

MINNESOTA 50/50 MATURITY RULES

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ELIGIBILITY

All horses that have gone through the MN 50/50 sale are eligible to compete in the Minnesota 50/50 Yearling/2 Year Old Non Pro Walk Trot/Maturity Jackpot Classes. Any horse sold by a current or former member(foaled during their last membership year & before) will be eligible to compete in the Jackpot classes. A fee of \$150 per horse will be assessed YEARLY if the breeder is NOT a current MN5050 member. This fee will be in addition to the usual entry fee. The \$150 non-member fee will go to the general fund.

PURPOSE

To train and treat all horses in a humane manner, protecting at all times their physical and mental well being. To showcase the trainability and longevity of the Minnesota 50/50 Member bred horses.

1. To promote a good moving, well broke individual whose conformation is correct, maintains soundness and has eye appeal.
2. To promote a variety of breeds, through their participation in the Maturity.
3. Provide an event that is beneficial to the Minnesota Horse Industry.

SUMMARY

To promote kinder, gentler training methods, resulting in a more efficient horse;and to establish a greater market for good riding horses that have soft mouths,respond to a light rein and have a comfortable head carriage.

MATURITY EXPLANATION

The Minnesota 50/50 Maturity is designed to promote quality horses. There will be one event annually consisting of three(3) equal parts or divisions, in which points are totaled to achieve a WINNER!

CONFORMATION DIVISION

Emphasis is to be placed on an individual that is conformationally correct and sound on all 4 feet and legs. An individual that is smooth ,whose parts all blend together with eye appeal and the appearance of an athletic individual.

WESTERN PLEASURE DIVISION

Designed to show a free and easy moving individual that is relaxed, ears are alert,looks balanced and its way of going forward is bright, as well as responsive to the

rider at various gaits. When asked to extend the jog or lope, it moves out with a natural, collected way of going. Rail work consists of the walk, jog and lope, with extension of the jog and lope possible, both directions in the ring. Horses should be shown on a loose rein or light contact without undue restraint. Judging will be based on the horse's overall performance and way of going as well as its ability to hold the designated gait and correct leads.

TRAIL DIVISION

This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over and through obstacles, with an emphasis on manners, attitude and responsiveness to the exhibitor. NSBA RULES APPLY UNLESS THE MINNESOTA 50/50 RULES READ OTHERWISE.

GENERAL

The same exhibitor must show or compete in all divisions. One horse, one exhibitor. Once a horse has entered the show ring for a class, it qualifies as competing in that class. It remains eligible for the overall award, even if the horse is DQ'd or excused by the judges.

ALL horses who went through the Minnesota 50/50 sale or were purchased from a CURRENT OR FORMER MINNESOTA 50/50 MEMBER, will be allowed to compete in the Maturity Jackpot Class. A horse may show in the Maturity classes for as many years as they wish.

- *All horses are to be shown in a standard headstall.

- *All horses are to be shown in Western equipment and attire.

- *Horses 5 and under MAY be shown in a curb bit, bosal or snaffle bit.

- *NSBA Rules: 5/16" bit measurement with a ring size of not less than 2" and not more than 4". Horses 6 years and up MUST be shown in a curb bit.

- *All equipment will be checked by the equipment judge.

- *Horses with illegal or inhumane equipment in the show arena will be eliminated from competition.

- *All horses should remain in the arena following their final class of the show.

Presentations and pictures will take place in the main arena.

- *Training devices ARE allowed in warm up and arena when not competing in a class.

- *Youth, 18 & under, by January 1st of the calendar year, shall NOT be permitted to show a stallion in ANY CLASS offered by the Minnesota 50/50. (Effective 1/29/22)

- *A leather ONLY chin strap is required when using a snaffle bit and must be positioned with the reins ABOVE the chin strap.

- *A 30-45 Minute break will be taken following the completion of the show to tabulate overall winners.

- *All lame & DQ's horses will share last place ranking.

NSF POLICY

All NSF checks and fees must be paid to the Minnesota 50/50 before contestants will be allowed to enter the Minnesota 50/50 Maturity or purchase another foal.

EXHIBITORS

*Exhibitors may be changed after entry is submitted as long as the show management is informed of the change.

*Western attire is required.

An exhibitor must be 12 years of age by January 1st to show in ANY of the Minnesota 50/50 classes.

*All prize monies will be paid to the registered owner of the horse.

*A tie breaking judge will be drawn before the beginning of competition .

*Score sheets will be available for viewing at the end of the show.

JACKPOT MONEY

Prize money will be paid out with placing amounts determined by the Minnesota 50/50 membership on a yearly basis. Other awards or incentives may be presented for individuals ,divisions or other basis (youth, amateur,etc). Funding for these awards will be from sponsorships and will not affect the cash prizes.

FEES AND GUARANTEES

All checks are to be made payable to the MINNESOTA 50/50 FUTURITY AND SALE.

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE MINNESOTA 50/50 MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MINNESOTA 50/50 FUTURITY AND SALE.

MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO:

1. Reject any entry who's registration does NOT show to be bred by a CURRENT member of the Minnesota 50/50 ,or whose entry does not match a sale entry.
2. Inspect all horses and match the registration papers on file.
3. Decide at any point not covered by the rules to correct any error or make any necessary alterations as it sees fit.
4. Change the date and location of the Minnesota 50/50 Futurity and Sale.
5. Test any entry for illegal or controlled substances according to NSBA rules.
6. Continue the show with one judge due to unforeseen circumstances.

ONCE A HORSE ARRIVES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SHOW THEY MAY NOT LEAVE UNTIL THE SHOW IS OVER IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR OVERALL AWARDS.(exception: Vet emergency)

For additional information visit www.MN5050.com , follow us on Facebook or feel free to contact any CURRENT MINNESOTA 50/50 MEMBER .

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