



# Futurity Competition in the Morgan Breed

*In an effort to provide a one-stop reference, AMHA offers the following listing of futurity programs available to Morgan breeders.*

**A**mong the definitions of the word “futurity” at dictionary.com is one peculiar to the horse industry: “Also called futurity race. Horse Racing. A race, usually for two-year-olds, in which the entrants are selected long before the race is run, sometimes before the birth of the foal.”

In our corner of the business, futurities and similar programs (sweepstakes, galas, breeders cups, classics), with their significant purses of money, usually offer a chance to gain financial returns during the early months or years of a horse’s life.

They also represent a chance to promote significant breeding stallions, special broodmares, and breeding programs in general. As AMHA Executive Director Julie Broadway says, “The next ‘super sire’ or ‘grand dam’ may appear on the scene at any one of the futurities that take place around the country!”

With this article, to be printed in both the official breed journal and on AMHA’s website, the hope is to create a one-stop

reference source for all of the monied programs offered for young stock in the Morgan community.

As Broadway states, “These events are so important and AMHA wants to encourage breeders to showcase their young and upcoming stock. We also hope prospective breeders pay close attention and take note of the wonderful gene pool available—and we hope these events will lead to a resurgence in breeding.”

AMHA Director Dini Swanson adds, “Coming from the AMHA Breeders Committee, and a lesson instructor point of view, it is imperative that we have a supply of horses to fill the demand that will be coming in the future for starter horses. The foals we produce today will ensure that we have that quality Morgan horse that we want to pass down to future generations.”

What follows is a listing of futurity programs. We hope you will find one that fits the needs of your breeding and promotional programs. ■

**Name of Futurity:** \$10,000 Breeders’ Challenge

**Website:** NEMHA.com

**Location:** New England Morgan Regional Horse Show

**Date:** Thursday, July 23, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** Does Not Apply

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Mares & Stallions of any age

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** No

**Contact:** Carolyn Sebring, SebringStables2@aol.com, 413-448-5300

**Name of Futurity:** Circle J Futurity

**Website:** www.circlejfuturity.com

**Location:** Circle J Regional, Denver, CO

**Date:** July 3, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$21,750. Money varies from year to year based on whether the winners are auction get or not. For example the champion in 2014 was auction get and won \$12,000. Reserve was not an auction get and won \$3,000. It would have been \$6,000 if that yearling had been an auction get.

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Yearling

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** There are two categories—auction get which are the result of a breeding purchased at the Circle J Futurity Stallion Auction or non-auction get which are sired by the same stallions in the auction but not the actual breeding purchased at the auction. Auction get can also be the result of purchasing a mare slot at the auction and then the stallion can be any stallion. Prize money does vary based on whether a yearling is an auction get or a non-auction get. Our next stallion auction is January 31, 2015.

**Contact:** Julie Ouska, jouska@att.net, 970-396-1177

**Name of Futurity:** Illinois Morgan Horse Breeders Futurity

**Website:** MVMHC.org

**Location:** Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL

**Date:** August 12-14, 2015

**Amount of money paid out in 2014:** \$2,000.00. Our Futurity gives back all money from entries.

**Age Group:** We offer classes for weanlings, yearlings, and aged horses.

**Must entrants must be sired nominated stallions:** Yes, however, we take back nominations.

**Contact:** Kathy Mayes, 217-741-8431, krmm7199@comcast.net

**Name of Futurity:** Jubilee Morgan Horse Breeder’s Futurity

**Website:** www.JubileeFuturity.com

**Location:** Jubilee Regional Championship Morgan Horse Show

**Date:** September 2-5, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$4,647

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Weanlings, Yearlings, & Two-Year-Old Morgans

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** Yes. Anyone can nominate sire.

**Contact:** Debi Donoho, 314-610-1414, Debi@Keepsake-Stables.com

**Name of Futurity:** Maine Morgan Breeders Classes

**Website:** www.memorgan.com

**Location:** Maine Morgan Horse Show, Topsfield, MA

**Date:** July 2-4, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$7,000

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Weanling and yearling classes

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** No

**Contact:** Pam Vose, pamvose1@hotmail.com, 207-701-1880

**Name of Futurity:** Michigan Morgan Horse Breeders' Futurity

**Website:** michiganmorganfuturity.com

**Location:** Michigan Morgan Horse Breeders' Futurity and Fall, Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason, MI

**Date:** September 18-20, 2015

**Amount of prize money:** 2014: RaDon Weanling Spectacular \$15,000; 2015: RaDon Weanling Spectacular \$22,000—this amount is dependent on SSA; 2014/2015: Uckele Yearling Sweepstakes—to be shown by an amateur—\$5,400

**Futurity paybacks:** \$19,765 for 37 classes; \$1,680 for Morgan performance stakes and championships; 2014: \$714 for Pot of Gold; 2015: In excess of \$910 for Pot of Gold

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Weanling to four-year-olds and we give awards for Alumni in certain classes.

