

## 2015 EMAIL MOTION

### ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### MOTION TO ADD THE CKC TO LIST OF FUTURITY RECOGNIZED REGISTRIES

**MOTION BY:** Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director

**SECONDED BY:** Andi Christensen, Midwest Director

**MOTION MADE & SECONDED:** May 29, 2015

**DISCUSSION FOR 7 DAYS:** Sat. May 30 – Fri., June 5, 2015

**VOTES ACCEPTED FOR 5 DAYS:** Sat. June 6 – Wed. June 10, 2015

**MOTION: I move to include the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) as a recognized registry to compete in the ABC Futurity. Add the following to the ABC Futurity Policy Sections.**

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#10. All forfeits received without individual AKC, **CKC**, or FDSB 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. AKC, **CKC**, or American Field registration is REQUIRED to compete in an ABC Futurity event.

Page 5 - General eligibility condition and rules:

4. All dogs competing in the American Brittany Club Futurity must be individually registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), **Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)**, or American Field (FDSB). It is encouraged for dogs to be registered with both AKC and FDSB.

Page 6 - Under Futurity Event Entry

Current entry fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided by the ABC National Futurity Secretary in the Section Futurity premium. In addition, the Entry Fee must be paid by the closing date of the Sectional Futurity in which the puppy is intending to compete. The closing date will be listed on the premium, and the date of the drawing. No dog may participate until its AKC, **CKC**, or American Field registration number has been received by the ABC. The current entry fees are \$60 for the field events and \$40 for the show.

Page 9 - DUTIES of the SECTIONAL FUTURITY 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, **CKC, and/or FDSB** registration number on all placing dogs. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any of these dogs start without an AKC, **CKC**, or FDSB registration number. This is the responsibility of the Sectional Secretary and/or Section Manager.

Friendly Amendment added to original motion on June 3, 2015 with no objections registered. It reads as follows:

In addition, I move to make the following friendly amendment changes in green to the Futurity policy approved at the 2014 ABC BOD meeting. Each item is to be voted on individually.

#1 - Include the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) as a recognized registry to compete in the ABC Futurity.

#2 - ABC Treasurer calculate the Futurity purse. (see attached)

#3 - Change the bracing section of the futurity policy. (see attached)

#4 – Firearm & Tracking collar section of the futurity policy. (see attached)

**COMPLETE NEWLY REVISED FUTURITY POLICY CAN BE VIEWED ON THE ABC WEBSITE NEWS SECTION AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2015 POLICY BOOK ALSO ON THE ABC WEBSITE AS SOON AS IT CAN BE UPDATED. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MARY JO TRIMBLE**

DIRECTOR	YES	NO	ABSTAINED	NO VOTE
D. Dow				xx
K. Hanson	X all 4			
B. Fleury	X all 4			
K. Patterson	X all 4			
B. Hendrickson	X all 4			
R. Gulembo	X all 4			
J. Brigham	X all 4			
S. Ralph	X all 4			
T. Jagielski	X all 4			
M. Karbiner	X all 4			
A. Christensen	X all 4			
E. Tillson	X all 4			
J. Henderson	X all 4			
J. Gower	X all 4			
R. Tomasi	X all 4			

14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Abstained 1 Dow Not Voting  
**MOTION PASSED.**

# AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FUTURITY

## History and Overview

The American Brittany Club Futurities are Field Stakes and Shows established in the 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 representatives 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 who are 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.

Brittany dams and their litters are nominated by their breeder within 60 days of whelping. The nominating breeder must be a full member of the ABC and sign the litter nomination form. All breeder purse winnings will be paid to this nominating breeder. Litter nominations are accepted up until 6 months after whelping, but late fees apply. 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. **The owner must be a current full member of the ABC at the time of the Sectional Futurity competition.**

Example: A puppy born in 2015 would be eligible to compete in 2017.

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 ensure that owners receive this paperwork before the October 1st deadline of the Final Forfeit. Final forfeits are accepted until December 31st, but late fees apply.

