to insure that they have an accurate account of what the judges observed during that event. It is preferred that the reporter is secured prior to the event's running.

Grounds

The locations should be as well distributed as possible. The Eastern futurity includes the east coast and east central regions. The Central is for central and Midwest regions. And the Western for the west coast regions. It is not advisable to have the eastern on the west side of the area the same year the central is held on the east edge of their territory.

~~Ideally, The grounds should have enough continuous courses so that no ground shall be covered more than twice a day.~~

Native birds should be available enough to allow for proper running of continuous courses, if possible. They may be supplemented with released birds in such an approved manner as to reasonably insure birds on every course and in as natural a condition as possible. Birds cannot be hobbled or shackled. Should the bird population prove too low for proper judging, a second series with planted birds may be run at the discretion of the judges.

See duties of the chairman and section manager for procedures for obtaining and approving grounds.

Dates

The futurities are to be held during the spring season, just before a sectional trial, or immediately following a sectional trial. ~~The futurities are to be held during the week, just before a regional trial, or immediately following a regional trial during the spring season. (2008, 2010)~~ Both field events (all age and gun dog) will be offered. They may be run simultaneously or to follow at the host clubs discretion. They cannot conflict with the Futurity Show. It should be kept in mind that some amateur handlers involved may find a mid -week trialing impossible competition difficult. The dates of the sectional futurities must be approved by the National Futurity Committee.

The choice of dates should hinge on the time the best grounds can be obtained, the optimum conditions for trialing and the time that will draw the best entry. Dates for the futurities are subject to approval of the futurity committee.

Judges Selection

Judges should be carefully selected and the choice made of top judges that the Sectional Host Club's budget will allow ~~in your area or in the adjoining areas if the budget can be stretched that far.~~—The "Standard of Performance for Brittany Futurity" must be sent to the selected judges for the sectional futurity (field & show) at least a month prior to the event, and the dogs should be judged according to those criteria. Judges should be those who recognize a class dog. Because in this event, dogs with future potential to improve the breed, should be selected. ~~The "Standard of~~

~~Performance for Brittany Futurity" shall be sent to the selected judges for the field trial and the trial shall be judged according to those criteria. Judges should be those who recognize a class dog because in this event dogs with future potential to improve the breed should be selected. A no judge may not officiate in more than one sectional futurity, field and/or show, in the same year. However the same person may judge the field (all age, gun dog, or both) event in one section and the show in another.~~ If qualified, the same judge may be used for the field and show event. (2008) (Revised language)

No judge should have an interest by virtue of ownership, co-ownership, of sire, dam, immediate siblings (or an involved stud) in a futurity event that they are asked to judge. Breeders of eligible litters may not be selected. Individuals and/or handlers may not run/show a dog under a judge whom they co-own dogs with, or currently have had trained and or/handled by that particular judge before the futurity event. For all other questions of eligibility the AKC rules apply. The choice of judges must be approved by the Futurity Committee. If the judges selected are also on the grounds to judge the sectional trial before or after the futurity, travel expenses should be pro-rated.

~~No judge should have an interest in the stake by virtue of ownership or an involved stud. Breeders of eligible litters may not be selected. See SHOW PROCEDURES for points on the selection of a show judge. The choice of judges must be approved by the futurity committee.~~ (2008)

Since the final choice of judges must be approved by the Futurity Committee, the host club must submit a list of prospective judges to the National Futurity Chairman before asking that judge for a commitment.

*It is preferable to have separate judges for All Age and Gun Dog field events; however, in the case of very few entries and limited entry fees to pay expenses, the same judges may judge both the All Age and Gun Dog Field Events.

Bitches in Season

In case of scratches, the field trial committee shall determine and announce before the running whether dogs shall be run alone or moved down to the next incomplete brace. In the case of bitches that come in heat after the stake has commenced, they shall be dropped down to the last brace.

Blank Pistol

A blank pistol, .22 or .32 caliber, must be used. The use of .22 crimps or shotguns is not permitted. Pistols must be closed barrel.

