OPPORTUNITIES FOR AWWA INCENTIVE FUND HORSES

The AWWA 4-year-old Ranch Challenge Incentive Fund Futurity

- The AWWA Incentive Fund Futurity is held each year at the AHA U.S. National Arabian Horse Championship Show concurrent with the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge. There are two divisions: purebred Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. All 4-year-olds compete on the same pattern during the Ranch Horse Challenge. All 4-year-olds are included in the Order of Go.
- Each Futurity class is open to 4-year-olds nominated properly to the AWWA Incentive Fund. Horses must be registered Arabian or HA/AA.
- Prize money is determined by AWWA based on payments received from Stallion Enrollments, proceeds from Stallion Service Auction, and Nominations.
- AWWA awards a Champion, Reserve Champion, and a full Top 10 to each division.
- To participate in the AWWA Futurity, the owner or agent MUST complete the AHA U.S. National Entry form to enter in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge AND the AWWA entry form. AWWA Entry fee is $250.
- It is the AWWA's decision to use a 3-judge or 5-judge system.
- All Futurity entries will complete the individual pattern portion of the class before being stripped of tack and shown in-hand. The 15 highest scoring Incentive Fund 4-year-olds will be asked back to present for an In-Hand Conformation portion of the Futurity. These 15 are named as the Incentive Fund Futurity Finalists. The in-hand class is conducted in accordance with AR 281.
- Following the Ranch Horse Challenge awards presentation, the 15 Incentive Fund Futurity Finalists will be invited back into the arena in numeric order. Each horse will be announced into the arena by Back Number, Name, Handler, Owner, Sire, Dam, and Breeder. The exhibitor who rode the horse in the Pattern work must show the horse in the In-Hand Conformation; however, exhibitors with more than one Incentive Fund Finalist may find a substitute handler for the other horse(s) providing the substitute handler is also an exhibitor at the show.
- Scores earned in the pattern portion of the class are added to the tabulation points earned for in-hand conformation placings to determine final total tabulation points.
  Final Total Tabulation points determine final placings in class.

    1. Conformation placing points are earned from a total tabulation of judges' scores in the Conformation portion of the class. Each of the judges will mark his/her card to place all 15 horses.
    2. Once all the cards are turned into scorer, horses are excused to the paddock and asked to saddle back up.
    3. Conformation placing points are assigned to each place for each judge beginning with 15 points for first, 14 for second, 13 for third, and so on down to 1 point for 15th place. All judges' conformation points are added together for each horse. The horse with the highest conformation points total receives 20 tabulation points that are added to their 3-judge pattern

points total for the **Final Total Tabulation**. The horse with the second highest conformation placing points receives 18 tabulation points to be added to their 3-judge pattern points total. The horse with the third highest conformation placing points receives 16 tabulation points to be added to their 3-judge pattern points. The pattern continues until the 10th highest conformation points total receives 2 tabulation points added to their 3-judge pattern points.

4. Horses that are tied on conformation placing points remain tied with each receiving the same amount of tabulation points added to their 3-judge pattern points.

5. Any ties in the final total tabulation are broken by the same method as described in the Ranch Horse Challenge class specifications.

- Placings are given in reverse order with tenth place announced first and Champion last. As each exhibitor exits the arena the prize money won, owner, sire x dam, and rider are announced.
- Bonus money is available to Incentive Fund 4-year-olds resulting from a breeding purchased from the corresponding AWWA Stallion Service Auction. It is not necessary for an Incentive Fund entry to be a Finalist to receive the Auction bonus.
- The AWWA Board of Directors have final decision making on all dispute resolution.

The AWWA Ranch Challenge Incentive Fund Maturity AOTR

- The AWWA Incentive Fund Maturity AOTR is held each year at the AHA U.S. National Arabian Horse Championship Show concurrent with the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge. There are two divisions: purebred Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. All Maturity AOTR entries compete on the same pattern during the Ranch Horse Challenge. All Maturity AOTR entries are included in the Order of Go.
- Each Maturity AOTR class is open to horses 5-years-old and older nominated properly to the AWWA Incentive Fund and ridden by their amateur/owner. Horses must be registered Arabian or HA/AA.
- Prize money is determined by AWWA based on payments received from the Stallion Service Auction.
- AWWA awards a Champion, Reserve Champion, and a full Top 10 to each division.
- To participate in the AWWA Maturity AOTR, the owner or agent MUST complete the AHA U.S. National Entry form to enter in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge AND the AWWA entry form. AWWA Entry fee is $250.
- It is the AWWA's decision to use a 3-judge or 5-judge system.
- All entries will complete the individual pattern portion of their respective Ranch Challenge class. Scores earned in the pattern portion of the class determine final placings in each AWWA Maturity AOTR class.
- Placings are given in reverse order with tenth place announced first and Champion last. As each exhibitor exits the arena the prize money won, owner, sire x dam, and rider are announced.
- The AWWA Board of Directors have final decision making on all dispute resolution.