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 National Futurity Committee and approved by the ABC Board of Directors.

## Futurity Committee

The Futurity Committee is comprised of the National Futurity Chair, National Futurity Secretary, Litter Nomination Secretary, and contain at least five members.

## National Futurity Chair

The National Futurity Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President, and is responsible to the Board of Directors for his actions and decisions. He shall act at all times to protect the interests of the ABC; and ensure that the Futurity events are run in accordance with the ABC 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. If so desired, the National Futurity Chairman may appoint a 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 National 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 Final Forfeits.
2. The chairman shall poll the futurity committee on all decisions concerning the acceptance or rejection of irregular Litter Nominations and Final 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 regional 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 ~~be cleared~~ clear the dates with the **Regional Dates Coordinator and then the** National Dates Coordinator.
6. As soon as the dates and grounds are accepted they shall be sent to all ABC media. (Website, Magazine, and 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

### **Duties of the Litter Nominations Secretary**

1. The Litter Nominations secretary shall see to the printing of all necessary Litter Nomination forms.
2. ~~They~~ **He** shall receive and acknowledge all Litter Nominations. ~~They~~ **He** must refer any irregular nominations to the National Futurity Chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner, so that all decisions may be made without bias. At no time may the Litter Nominations Secretary make decisions on irregular entries or policies.
3. ~~They~~ **He** shall report to the chairman on a regular (bi-monthly) basis the nominations received.
4. The money received shall be deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer.
5. The Litter Nomination Secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated and send them to the National Futurity Chairman and National Futurity Secretary.
6. Shall review all litter nomination submissions for accuracy and nomination eligibility.
7. Shall prepare and mail or email a Futurity Litter Nomination Packet to the nominating breeder with following information:
  - a. First Forfeit Receipt,
  - b. An information sheet for breeder about the Futurity
  - c. An information letter for each puppy buyer about the Futurity
  - d. A Futurity Mailing List Request Form
  - e. ABC Membership Application
  - f. FDSB Litter Registration Form
  - g. Any additional futurity information deemed necessary by the ABC Futurity Committee

### **Duties of the National Futurity Secretary**

1. ~~They~~ **He** shall see to the printing of all necessary Final Forfeit & Sectional Futurity Premiums
2. ~~They~~ **He** shall receive and acknowledge all Final Forfeits.
3. ~~They~~ **He** must refer any irregular entries to the chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner, so that all decisions may be made without bias. At no time may the Final Forfeit/Running Secretary make decisions on irregular submissions or policies.

4. **They He** shall report to the chairman on a regular basis the forfeits received (bi-monthly).
5. **They He** shall see that all money is deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer. **They He** also shall keep a record of the number of final forfeits received and the number of futurity entries received, and send them to the National Futurity Chairman.
6. **They He** must prepare a list of eligible litters for publication in the June or July issue of "The American Brittany" magazine and to be published on the ABC Website
7. About July 15 they must mail or email to each nominating breeder of a Futurity Litter a Final Forfeit packet. **This packet will include a cover letter requesting them to notify all interested persons who purchased a puppy from their futurity nominated litter, an owner's letter explaining the futurity program and a Final Forfeit form for each puppy in the litter.** This mailing must include the Standard of Performance for the Field and Show Futurities as approved by the ABC Board of Directors.
8. The forfeits should be checked for eligibility, consulting with the membership data chairperson, to insure all dogs are owned or co-owned by a full ABC member. All non-members shall be notified of the membership requirements.
9. Final forfeits fees shall be returned to those who choose not to join ABC.
10. All forfeits received without individual AKC, **CKC** or FDSB 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. AKC, **CKC** or American Field registration is REQUIRED to compete in an ABC Futurity event.
11. No refunds shall be made for dogs that the owners fail to register in time.
12. **They He** will send a list of eligible dogs, by class, to each Sectional Futurity Secretary when the premiums are ready to be distributed.
13. **They He** 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 provide the win letters to the Treasurer for distribution to the winners with the purse checks. All purse checks are to be signed by the treasurer.** ~~inform the ABC Treasurer who the purse checks will be made out to and the purse payout amounts. Upon receiving the checks from the Treasurer, the checks will be distributed to the winners.~~
16. **They are He is** responsible for sending the write-ups and any reporting requirements for the sectional futurities **to the Executive Secretary,** "The American Brittany", and the "American Field".
17. **He is responsible for obtaining and sending the Dual Dog Award Winners' photos to the ABC Magazine Editor that are to be put on the cover of the ABC Magazine annually.**