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** For futurity classes the stallions must be nominated. For the RaDon Weanling Spectacular the foals must be sired by one of the stallions sold in our SSA at the gala the year before. They do not have to be futurity eligible but most of them are to get money in two classes. For the Uckele class the horses also do not have to be futurity eligible but again most are.

**Contact:** Martha Edwards/Show Manager, 248-207-9444 or brynmarmorgans@gmail.com; Sara Ressler/Show Secretary, saressler@aol.com

**Name of Futurity:** Morgan Horse Association of Oregon Breeder's Cup Futurity

**Website:** mhaostallionserviceauction.com/futurity.html

**Location:** Oregon Morgan Classic, Salem, OR

**Date:** July 16-19, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$2,000. A sweepstakes class and higher class payouts under construction for 2015

**Age groups eligible for competition:** Halter classes offered for 0-2 years old; Performance classes available for 2-4 years old.

**Must entrant be sired by a nominated stallion?** No

**Contact:** Gay Adams, Sunstone Morgans, 503-936-4276 sunstonemorgans@comcast.net

**Name of Futurity:** Morgan Weanling Gala

**Website:** www.morganweanlinggala.com

**Facebook Page:** Morgan Weanling Gala

**Location:** Jubilee Regional Championship Show, Springfield, IL

**Date:** September 2-5, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$33,350.00

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Weanlings

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** Yes

**Contact:** Mark Staehnke, mark.staehnke@gmail.com, 760-992-5079; Paulette Bodnar, hooligan@mc.net, 815-378-6075; Shanna Gish, indiancr@aol.com, 260-414-5450

**Name of Futurity:** New York State Morgan Horse Society Futurity

and the Futurity Alumni Program

**Website:** Nysmhs.org

**Location:** New York Morgan Regional Championship Show, Syracuse, NY

**Date:** September 16-19, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$3,308

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Futurity—ages weanling to three; Futurity Alumni—for life

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** Weanling entrants must be sired by a nominated stallion, however any stallion may be nominated by anyone for a nominal fee. You do not need to be the owner of the stallion.

**Contact:** Mary Ellen Mulligan, 607-387-5625, 607-237-3049, m.e.mulligan@stoneleighmorgans.com

**Name of Futurity:** New York State Stallion Service Auction

**Website:** nymorganstallions.com

**Location:** New York Morgan Regional Championship Show, Syracuse, NY

**Date:** September 16-19, 2015

**Amount of prize money in 2014:** More than \$28,000

**Age groups eligible for competition:** Weanlings & four-year-olds

**Must entrants be sired by a nominated sire?** Yes

**Contact:** Danielle Neidlinger, gotmorgans@yahoo.com

**Name of Futurity:** UPHA Morgan Classics

**Website:** www.uphaonline.com

**Location:** many through the country host qualifying classes.

**Date:** The finals are held at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® in conjunction with the Three-Year-Old Park Harness, Pleasure Driving and Hunter Pleasure World Championship Classes.

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$11,970.00 at Finals

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Three-Year-Old Park Harness, Pleasure Driving and Hunter Pleasure

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** No

**Contact:** UPHA National Office

**Name of Futurity:** Western New York Classic

**Website:** wnymorganshow.com

**Location:** Western New York Morgan, Hamburg, NY

**Date:** May 21-29, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$2,014

**Age Groups Eligible for competition:** 2 and under

**Must entrants be sired by a nominated stallion?** No

**Contact:** Marilyn Ackerman, 315-945-5398, dakota003@localnet.com

**Name of Futurity:** World Morgan Futurity

**Website:** www.worldmorganfuturity.com

**Location:** Morgan Grand National, Oklahoma City, OK

**Date:** October 10-17, 2015

**Amount of prize money paid out in 2014:** \$167,528.00

**Age group(s) eligible for competition:** Yearling through 4-year-old (alumni program)

**Must entrants be sired by nominated stallions?** Yes

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