

Re: 2020 National Belgian Futurity

Dear Futurity Participants/Members/Sponsors:

The Committee of the National Belgian Futurity has decided to cancel the 2020 National Futurity Show. Because properly nominated weanlings, yearlings, two-year old's and three-year old's are eligible to be shown in future shows, there were additional issues that the Committee had to consider in addition to simply canceling the 2020 show. For your review, enclosed is a copy of our Show Rules. Although there will be no show for 2020, the Committee had to consider the nomination process for 2021 and future years. Therefore, to maintain your horse's eligibility to be shown at subsequent futurities, the nomination process as outlined in the rules must still be complied with.

So, if you have a 2020 foal that you would like to be eligible to be shown as a yearling at the 2021 show, then the 2020 National Belgian Futurity form needs to be completed, nomination fees paid and copies of registration papers as required by the rules must be submitted. The same is true of yearlings that you intend to show as a two-year old in 2020 and which is also true of present two-year old's and three-year old's. For 2021, the Committee has agreed to allow a four-year old class so that any three-year old's that have been kept current in the nomination process will be eligible to show as four-year old's.

For this year only, the Committee has agreed to extend the deadline for entries to July 31, 2020 with late fees waived, so that all participants have sufficient time to review the content of this letter and to ask any questions. In addition, the exception for nomination of yearlings as stated in paragraph two of the yearling's rules shall continue to apply. In other words, if you do not nominate a foal this year but would like that foal to be shown as a yearling, you will be able to make that nomination next year but subject to the late fees in that paragraph.

Naturally, all nomination fees received this year will be added to the purse and will be reflected in the payouts in 2021.

On a separate matter, we have several sponsors that make annual donations that are a tremendous help in keeping the futurity financially viable. The Committee has decided since there will be no show in 2020, that we will not be seeking those sponsorships. In addition, if any of you have made a sponsorship donation this year, enclosed is a return of that donation.

However, what is not being cancelled is the necessity to elect a new Committee member. Chris House, who has been on the Committee for years has decided not to run and therefore, it is necessary to elect a new Committee member. Enclosed is that ballot, but we have extended the due date of that ballot to July 31, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter and the nomination process to make your horses eligible for the 2021 National Belgian Futurity, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members and Officers below:

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