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY, CONDITIONS AND RULES

1. All litters nominated must be registered in one of the following stud books: AKC, American Field, or CKC; and whelped on or after January 1st through December 31st in a given calendar year.
2. The nominating breeder needs to be a current full member in Good Standing of the ABC when the litter is nominated and the closing dates of the of the Sectional Futurities in which puppies from their nominated litter compete. They must sign the Litter Nomination form, and any breeder purse checks will be paid to this designated nominated breeder. If the membership has lapsed at the time of the Sectional Futurity, the purse will revert back to the ABC Futurity Administrative Fees.
3. The owner of the futurity nominated litter sire is not required to be a member of the ABC, but it is encouraged.
4. All dogs competing in the American Brittany Club Futurity must be individually registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), or American Field (FDSB). It is encouraged for dogs competing in the field futurity to be registered with both AKC and FDSB.
5. The primary owner of record is the owner who submits and signs the final forfeit. The primary owner needs to be a current full member in Good Standing of the ABC when submitting Final Forfeits and at the time of competing at the event. If the membership has lapsed at the time of the Sectional Futurity event(s), any purse winnings will revert back to the ABC Futurity Administrative Fee.
6. If a Futurity nominated puppy is sold, eligibility will continue to the new owner, provided the new owner meets the Futurity membership requirements.
7. It is recommended, but not required that all sires and dams of nominated litters have DNA profiles on file with the AKC.

### Litter Nomination

Nominations of litters must be made within **60 days** after the pups have been whelped, at which time the litter nomination must be paid. Litter nominations are accepted up until the puppies are 6 months of age, but late fees apply. 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 provided the Final Forfeit requirement is met. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors and can be found on the futurity form in "The American Brittany" magazine and on the ABC Website. The litter nomination fee is currently set at **\$40**.

Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 180 days after whelping. Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 180 days from whelping. Late fees are **\$60.00** for 61-90 days and **\$100.00** for 91-180 days. Late fees are in addition to the standard litter nomination fee. No litter nominations will be accepted after the litter turns 6 months old. The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations.

### Final Forfeit

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 \$30 for field and **\$30** for show.

For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee of \$50 for each field and each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid by December 31. No forfeits will be accepted after December 31st. The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations.

### **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.

**Note: a field nominated dog cannot compete in both field stakes at a Sectional Futurity and must declare Gun Dog or All-Age. They can opt to run Gun Dog in one Section and All-age in another.**

Current entry fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided by the ABC National Futurity Sectary in the Section Futurity premium. In addition, the Entry Fee must be paid by the closing date of the Sectional Futurity in which the puppy is intending to compete. The closing date will be listed on the premium, and the date of the drawing. No dog may participate until its AKC, CKC or American Field registration number has been received by the ABC. **The current entry fees are \$55 **60** for the field events and \$40 for the show.**

Note: The primary owner must be a current full member of the ABC at the time of the Sectional Futurity competition, and the nominating breeder must be a current full member of the ABC to receive any purse winnings.

