

Are you ready for the 2024 DQHA Futurity/Maturity events?

Would you like to start your young horse in the DQHA Futurity/Maturity classes? What conditions must be met in order to win the coveted titles as well as cash and non-cash prizes?

1. Requirements for the Futurity/Maturity Nomination or Pay In of the horse

In general, a young horse born in 2011 or later must be nominated or paid in for the Futurity/Maturity by the breeder or owner. This is possible under the following conditions:

- The horse must be registered at the AQHA. Foals, for which no Certificate of Registration (CoR) has been issued by the AQHA in the year of birth, the "Pending" status is considered sufficient for the nomination in the year of birth if a copy of the completed Registration Application is available. A copy of the CoR must be submitted later.
- The horse's sire must have been paid into the DQHA Stallion Service Auction (DQHA SSA) in the year preceding the covering. Specifically, this means that a foal born in 2024 can only be nominated/registered for the Futurity/Maturity if the sire was registered in the DQHA SSA 2022.
- The horse must have been born in Europe from the 2013 foal crop.
- **The horse to be nominated must have an equine passport including a valid animal breeding certificate from a breeding organization recognized as a European breeding organization.**
- **The horse to be nominated/payed in must be registered in the DQHA studbook.**

2. Nomination of the horse for the Futurity/Maturity at the DQHA

If all requirements are met, an owner can nominate the horse for the DQHA Futurity/Maturity. The nomination form can be found online on the DQHA homepage at www.dqha.de - Futurity or Downloads. If available, the nomination must include the registered name and AQHA number as well as a copy of the AQHA Certificate of Registration (CoR). If this information is not yet available, it must be submitted as soon as it becomes available.

The following fees will be charged:

- until 31.12. of the year of birth: 25 Euro,
- until 30.06. for yearlings: 100 Euro,
- until 31.12. for yearlings: 150 euros,
- up to 30.06. for two-year-olds: 200 euros,
- until 31.12. for two-year-olds: 350 euros,
- for three to five-year-olds: 700 euros,
- for six-year-olds: 500 euros,
- for seven-year-olds & older horses: 400 euros.

It is therefore definitely worth nominating the horses directly in the year of birth. All nominated offspring will be listed and also published on the DQHA website.

3. further requirements for participation at DQHA Futurity/Maturity shows

If the horse has been nominated or paid into the DQHA Futurity Program, there is (almost) nothing standing in the way of participation in these classes.

The following conditions apply at the time of show participation:

- The exhibitor must be a current member of the DQHA.
- The owner must be a current member of the DQHA.
- The amount for payment into the program must be paid
- The horse must be registered in the DQHA studbook

Further details can be found in the “Rules and Regulations of the DQHA SSA, Futurity/Maturity and Regional Futurity/Maturity” at www.dqha.de - Futurity or Downloads.

4. disciplines and age groups for nominated horses at Futurity/Maturity shows

If the horse is nominated for the Futurity/Maturity, it will have the following numerous starting opportunities in various age classes in 2024:

In hand

- Foals, yearlings, two- and three-year-olds: Halter
- Two and three-year-olds: Longe Line 2 Year Old, Longe Line 3 Year Old
- Two- and three-year-olds: Trail in Hand 2 Year Old, Trail in Hand 3 Year Old

Under the saddle

- Four to six year olds Futurity in: Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Cutting and Working Cowhorse
- Seven to nine year olds Maturity in: Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Cutting and Working Cowhorse

5. starting opportunities for older horses

If Graduate Classes offered, there are also numerous starting and winning opportunities for older horses in the classes Trail, Western Pleasure, Reining and Ranch Riding. Horses must have the same eligibility to start as Futurity/Maturity horses.

6. foals imported from non-European countries

Due to the establishment of the SSA at home and abroad, international stallions are also continuously paid in, contributing to breeding improvement and genetic diversity. However, in order to continue to primarily promote European breeders and their breeding of American Quarter Horses, only offspring born in Europe are eligible for nomination from the SSA 2011 (foal crop 2013). International stallions that meet all European requirements under animal breeding law can continue to be paid into the SSA and the semen can therefore also be imported from abroad in future. However, the foals must have been born in Europe. This excludes, for example, breeding and training in non-European countries.

If you have any questions, please contact the DQHA office.

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Short explanation: Breeding Certificate or Studbook Entry

A breeding certificate and a studbook entry are both important documents in connection with the breeding of horses, but they serve different purposes and have different meanings:

1. **Breeding Certificate:** is a document that confirms that a specific horse descends from specific parents. It is usually issued by the breeding organization or association and contains proof of the horse's parentage, such as the names of the parents, their studbook numbers and other relevant details such as parentage verification. The breeding certificate confirms the purity of the horse's breeding lineage and may be required for various purposes such as sales, breeding or participation in breeding events.

2. **Studbook Entry:** a studbook entry is the entry of a horse in the official studbook or register of a recognized breeding association. This entry is usually made according to strict criteria set by the respective breeding organization (breeding program). The horse must meet certain requirements in terms of pedigree, conformation, performance or other criteria in order to be entered in the studbook. A studbook entry confirms that the horse is recognized as a breeding animal and is approved for further breeding.

Summary: a breeding certificate confirms the pedigree of a horse and enables it to obtain a studbook entry, which represents the official recognition of the horse as a breeding animal by a breeding association.