

**RULES FOR AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB FUTURITY
EFFECTIVE WITH THE LITTER NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2011 FUTURITY**

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FOR 2011 FUTURITY ONLY: Litter Nominations will be accepted from non-ARC members provided the nomination form is accompanied with an ARC Membership Application and a separate check for dues. Breeder may be asked to provide additional information to determine if the parents of the litter met the requirements of the ARC Mandatory Practices at the time of the breeding of the nominated litter. Should the Membership Application be rejected, a full refund will be given for both the Litter Nomination and for any puppies nominated. However, if it is determined that this breeding did not comply with the ARC Mandatory Practices, all nomination fees, litter and puppy, will be forfeited. (**ARC Mandatory Practices may be found on www.amrottclub.org or available from the Futurity Chairman.)**

Purpose

The purpose of the ARC Futurity is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Rottweiler and to reward the breeders for their efforts. For this reason, the monetary awards are weighed in favor of the breeder, who is the one that chooses the sire, nominates the bitch before whelping, raises the litter, and often pays for the entry fees for the individual puppies as well. Recognition must be also given to the sire of the litter for his genetic contribution and to the role of the owners of the individual Rottweiler in developing it to its greatest inherited potential. The quality of the individual animal will be the result of the combined efforts of these three. The division of the monetary awards is designed to reflect this.

Description

The Futurity shall be held in conjunction with each American Rottweiler Club National Specialty. Should the ARC National Specialty not be held within the time limits applying to the Futurity Rules, the Board of Directors shall decide the disposition of the moneys accrued toward the Futurity monetary awards.

THE FUTURITY IS OPEN ONLY TO BREEDERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB AND IN GOOD STANDING AT THE TIME OF THE LITTER NOMINATION. CO-BREEDER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE AN ARC MEMBER, BUT MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB. BOTH PARENTS OF THE LITTER MUST MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARC MANDATORY PRACTICES FOR BREEDING.

Any breeder of a nominated litter who fails to remain in good standing with the ARC or AKC and has not been reinstated 60 days prior to the Futurity shall lose all rights in the ARC Futurity.

The Futurity is entered by nominating the litter. The get from this litter are eligible to compete in the first annual Futurity held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this Futurity.

Nomination of Litter

Nomination of the bitch's litter must be made after she is bred, but BEFORE THE WHELPING DATE. Postmark on envelope transmitting nomination establishes date of nomination and must be no later than midnight the day prior to the whelping of the litter.

Fee is \$15.00 and must accompany the nomination of the litter. Any checks coming from outside the United States must be in the form of a Postal Money Order or Cashier's Check payable in U.S. Funds. No personal checks drawn on banks outside the United States will be accepted.

Any Rottweiler breeder who is an ARC member in good standing may nominate a litter for the Futurity. If the litter has multiple breeders, only one breeder is required to be an ARC member. The nomination must be made on an official ARC Futurity nomination form, which can be obtained by writing to the Futurity Chairman or downloaded from www.amrottclub.org.

Nomination of the litter qualifies each puppy in the litter for individual nomination.

Frozen Semen Litters

Nomination of Frozen Semen Litters is handled just as any other nomination, with one exception: the person(s) listed as the Owner of the Sire should be the person(s) who are the owner/co-owner of the frozen semen on the date of the insemination. And any prizes paid out on puppies from this breeding to the owner of the sire will be paid to the owner/co-owner of the frozen semen.

Dual Sire Litters

Nominations of Dual Sire Litters will be accepted. The individual puppy(s) may be nominated with both Sires being identified. However, a copy of the puppy's AKC registration naming actual sire must be received no later than two months prior to the date of the Futurity. Should the Futurity Chairman not receive the copy by this deadline date, the puppy in question shall be disqualified and the Puppy Nomination Fee will be forfeited.

Nomination of Puppy

Nomination of each puppy must be made BEFORE the puppy reaches FOUR (4) MONTHS of age. Postmark on envelope transmitting nomination establishes date of nomination and must be no later than midnight the day prior to the day the puppy reaches the age of four months.

Fee is \$10.00 for ARC members (if puppy has multiple owners, only one is required to be an ARC member) and \$20 for non-ARC members for each nomination. Any checks coming from outside the United States must be in the form of a Postal Money Order or Cashier's Check payable in U.S. Funds. No personal checks drawn on banks outside the United States will be accepted.