Tracker Collars

The use of tracker collars is permitted in accordance with current AKC rules & regulations.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE FOR ABC FUTURITIES

THE JUDGING THE FIELD FUTURITY

The Futurity field stakes (All-Age and Gun Dog) are run under the rules of the ABC and sanctioned by the American Field. The rules of the American Field apply unless contrary to the provisions of the ABC Futurity Program. It shall be judged on the Standard of Performance adopted by the ABC Board of Directors. There should be four placements awarded in each stake. Braces should be 30 minutes, and it is at the judges' discretion if a second series. or callbacks are needed. Placements should be awarded to the "Best Dogs" in the stake. Finding birds on the course should be a primary objective, however as these field events are conducted under rules of the ABC /American Field and not AKC, a placement without bird work on the course is permissible. Also, as an American Field event, the five minute out of judgment rule does not have to be applied, and the judges so advised. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all matters relating to the field trial performance of all the dogs.

TRIAL PROCEDURE

~~The stakes are not recognized by the AKC but is are run under the ABC and the American Field. It shall be judged on the "Standard of performance" adopted by the ABC Board of Directors. Braces shall be ½ hour; if a second series is necessary, it is at the judges' discretion as to the length of time and the use of wild or planted birds. Since this is not an AKC event, the five minute out of judgment rule does not have to be applied, and the judges so advised.~~

~~The drawing may be conducted as a straight from the hat procedure if you desire with the following exceptions. All bitches in heat should be declared before the drawing. The rest of the field is drawn and then the bitches in heat are drawn. If an uneven number should require that the first bitch be run with the last dog from the regular draw, and such dog is a male, that male shall be switched with the last female in the regular draw. If this should result in handler conflict the next to the last female in the regular draw shall be switched instead, etc.~~

~~In the case of scratches, the field trial committee shall determine and announce before the running whether dogs shall be run alone or moved down to the next incomplete brace. In the case of bitches that come in heat after the stake has commenced, they shall be dropped down to the last brace. In case of any places being withheld, the money awards for those places shall revert to The ABC's general fund.~~

~~There shall be four places awarded. Placements should be awarded to the "BEST DOGS" in the stake. Finding birds on the course should be primary concern, however as these field events are conducted under rules of the American Field and not AKC a placement without bird work on the course is permissible.(2008) As such the five minute out of judgment rule does not have to be applied and the judges so advised. (2008)~~

ALL- AGE (Optional Horseback)

~~Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship All Age Brittanys. They shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. The dog must **should** (2008) locate and point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they~~

~~shall be judged for their intelligence in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished All Age manner. The dog must respond to the handler but shall not be penalized for being more independent than an adult dog. A dog that handles at the extreme edges of the course shall be preferred over one that needs a scout to keep him on course, but both shall be preferred over a dog that does not have sufficient range for an All Age dog."~~

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Championship All Age Brittanys. The all-age dog is a free spirit and fills up all the available country (plus a little more) in a bold and sometimes reckless manner, yet ultimately acknowledges the control exerted by his handler and courses to the front in such a pattern as to maintain periodic, suitable contact with the handler. The judges should examine the total performance of the dog with range being kept foremost in mind. Range is the essential ingredient of an all-age dog, and it should take precedence over and not be compromised for a shorter performance no matter how immaculate the bird work of the latter. The dog must respond to the handler but shall not be penalized for being more independent than an adult dog. A dog that handles at the extreme edges of the course shall be preferred over one that needs a scout to keep him on course, but both shall be preferred over a dog that does not have sufficient range for an All-Age dog. They shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished All-Age manner.

GUN DOG (FOOT HANDLED ONLY) (2008) (added Gun Dog Stake Performance Standard)

~~Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship Gun Dog Brittanys. They exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold attractive style, intelligence in quartering (2008 (motion 22) and seeking objectives, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds.~~

~~The dog must should (2008) locate and point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence and consistency of application in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished manner indicating their future potential as a high class Gun Dog. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times, at a suitable Gun Dog range. (2011) It must cover adequate ground, but not range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a class Gun Dog. (2011)~~

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship Gun Dog Brittanys. They shall exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold, attractive style, intelligence in seeking objectives, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence and consistency of application in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished manner, indicating their future potential as a high class Gun Dog. Throughout the brace, a Gun Dog must adjust his pace and range to prevailing cover conditions. When the cover is heavy and tight, he will naturally hunt closer. When the cover "opens up" he should naturally adjust to the opportunity to hunt more distant, inviting objectives that may be productive. Natural adaptability is the mark of a superb bird dog, and excessive calling or hacking by the handler to accomplish satisfactory ranging - either closer or wider - is detracting from the dog's performance. It must cover adequate ground but should never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a class Gun Dog.