The AWWA Regional Working Western Payback

- To receive AWWA Regional Payback monies a horse must be nominated to the AWWA Incentive Fund.
- Horse must be entered properly in an AHA-recognized Regional Championship show. There is no additional entry fee. If horse/rider is entered in the Regional championship class and that horse is an AWWA Incentive Fund nominated horse, they are eligible to earn AWWA payback monies.
- Payback monies are sent to Recorded Owner of horse.
- Payback is distributed in the following amounts: Champion $250, Reserve Champion $150, and Top 5 $100.
- Horses may enter more than one Regional competition and earn AWWA payback money at each show.
- Payback is available in the following classes for 2027: Arabian Reining Open, Arabian Reining AATR, Arabian Ranch Rail Pleasure AAOTR, Arabian Ranch Riding AAOTR, Arabian Western Trail AAOTR, Arabian Herd Work Open, Arabian Herd Work ATR, VRH Limited Ranch Cow ATR, HA/AA Reining Open, HA/AA Reining AATR, HA/AA Ranch Rail Pleasure AAOTR, HA/AA Ranch Riding AAOTR, HA/AA Western Trail AAOTR, HA/AA Herd Work Open, HA/AA Herd Work ATR, and HA/AA VRH Limited Ranch Cow ATR.

The AWWA Ranch Discipline Rail Pleasure

- AWWA Incentive Fund nominated horses earn bonus prize money in the AWWA Ranch Discipline Rail Pleasure class held at the AHA Youth/Mid-Summer National Championship show.
- Paybacks are awarded by final placings in the class as determined by the official AHA MOS scoring system.

The AWWA 2-year-old Working Western Prospect Exposition

- Only selected shows receiving written approval from the AWWA may hold an AWWA 2-year-old Working Western Prospect Exposition.
- To be eligible for the AWWA 2-year-old Working Western Prospect Exposition champion's title a horse must enter and show in three (3) required classes at the same show. The three (3) required classes are: In-hand Trail (refer to AR 224.2), AWWA Longe Line (refer to class specifications below), and Ranch Conformation Prospect (refer to AR 281). The same handler for each individual class is not required.
- There are two Divisions: Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian; however, Divisions may be combined depending on number of entries. Decision to combine Divisions is at discretion of show management specific to each show.
- Only 2-year-olds nominated to the AWWA Incentive Fund are eligible to earn the over-all title and receive any awards and/or prize money from the AWWA.

- Those 2-year-olds not nominated to the AWWA Incentive Fund may compete in the individual classes, but their scores will not be tabulated in the final over-all placement for titles and/or prize money offered by the AWWA.
- All horses must be placed in each required class.
- Only 2-year-olds nominated to AWWA Incentive Fund earn tabulation points from scores/placings received in each required class. Highest placing Incentive Fund 2-year-old in each required class receives 10 points; followed by 8 points for second highest; 6 points for third highest; 4 points for fourth; and 2 points for fifth. All other Incentive Fund 2-year-olds receive 1 point for participation in the required class. Entries must complete the required class to earn tabulation points. Scores of zero (0) may earn tabulation points. No points are awarded for a "No Score" or a Disqualification.
- After all tabulation points are totaled from the three required classes, the horse with the highest tabulation total earns the title of Champion. The second highest tabulation total is Reserve Champion. Placings continue to 5th place. In case of a tie in the final tabulation total, the horse with the higher score for In-Hand Trail places above. If a tie remains, the total number of penalties from In-Hand Trail is used. If a tie still exists, the horse placing higher in Longe Line places above.
- AWWA Longe Line Class Specifications:

  These guidelines are to be used for the Longe Line class as part of the requirement for holding an AWWA 2-year-old Working Western Prospect Exposition.

  Purpose: The purpose of showing a 2-year-old on a longe line is to demonstrate the horse has the movement, manners, attitude, and trainability to become a useable Working Western performance mount

  Judging Criteria:

  a. Quality of Movement
  b. Manners, Expression, & Attitude
  c. Trainability & Willingness

  Equipment: Horse to be shown in a good working halter (plain leather, nylon, or other synthetic materials are acceptable). Clean, workmanlike equipment is encouraged. Retractable longe line is prohibited.

  The only attachment to the halter is one longe line, no longer than 30 feet. Attached with a snap. Longe line must hang free from the halter and not be attached to the horse in any way. No side lines are allowed. No chains are allowed. A longe whip may be used; however, disqualification will occur anytime a handler strikes the horse during the presentation.

  Attire: Western attire is mandatory. Refer to AR 148.3.a. (Exception chaps and chinks are not required.)

  Class Procedure:

  1. Exhibitor walks horse to designated marker (i.e. cone) and pauses.

2. A whistle (or another audible indicator) will signal to begin. Each exhibitor is allowed 1 and ½ minutes to present the horse at all three gaits in both directions. Time does not begin until horse reaches the perimeter of circle. Exhibitor may begin work in either direction.
3. Announcer will call the "half-way" signal at 45 seconds.
4. Whistle (or another audible indicator) will call end of time.

Following completion of work, the judge may walk to horse for closer inspection.

Entries are disqualified for

- Lameness,
- Fall to the ground of horse,
- Any sign of abuse, or
- Striking the horse with whip.