The nomination of a litter qualifies any of the litter for entry in the ARC Futurity. The nomination must be made on an official ARC Futurity nomination form, which can be obtained by writing to the Futurity Chairman or downloaded from www.amrottclub.org.

If the breeder wishes to nominate all puppies in the litter individually, this may be done at any time after the day the litter is whelped but before it is four months old. In such cases, fees for all puppies in the litter must be paid, and at the same time the Futurity Chairman must be supplied with the following information:

- Whelping date
- Registered name of puppy (if known)
- Sex of each puppy
- AKC number (if received)
- Name, address and phone number of the Breeder nominating the litter.
- Name, address and phone number of the owner of the puppy (if known)

If ownership changes after individual puppy nomination is made, the Futurity Chairman must be provided with correct information regarding:

- Name of puppy
- Registration number
- Sex
- New owner's name, address and phone number

All missing information, e.g. AKC number, Registered name of puppy, must be forwarded to the Futurity Chairman immediately upon receipt. The Futurity Chairman must receive this information no later than two months prior to the date of the Futurity or the puppy in question shall be disqualified, and the puppy nomination fee will be forfeited. The same rule shall apply to the change of a puppy's name if such occurs at time of registration.

Entering The Futurity at The ARC National Specialty Show

The puppy **MUST** be entered in one of the regular classes at the ARC National Specialty show and entry fee paid.

Futurity entry **MUST BE INDICATED** as an additional class on the entry form (no additional fee is required). Additional class entry must include age division (e.g., futurity 6-9 months).

No Rottweiler will be eligible to compete in the Futurity, which does not meet the following requirements:

- Be from a litter that was properly and timely nominated.
- Have been individually nominated before it reached the age of four months.
- Be properly entered in one of the regular classes of the ARC National Specialty.
- Both parents of the litter must meet all the requirements of the ARC Mandatory Practices for breeding.

Refunds of Nomination Fee(s)

Nomination fees will **ONLY** be refunded for the following reason:

Any Futurity nominated puppy that by virtue of its placement in the Futurity could result in a monetary prize to the judge or a member of his/her immediate family* is ineligible for competition at that Futurity. Therefore fees will be refunded for any nominations, litter and/or puppy, in which the Futurity judge and/or his/her immediate family* is an owner or co-owner of the sire and/or dam of a nominated litter or a nominated puppy. (*as defined by AKC)

All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the ARC Futurity Chairman no later than 2 months before the date of the Futurity.

Transfer of Ownership

Ownership of a Rottweiler dam may be transferred to another breeder, provided that the new owner is an ARC member in good standing at the time of whelping and at the time of the Futurity. The new owner must notify the Futurity Chairperson of the transfer of ownership no later than 2 months prior to the date of the Futurity. The new owner will be the recipient of any monetary awards/trophy as outlined in the "Monetary Awards" section of the Futurity Rules.

Death

If a breeder shall nominate a litter and subsequently die before the Futurity, the nomination shall be valid and the puppies will be considered as eligible for nomination, entry and judging provided that all subsequent fees are paid to date. Any award shall be paid to the owner's estate.

Selection of Judges

It shall be the prerogative of the breeders who are members of the American Rottweiler Club of the nominated dams to nominate the

Futurity judge for the following year. On the Litter Nomination Form there will be a section for the breeder* of each nominated litter to nominate ONE person from the current ARC Sweepstakes & Futurity Judges List for the Futurity judge. This list is available on www.amrottclub.org or from the Futurity Chairman.

Each eligible breeder * shall thereafter, one month, more or less, from the deadline for nominations, receive a ballot from the Futurity Chairman listing all persons nominated as set forth above. Each eligible breeder shall vote for FIVE candidates and list in order of preference, i.e., first, second, third, etc.

* There will be one ballot for each litter nominated regardless of the number of breeders of record, who are ARC members.

The candidate receiving the highest total of points (a vote of first choice receiving 5 points, second receiving 4 points, etc.) in the votes cast shall then be declared the Futurity judge for the following year. In the event the number of dogs entered requires a second judge, the candidate receiving the second highest total number of points shall judge the bitch class only. When the ballots for selection of a judge are tallied and a tie for first place has resulted, the Futurity Chairman, along with the ARC Board of Directors, shall determine who will be the judge for that particular Futurity.