Show classes shall be divided by sex and age as follows:

- Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January-April
- Intermediate classes shall be for dogs whelped May-August
- Junior classes shall be for dogs whelped September – December

### FORM of PAYMENT of FEES

1. All fees required under the ABC Futurity program must be made by check, or money order, ~~or Paypal~~. All fees are to be paid in U.S. funds. ~~If using the Paypal, processing fees apply to cover administrative costs transaction fees.~~

~~8. Paypal Fees~~

- ~~9. Litter Nominations – \$3.50 applies per litter nomination~~
- ~~10. Final Forfeits – \$3.50 per section for Final Forfeits. Example – nominating a dog for the Eastern Futurity in Show & Field, and the Central Field would constitute 2 Sections and incur a \$7.00 fee~~
- ~~11. Sectional Entry Fees – \$5.00 per entry.~~

## **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

An official application form must be submitted to either the National Futurity Secretary or the National Futurity Chairman.

Forms are available from the National Futurity Secretary or on the ABC Website. 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.

Forms necessary for participation in the Futurity will be available on the ABC Website.

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**

ABC splits 50/50 on the profits made by Sectional clubs hosting the ABC Futurities. ABC will absorb reasonable losses based on the Expenses guideline. The National Futurity Chairman must approve expenditures prior to final settlement with each 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. NOTE: If the host club incurs a loss, the ABC Futurity Committee reserves the right to disallow some expenses or require more documentation. Examples of expenses that might be disallowed if an event operates at a loss: excessive food expenses not offset by food income, hospitality, etc.

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

Sectional host clubs must provide their own insurance.

The futurity entry fee monies are to be mailed to the ABC Treasurer at the closing of entries for the event.

Since this is not an AKC event there are no AKC event fees. Each Sectional Futurity is allowed one black & white ad in "The American Brittany" to promote their Futurity at no-charge.

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, then sent to the National Futurity Secretary who will deliver them to the recipients of the awards.~~

This information will then be sent to the ABC Treasurer. The purse shall be figured by the ABC Treasurer. Checks shall be made out for the correct amounts to the Nominating Breeder designated on the Litter Nomination and the Primary Owner designated on the Final Forfeit. Purse checks will be mailed by the Treasurer with win letters provided by the National Futurity Secretary, after results are received by the National Futurity Chairman and verified for eligibility. In a case where the recipient of the award cannot be located, the award shall revert to the ABC Futurity program. The ABC Treasurer shall pay for Futurity expenses billed directly to ABC (such as American Field ad, trophies, judges' gifts, etc.)

All purse winnings are made to the NOMINATING BREEDER AND PRIMARY OWNER as declared on the Futurity Litter Nomination and Final Forfeit.

Host club(s) should prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the Futurity Chairman for approval. **Remember to strive to make the trial and show worthy of the classification of a National ABC event, while staying cautious of your budget.**

***The Section Manager and Section Secretary are eligible to compete in the event as are dogs they bred or co-own. However, if they plan on competing, they should not be involved with the selection or hiring of the judges for the show and/or field depending on which venues they will be competing in.***

#### DUTIES of the SECTIONAL 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~~ He shall appoint a sectional futurity secretary who shall receive all final field and show entries.
3. ~~They~~ He 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~~ He must ensure 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~~ He 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 ABC Treasurer for deposit. It is recommended for the sectional futurity secretary to make photocopies of all checks prior to mailing.
7. The ABC Futurity Committee will provide a catalog template. This template is to be used as it includes important standard Futurity information as well as information on our sponsors.
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, CKC, and/or FDSB registration number on all placing dogs. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any of these dogs start without an AKC, CKC or FDSB registration number. This is the responsibility of the Sectional Secretary and/or Section Manager.
10. Within ~~thirty (30)~~ **twenty (20)** 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 catalog; with the template provided to the host club by the futurity committee
  - one marked copy of the show **judge's** book that does not contain exhibitor information with the template provided to the host club by the futurity committee
  - field trial results, signed by the field trial judges, and using the ABC Field Trial Form to include the breeders information attached.
  - 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 for show and field plus the Dual Award winner)
11. The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results photos and write-up to the ABC National Futurity Secretary. These results must be sent within ~~40~~ **20** days of the completion of your event. After 20 days, a \$25.00 penalty will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for each sectional futurity.