THE JUDGING THE SHOW FUTURITY SHOW

The AKC rules for Dog Shows applies to the Futurity events unless contrary to the provisions of the ABC Futurity program.

The Futurity Show Judge is to be familiar with the AKC Brittany standard. It is recommended but not required, that the judge should have attended the ABC Judges Education seminar within the last 5 years.

We encourage that equal consideration be given to each of the classes regarding Best Male in Futurity and Best Female in Futurity realizing that the more youthful dogs will be less mature, and provided those points of immaturity are normal and appropriate for the breed at that time in development, they should not be penalized.

Judges are not to anticipate what the dogs will look like in the future. Instead, they are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of your ability, following the AKC Brittany breed standard.

The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field shape (**2008**) as many of the entries are entered in both the field and the show events. No dogs are to be measured in the Futurity Show.

~~It is recommended that the person in charge of the show should have conducted an AKC licensed specialty show. held in conjunction with a field trial. (**deleted 2008**)~~

~~An AKC licensed judge does not need to be used. Most licensed judges charge more than can be afforded and many will not judge an event that is not AKC approved. It has been the custom to use a Brittany person who is an AKC licensed judge, a professional show handler who has shown quite a few Brittanys, or a breeder who has had experience judging sanction matches. The choice of a judge must be approved by the futurity committee **Chairman (2008)**.~~

~~The futurity show should be held in conjunction with the trial. It may be indoors or on the trial grounds, wherever appropriate space is available.~~

Show classes shall be divided by sex

Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January – April

Intermediate classes for dogs whelped May - August

Junior classes for dogs whelped September – December

ORDER OF CLASSES TO BE RUN

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Junior Males | Males born September/December |
| Intermediate Males | Males born May/August |
| Senior Males | Males born January/April |

Winners

The winners of the three (3) preceding classes are judged against each other and the best male is chosen, then the second best (chosen like reserve winner at a regular show) and then third best

(chosen like a second reserve winner) The rule to follow is that after the judge chooses his winner, the dog that placed next below the winner is brought into the ring to compete with the two unplaced dogs. There shall always be three (3) dogs in competition. The three (3) top males receive money prizes.

Bitches are judged in the same order as the males were judged.

Best & Best of Opposite in Futurity: the 1st Money Male and 1st Money Female compete for this award.

~~Best in Futurity The best male and best bitch compete for this award.~~

Be sure the judge marks his book and that absentees are crossed out (or marked "Abs" or "DNS") and all winners noted. The judge must sign the results sheet or catalogue in use during the competition.

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURITY SHOW

It is the host club responsibility to prepare the Show Catalog.

It is recommended that the person in charge of the show should have conducted an AKC licensed show. It has been the custom to use an AKC licensed judge, a Brittany breeder, or a professional show handler. AKC licensed judges do not need to be used.

The choice of the judges, both field and show, must be approved by the National Futurity committee.

The Futurity show may be held indoors, on the trial grounds, or wherever appropriate space is available.

The judge is not to see the show catalog containing the AKC information of participants before or during judging. A blank judge's book must be used. A template is available from the National Futurity Committee.

~~The show judge shall be provided with a copy of the "Judging Procedure" in order to ensure correct class and money placement. (2008)~~

STEWARDS

Two people are suggested, one to check dogs into the ring and one to pass out armbands, round up participants and answer questions.

TROPHIES

The National Futurity ~~final running~~ Secretary is responsible for acquiring all trophies and ribbons and they shall be uniform for all sectional futurities. (1989) The trophies and ribbons will be sent to the Sectional Futurity Secretary before the event in a timely manner.

FIELD

Rosettes for four places, the usual colors, without the AKC seal, and a trophy for each placement.

SHOW

Purple and gold rosette for BEST IN FUTURITY

Red and white rosette for BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX.

Green rosette for DUAL FUTURITY

Six sets of ribbons (or rosettes) 1st thru 4th, regular colors: blue, red, yellow and white

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 2nd place male

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 2nd place female

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 3rd place male

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 3rd place female

Any futurity trophies/ribbons, not awarded, must be returned to the National Futurity Secretary.