During the nominating and voting period, the Futurity Chairman will not disclose names of Futurity breeders. No voting information will be disclosed until all voting is closed, in accordance with a specified deadline date. At that time, participants will be notified of the voting outcome.

Ballots that are incomplete, incorrect, unsigned or received after the deadline date will be considered invalid.

Judges

All elected Futurity judges must be in good standing with the AKC at the time of the election and the judging assignment.

Any Futurity nominated puppy that by virtue of its placement in the Futurity could result in a monetary prize to the judge or a member of his/her immediate family* is ineligible for competition at that Futurity. Therefore any nominations, litter and/or puppy, in which the Futurity judge and/or his/her immediate family* is an owner or co-owner of the sire and/or dam of a nominated litter or a nominated puppy will be ineligible to compete and may apply for a refund. Should the judge be unable to officiate at the Futurity for any reason, the nominated litter(s)/puppy(s) eligibility will not be reinstated. (*as defined by AKC)

Any litter/puppies ineligible to be entered in a particular Futurity due to the judge, will be ineligible to enter any future Futurity as the rule on being only "eligible to compete in the first annual Futurity held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this Futurity" will still be applicable.

ARC will provide the Futurity Judge with the following: 1 night's accommodation (or equivalent dollar amount for room at Host Hotel); 2 tickets to the Annual Awards Banquet.

Futurity Classes

Junior Dogs, 6 months to under 9 months
Junior Dogs, 9 months to under 12 months
Senior Dogs, 12 months to under 15 months
Senior Dogs, 15 months to under 18 months.
Senior Dogs, + 18 months. **
(Same classes for Bitches)

BEST JUNIOR (Four Winners Competing)

BEST SENIOR (Four/Six ** Winners Competing)

BEST IN FUTURITY (Two Winners Competing)

** The dates of the ARC National Specialty fluctuate from year to year. Puppies are eligible to compete in the first ARC National Futurity held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this Futurity. Occasionally, puppies entered will be older than eighteen months on the date of the first Futurity, which they are eligible for, occurs. When needed, the additional class of "+18 months" will be added to the normal classes. The exact age qualifications for this additional class will vary from year to year and will be stated in the Premium List. Example: Specialty 2015 held on March 15; Specialty 2016 held on April 15 - the +18 class for the 2016 Futurity would be for dogs that were born between September 16 and October 14, 2014, thus making them 18 months to less than 19 months.

Monetary Awards

In the Futurity there will be 35 cash wins, the three individuals (the breeder, the owner, and the owner of the sire at the time of nomination) partaking of these awards, for a total of 72 monetary awards, won by 32 different Rottweilers. (If a +18 class is needed, there will be 43 cash wins, for a total of 88 monetary awards, won by 40 different Rottweilers.)

Twenty percent shall be deducted from the total nomination fee purse to be used for Futurity expenses. This will be known as the General Expense Fund. This Fund shall be used to cover all expenses incurred by the Futurity, i.e., judges, rosettes, Chair expenses,

etc. Since the administrative and judging expense will vary from year to year, excess in any given year shall be carried for use in future years.

(Once the Futurity nomination period has closed, the 20% for Futurity expenses shall immediately be sent to the ARC Treasurer, who will be responsible for paying all expenses incurred, including the Futurity Chairman. The Futurity Chairman will never reimburse him/herself from the Futurity Account, but shall submit an expense form, along with receipts to the ARC Treasurer.)

Twenty percent shall be deducted from the total nomination fee purse to be awarded as follows: ~~15~~ 10% to the Best in Futurity, 5% to the Best Senior in Futurity, and 5% to the Best Junior in Futurity. The 10% Best in Futurity award will be divided: 50% to the recorded breeder of the winner and 50% to the recorded owner of the winner. The 5% awarded to the Best Junior and Best Senior in Futurity is to be divided: 50% to the recorded breeder, 30% to the recorded owner and 20% to the owner of the sire or owner of the frozen semen at the time of mating, for each winner.

The remaining 60 percent of the total nomination fee purse shall be divided using the following procedure. As soon as possible after closing, the Show Superintendent/Secretary will inform the Futurity Chairman of the total number of puppies entered in the Futurity, as well as the breakdown of each class. The prize money will be divided by the total number of puppies entered to get a "per puppy amount". This amount would be multiplied by the number of puppies in each class to get the total amount of prize money for that class and then each class shall be divided as follows: 1st place – 40%*; 2nd place – 30%*; 3rd place – 20%*; 4th place – 10%*. *The prize money for each placement shall be further divided with 60% to the recorded breeder; 40% to the recorded owner.