## FUTURITY 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. This shall be supplied by the National Futurity Secretary after the forfeit deadline.)* The National Futurity Secretary will provide the Sectional Futurity host clubs with previous year futurity budgets to use as a guide for budget planning.

Premium printing/ mailing costs, American Field Ad, judge's gifts and trophies cost are to be paid for by the ABC, but will be included as expenses 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.

## FUTURITY EXPENSES

Both field and show judges should be paid travel expenses to and from the futurity, if the budget will allow. 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. 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. 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 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. No personal expenses. All expenses must have receipts.

## FUTURITY 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~~ if needed to 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. Reporters may be paid a flat fee up to \$50 per stake for their report. This is at the discretion of the host club.

## GROUNDNS

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.

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 ensure 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 National Futurity Chairman and Section Manager for procedures for obtaining and approving grounds.

## FUTURITY DATES

The futurities are to be held during the spring season, just before **or after** a **sectional regional trial, or immediately following** a regional trial. 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 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 after they are cleared by the **Regional Date Coordinator and then** the National Date Coordinator.

## JUDGES SELECTION

Judges should be carefully selected and the choice made of top judges that the Sectional Host Club's budget will allow. 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.** A judge may not officiate in more than one sectional futurity, field and/or show in the same year. If qualified, the same judge may be used for the field and show event.

**\*\*No judge should have an interest by virtue of ownership, co-ownership, of sire, dam, immediate siblings, any dogs that are eligible to compete, (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 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 National Futurity Committee. If the judges selected are also on the grounds to judge the regional trial before or after the futurity, travel expenses should be pro-rated. Every effort must be made to have receipts for reimbursed expenses.**

Since the final choice of judges must be approved by the National 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.

## Bracing

The closing date and the date of the drawing will be listed on the premium for each Sectional Futurity. In case of scratches after the drawing, 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. All stakes should be so arranged that if at all possible, no more than one bye dog is drawn or run.

In the case of bitches in season, ~~they shall be dropped down to the last brace. If a bitch in season is declared prior to the event running, but after the drawing, it is at the discretion of the sectional event committee if the running order is updated or if changes must wait until the day of the event.~~ A bitch is not declared in season until the day it is scheduled to run. The bitch must be inspected by the field trial committee designee (typically an on-site vet) the morning it is scheduled to run, to be determined if it is in season. If it is declared in season, then it is dropped to the bottom of the running order and either paired with a bitch or run as a bye dog if no open brace exists.

## BLANK PISTOL

~~Firearms: Blank Ammo & Solid Barrel Guns Only, 209 Primer or .32 Caliber blanks must be used~~ The use of firearms is permitted in accordance with American Field guidelines.

## TRACKING COLLARS

The use of tracking collars is permitted in accordance with ~~AKC rules & regulations~~ American Field guidelines.

## FUTURITY TRIAL PROCEDURE

The stakes are not recognized by the AKC but 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.

### **STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE ABC FUTURITIES**

The ABC Futurities, Field and Show are run under the rules of the American Brittany Club Futurity Program, and shall be judged on the Standard of Performance adopted by the ABC Board of Directors.

### **THE JUDGING OF THE ABC FIELD FUTURITY**

ABC Futurity Field stakes (All-Age and Gun Dog) are run under the rules of the American Brittany Club Futurity Program and sanctioned by the American Field. There should be four money 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 Futurity, a placement without bird work on the course is permissible. The five minute out of judgment rule does not, and the judges are so advised. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all matters relating to the field trial performance of all the dogs.