~~Any futurity trophies not awarded should be kept in a safe place and the ABC futurity secretary notified of the location.~~

DUAL FUTURITY AWARD POINT SYSTEM

SHOW

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Best in Futurity | 6 points |
| Best of Opposite Sex | 5 points |
| 2nd Male Money | 4 points |
| 2nd Female Money | 4 points |
| 3rd Male Money | 3 points |
| 3rd Female Money | 3 points |
| 1st in any class | 2 points |
| 2nd in any class | 1 point |
| 3rd in any class | ½ point |
| 4th in any class | ¼ point |
| EXCEPT that if | |
| 2 entries in a class 1st in class | ¼ point |
| 3 entries in a class 1st in class | ½ point |
| 2nd in classss | ¼ point |
| 4 entries in class | |
| 1st in class | 1 point |
| 2nd in class | ½ point |
| 3rd in class | ¼ point |

FIELD (ALL AGE & GUN DOG)

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| 1st place | 6 points |
| 2nd place | 5 points |
| 3rd place | 4 points |
| 4th place | 3 points |

Points may be counted for only one award in the best (the highest received)

In case of a Tie, Multiple Dual awards will be presented. Dual award prize money will be split between the winners and an additional trophy and ribbon will be provided at a later date. In case of a Tie, ~~Multiple Dual awards will be presented. Dual award prize money will be split between the winners and an additional trophy and ribbon will be provided at a later date.~~ (2008) (Adds,

~~duplicate award instead of tie breaker)~~ Morion 22, 2008 DEFEATED . Should remain as prior to 2008: If there is a tie, the highest placing field dog shall be declared the winner.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual award.

Remember a dog cannot win points for getting a ribbon in a class unless he defeats at least one dog. ~~A dog cannot win points toward the dual dog award unless he defeats at least one dog in the field and the show.~~ (2008)

TRIAL AND SHOW

~~The trials and shows shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the ABC, and shall be announced at least 60 days before the day set for the commencement.~~

~~On or before October 1st of the year following a pup's birth year those owners expecting to start dogs must describe their entries on blanks furnished by the ABC and pay on each a forfeit for each trial and for each show in which it is planned to participate.~~ (2008, ~~2010~~) This payment shall be referred to as the final forfeit ~~(2010)~~.

~~On the final field entry you must declare either All Age or Gun Dog. Current fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided. In addition, a starting fee, set by the ABC Board of Directors, must be paid before the start of the events. No dog may participate until its registration number has been received by the ABC.~~ (2000)(2001) All dogs must be owned by members of the American Brittany Club (ABC) or their immediate family as described by the AKC. (2008) ~~(added to set member criteria)~~

~~For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee of \$50.00 for each field and \$50.00 for each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31.~~ (2000, ~~2010~~) Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008)

~~Show classes shall be divided by sex. Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January—April, Intermediate classes shall be for dogs whelped May—August and Junior classes shall be for dogs whelped September—December.~~

PURSE

The base purse constitutes the litter nominations, less all secretary expenses, incurred up to the closing of the final forfeit. The base purse will be divided equally among the sections holding futurities.

The final forfeit purse constitutes the total final forfeits and shall be allocated to the designated section. The total purse consist of the base purse and the final forfeit purse. After the deduction of 10% for the ABC Administrative Fee, this will constitute the gross purse for each section.

The gross purse will be allocated based on the ratio of event entries (i.e. ratio of all age, gun dog, and show entries) after the 5% deduction from the purse for the Dual Dog Award if applicable, for that section. All expenses for the preparation and running of the event will be covered by the starting fees. Purse winnings will be paid to the recipients by the ABC, after verification by the National Futurity Secretary, and approval from the National Futurity Chairman.

The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of entries the final forfeit date, will be divided equally ~~between-amoung~~ the sections holding futurities (**Base purse**). The **final** forfeits due on **October 1st** ~~final forfeit date~~ shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid and added to the base amount above. **Field forfeits will be allocated based on ratio of event entry (i.e. ratio of all age to gun dog)**. ~~This, After the deduction of 10% Administration Fee for the ABC, the balance will constitute the purse for that section. (starting fees will be used to cover a~~**All expenses for the preparation and running of the events) will be covered by the starting fees.** (2000-2001, 2010, 2012, Motion 18)

The base purse will be divided in the following manner: 1/3 all age, 1/3 gun dog, 1/3 show. Two-thirds of the entire purse (Base and final forfeits) will go to the owners of record of the winners at the time the event is held, with 1/3 to the breeders of the winners. to be paid to the recipients by the national futurity secretary Prize funds will be paid to the recipients by the National ABC Treasurer after verification by the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008) (Revised wording 2010)

In the field, division of the purse shall be 40% for first, 30% ~~25%~~ for second, 20% for third and 10% ~~10%~~ for fourth. Two thirds to the Primary owner and 1/3 to the Primary breeder indicated on the final entry form.