Monetary Awards will be given to the handler presenting the puppy in the ring for the four class placements. The Best Junior, Best Senior and Best in Futurity monetary awards will be given to the breeder (ARC member) who nominated the litter, the sire's owner who is listed first on the litter nomination and the puppy owner who is listed first on the individual puppy nomination. The monetary award will be mailed to them should they not be present.

Monetary awards, which are provided for but cannot be given, whatever the reason, shall be sent to the ARC Treasurer and incorporated into the ARC General Fund. (This will be effective with the 2010 Futurity.)

The Best in Futurity Trophy will be given to the breeder who has nominated the litter. Should the winner not be present the trophy will be mailed.

Example of Monetary Awards

Total of Nomination Fee Purse = \$ 1,000

- A. 20% = \$200 General Expense Fund
- B. 20% = \$200 Three Best Awards
 - \$100 to Best in Futurity
 - a. \$50 to Breeder
 - b. \$50 to Owner
 - \$50 to Best Senior in Futurity
 - a. \$25 to Breeder
 - b. \$15 to Owner
 - c. \$10 to Owner of Sire
 - \$50 to Best Junior in Futurity
 - a. \$25 to Breeder
 - b. \$15 to Owner
 - c. \$10 to Owner of Sire
- C. 60% = \$600 Remaining Awards

Assuming a total entry of 100, when figuring the total for a class, it would be \$6 per puppy. So for a class with 10 entries, the total available would be \$60, with the following divisions:

- First Place = 40% of \$60 = \$24
 - 60% of \$24 = \$14.40 to Breeder
 - 40% of \$24 = \$9.60 to Owner
- Second Place = 30% of \$60 = \$18
 - 60% of \$18 = \$10.80 to Breeder
 - 40% of \$18 = \$7.20 to Owner
- Third Place = 20% of \$60 = \$12
 - 60% of \$12 = \$7.20 to Breeder
 - 40% of \$12 = \$4.80 to Owner
- Fourth Place = 10% of \$60 = \$6
 - 60% of \$6 = \$3.60 to Breeder
 - 40% of \$6 = \$2.40 to Owner

Rosettes & Prizes

Rosettes shall be awarded through fourth place in each class and to Best in Futurity, Best Senior and Best Junior. The cost will be covered from the General Expense Fund. The Host Club shall order the rosettes and within 30 days of the end of the National Specialty submit an itemized bill to the ARC Treasurer for reimbursement.

The class placement rosettes will follow the colors as required by AKC for all non-regular classes. The rosette for Best Junior and Best Senior In Futurity will be pastel pink and pastel blue. The rosette for Best In Futurity shall be pastel pink, pastel blue and white.

ARC will supply the Host Club with the following Futurity prizes:

Best Jr. & Best Sr. in Futurity: 9" Armetale Plate.

1st place in each class: 7" Armetale Plate & an ARC Pictorial *

* Mix of the 4th & 5th Pictorials shall be sent to the Host Club.

Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Host Club, but they would be solely responsible for the cost of said prizes.

Miscellaneous

All Futurity Litter and Puppy Nomination information is considered confidential until published in the National Specialty Catalog.

The Futurity Chairman shall prepare an Annual Report to be presented at the ARC Annual Meeting and printed in the *ARK* Specialty Supplement.

Per the ARC Standing Rules:

No committee chairman or committee member can obligate ARC funds without prior Board approval.

Any member of a Committee who will incur more than \$75 in expenses in a given month must receive prior approval of the Board. Expenses shall not include reimbursement for travel, meals and/or lodging unless specifically approved by the Board. Exempt from this ruling are those whose job descriptions/committee procedures/standing rules specify a different amount and those who are appointed to do a specific job; e.g. printing & postage costs for Top Dog Chairman; printing & postage costs of mailing annual Junior Packets; travel, meals and lodging for AKC Delegate, etc. Original receipts must be included with all reimbursement forms sent to the Treasurer and should be sent monthly or quarterly.

On letters and emails in regards to ARC business, the use of personal kennel names, web sites, dog names, etc. is inappropriate and is not allowed; conversely, on personal correspondence, ARC titles/position shall not be used.

The ARC Board of Directors and the ARC Futurity Chairperson will periodically review these Futurity rules.