### **ALL- AGE (Optional Horseback)**

All-Age futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Champion 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. The All-Age dog 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/Scout Optional Horseback)**

Gun Dog futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Champion 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 Gun Dog 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. The dog 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 OF THE ABC SHOW FUTURITY**

Show classes shall be divided by sex, and there are three groups of classes: Senior (dogs whelped January - April), Intermediate (dogs whelped May - August), and Junior (dogs whelped September - December). There are 6 money placements awarded at the Futurity Show. The top 3 males and top 3 females are awarded First Money, Second Money, and Third Money in that order. First Money Male and First Money Female then compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity. Equal consideration is to be given to each of the classes regarding money placements, and then for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite 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 their ability, following the current published American Brittany breed standard, EXCEPT no dogs are to be measured at the Futurity Show. The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field condition as many of the entries are entered in both the field and the show events. The decision of the judge is final in all matters pertaining to the show procedure and presentation of all dogs.

### **ABC FUTURITY DUAL AWARD**

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. For a dog to be eligible for a sectional futurity Dual Dog Award, points must be won in both the show and the field futurity events, by defeating dogs. The point schedule is set by the ABC Board of Directors and found in the ABC Policy Book.

### **GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE 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.

Encourage 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 Brittany breed standard.

The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field shape 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.

Show classes shall be divided by sex

#### **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.

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

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 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 registration information of participants before or during judging. A blank judge's book must be used. A template is available from the National Futurity Committee.

### **FUTURITY STEWARDS**

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

### **TROPHIES**

The National Futurity Secretary is responsible for acquiring all trophies and ribbons. They shall be uniform for all sectional futurities. 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.

### **DUAL FUTURITY AWARD POINT SYSTEM**

The dual futurity winner in each section will receive 5% of the gross purse for that section, divided 2/3 to the primary owner and 1/3 to the nominal breeder. If no dual futurity winner is named, the 5% will revert back into the ABC Administration Fee.

All purse winnings are paid out 2/3 to the primary owner and 1/3 to the nominating breeder.

Any winnings designated and not awarded shall revert back to into the ABC Administration Fee.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual dog award. Any winnings designated above and not awarded shall revert back to the ABC Administration Fee.

### **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 class	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.

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

A dog cannot win points for getting a ribbon in a class unless he defeats at least one dog.

### **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 three sections holding futurities, and divided in each section in the following manner: 1/3 all age, 1/3 gun dog, and 1/3 show.

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. This is called the total purse. Field forfeits will be allocated based on ratio of event entry (i.e. ratio of All Age to Gun Dog). After the deduction of a 10% Administration Fee for the ABC, the balance will constitute the gross purse for that 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 Treasurer, after verification by the National Futurity Secretary, and approval from the National Futurity Chairman.~~

The gross purse will be allocated based on the ratio of event entries (i.e. ratio of all age, gun dog) after the 5% deduction from the purse for the Dual Dog Award 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 Treasurer, after verification by the National Futurity Secretary, and approval from the National Futurity Chairman.

In the field the division of the purse shall be 40% for first, 30% for second, 20% for third and 10% for fourth.

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%

Any winnings designated and not awarded shall revert to the ABC Administration Fee.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The ABC retains a 10% administration fee from each Futurity running year purse to cover general expenses of the Futurity program. Expenses that are not specific at a running year, or cannot be reasonably allocated to a specific running year will be considered an administrative expense. The National Futurity Chair will authorize pre-approve any administrative expenses.

#### FUTURITY PURSE CHECKS

The purse shall be figured by the ~~National Futurity Secretary and verified by the National Futurity Chairman~~ ABC Treasurer. Checks shall be made out for the correct amounts to the Nominating Breeder designated on the Litter Nomination and the Primary Owner designated on the Final Forfeit. Purse checks will be mailed by the Treasurer with win letters provided by the National Futurity Secretary, after results are received by the National Futurity Chairman and verified for eligibility. ~~All checks are signed by the ABC Treasurer and sent to the National Futurity Secretary for distribution.~~

#### FUTURITY AUCTION FUNDRAISING

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 fundraising with the National ~~Auction~~ Fundraising 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 by the ABC National Futurity Host Club Committee 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.~~*