In the show the division of the purse shall be:

Best in Futurity 40%

Best of Opposite Sex 30%

2nd place male (and female) 10%

3rd place male (and female) 5%

Two thirds to the Primary owner and 1/3 to the Primary breeder indicated on the final entry form .

Any winnings designated and not awarded shall revert to the ABC back to into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

CHECKS

~~The purse shall be figured by the ABC treasurer and checks shall be made out for the correct amounts for the various winners. All checks for the owners of the winners are signed by the treasurer and sent to the national futurity secretary for distribution. – (2008 redundant – see page 97)~~

DUAL FUTURITY

The dual futurity winner in each section will receive 5% of the gross purse for that section, divided 2/3 to the owner and 1/3 to the breeder. The owner's winnings must be paid to the

registered owner. If no dual futurity winner is named, the 5% will revert to the ABC back into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual dog award. (see Dual Dog point Schedule). (2008) (reworded). Any winnings designated above and not awarded shall revert to the the ABC back into the Sectional Futurity Purse. (2008) (reference to Dual Award, same as other winnings)

AUCTION

All ABC sponsored events i.e. Futurities, Summer Specialty Show, National Specialty Show, Open All Age Championship, Amateur All Age Championship, Gun Dog National Championships, and Classics or any other events as may arise, coordinate activities related to fund raising with the National Auction Committee and submit all anticipated and contacted solicitation and donor lists to the chairman of that committee. (2000)
Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000) Exception: Brittany (Rescue Organizations) (2002)

Protests Regarding Eligibility or Misconduct

Any protest regarding eligibility or misconduct is handled as provided by the AKC Dealing with Misconduct, replacing the AKC with the ABC National Futurity Chairman with regard to notification. Any protests must be sent to the ABC National Futurity Chairman, and made within 10 days of the completion of the event, in writing, and signed by the individual(s) filing the complaint.

In case of any places being disqualified the money awards for those places not awarded shall revert back into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

In case of any places being withheld, the money awards for those places shall revert back into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

Futurity Terms and Definitions

The following words have specific meaning in the Futurity Program. When the word is used in the document it is capitalized to indicate that it is a defined term.

AKC – American Kennel Club

AKC Registration Certificate – The document provided by the AKC listing a dog's name, breed, color, sire, dam, breeder, owner, number, sex and date of birth. The Registration Certificate lists the date the certificate was issued.

Bench Show (or Conformation Dog Show) – A competitive exhibition for dogs at which the dogs are judged in accordance with an established standard of that particular breed.

Breeder – A person who breeds dogs, and under AKC rules, is the owner (or if the Dam was leased, the lessee) of the Dam when the Dam was bred. This is the person, or persons, listed on

the AKC Registration Certificate of the Get (puppies) and is considered the breeder of record. In the event there are multiple breeders, the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the ABC.

Brace – A pair of dogs (2 dogs).

Bye – A single dog in competition.

Dam – The female parent of a dog

Derby Stake – An AKC performance standard used in Field Trials

Field Trial (pointing) – A competition in which pointing breeds are judged on their ability and style in finding and pointing game.

Futurity – A non-regular competition at a designated specialty show or field trial for young dogs that recognizes and awards dogs who most closely conform to the approved AKC breed or performance standard. The competition requires a series of nominations from a Breeder and payment of associated fees by the Breeder and/or owner of the Get prior to the date on which the Futurity is judged.

Futurity Year – Is a calendar year.

Get – The offspring from the breeding of the Dam to the Sire.

Member in Good Standing –A person who has paid annual membership dues for the current year and who is not suspended from the AKC or ABC membership.

Owner of the Get – The owner of the Get as listed on the AKC Registration Certificate. In the event there are multiple owners the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate, that is a Member in Good Standing, is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the ABC.

Owner of the Sire – The owner of the Sire or frozen semen, (see AKC rules for ownership of frozen semen) when the Dam was bred to the Sire. In the event there are multiple owners, the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate that is a Member in Good Standing, is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the ABC.

Premium List - A flyer published by the club hosting an event giving details of the event and providing an entry form.

Primary Breeder – first breeder listed on the litter nomination form

Primary Owner – first person listed on the futurity entry form

Sire – The male parent of a dog.

Stake – At a Field Trial, a category in which dogs based on their eligibility to compete. It may be an age or skill level.