



VIRGINIA THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL \$40,000 VIRGINIA BREEDERS FUND

Yearling Futurity

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 • WARRENTON HORSE SHOW GROUNDS • 12:00 PM

ELIGIBILITY

- The Futurity is open to Thoroughbred yearlings registered with the Virginia Thoroughbred Association as either Virginia-Bred (a yearling foaled in Virginia), Virginia-Sired (a yearling conceived in Virginia and sired by a Virginia Breeders Fund registered stallion but foaled outside of Virginia), or Virginia-Certified (a yearling conceived and foaled outside of Virginia that has completed its six-month residency requirement at a Virginia-Certified farm or training facility).
- If your yearling is not already registered as a Virginia-Bred or Virginia-Sired horse, visit the VTA website at services.easterassociates.com/thoroughbred/home to complete its registration requirements.
- A Virginia-Certified horse must have completed its six month residency and all other certified registration requirements prior to the entry deadline.

ENTRY DEADLINE

- Entry deadline: Wednesday, August 26, 2026.
- Entries may be submitted by regular mail to 250 West Main Street, Suite 100, Charlottesville, VA 22902; or by email to kiersten.wall@easterassociates.com.
- If submitting entries by email: all entry, membership and/or registration fees must be paid in advance by check payable to VTA.
- No post entries. Checks must be received before the event via mail or hand-delivered at the event.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & FEES

- Current VTA Members: No fee.
- Non-VTA Members: \$100 per entry. Please make entry fee payable to the Virginia Thoroughbred Association. (You may join the VTA at the time of entry and the entry fee will be waived.)
- **Each entry MUST be ACCOMPANIED by a legible copy of a current Coggins. The copy will be retained by the VTA Show Secretary. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

STABLING & STALL

- We are currently working with the Warrenton Horse Show if stalls will be available. Please reach out to Kiersten Wall if you are interested in stalls and how many you will need. We will keep you posted as we get more information.
- Stalls are limited and will **ONLY** be available during the show day.

CHECK-IN PRODECURES

- The Warrenton Horse Show grounds will open at 7:00 a.m.
- **Prior to 12:00 p.m. on September 2, you must check in with the Virginia Thoroughbred Association Show Secretary** at the announcer's stand on the show grounds to confirm your participation in the class and pick up your number(s).

SCHEDULE

- **The Futurity will start promptly at 12:00 p.m. Please be standing by and on time for your class! Due to time constraints, the judging CANNOT wait for late entries.**
- **Class 1:** The VA-Bred or VA-Sired Colts/Geldings. All yearling colts/geldings will enter the ring together and will remain in the ring until the class is pinned, unless the judge dismisses them early.
- **Class 2:** The VA-Bred or VA-Sired Fillies will enter the ring together and follow the same procedures as class 1.
- **Class 3:** The VA-Certified Colts/Geldings will enter the ring together and follow the same procedures as the previous classes.
- **Class 4:** The VA-Certified Fillies will enter the ring together and follow the same procedures as the previous classes.
- **Class 5:** At the conclusion of 4th class, the FIRST and SECOND place winners of each class will return to the ring together to be judged in the final championship class.

RULES & JUDGING PROCEDURES

- The class will be judged on conformation, quality, substance and suitability of the entries to become racehorses.
- Judging procedure: The yearlings will be judged standing and at the walk. *Yearlings will NOT be asked to jog.*
- **Tack:** The preferred tack is either a leather halter and chifney bit or an English bridle with snaffle bit and lead shank.
- **Braiding:** Optional and at the exhibitor's discretion.
- **Shoeing:** Front shoes optional and at exhibitor's discretion. Hind shoes are NOT permitted!

AWARDS

Checks will be mailed after the event. Check with the VTA show Secretary that we have a current W-9 on file.

\$30,000 in Cash Prizes: Prize money will be divided as follows: \$7,500 in each class (unless there are not sufficient entries for a class) - 1st, \$3,000; 2nd, \$2,000; 3rd, \$1,000; 4th, \$750; 5th, \$375; and 6th, \$375.

\$5,000 Three Year Old Bonus: Any Virginia-Bred or Virginia-Sired yearling, that competes in the ring in the colt/gelding or filly futurity classes, will be eligible to compete for a percentage of a \$5,000 bonus. Bonuses will be awarded to the top four money-earners at the racetrack at the completion of their three-year-old year.

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\$600 in Groom's Awards: \$100 to the groom of the best turned-out yearling in each class plus \$100 each to the groom of the champion and reserve champion yearlings. A replica of the Gould Brittle Perpetual Best Turned Out Award will be given to the groom of the champion horse.

Additional Awards: Trophy and Championship ribbon to overall Yearling Futurity Champion; Ribbon to overall Reserve Yearling Futurity Champion; Trophies to winners of each class; Ribbons in each class to eighth.

DIRECTIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS

Directions to the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds

- Driving from Washington: Take I-66 West to Warrenton/Gainesville Exit (Rt. 29 South). Approximately 15 miles to show grounds on Business Rt. 29 South (1st Warrenton Exit). Go through approximately 6 traffic lights on Rt. 29 South Business. Show grounds on right.
- Driving from Winchester: Take Route 50 East to Route 17 South at Paris, then onto I-66 West to Warrenton Exit (Rt. 17 South). Approx. 12 miles to traffic light in Warrenton. Turn right on Rt. 29 South to show grounds on right.
- Driving from Richmond: Via I-95 North to Fredericksburg, Exit Rt. 17 North. Follow Rt. 17 to Bus. Rt. 29 North. Take exit for 17N & 211W. Approximately 3 miles to show grounds on left.

Area Accommodations

- Baymont by Wyndham Warrenton: (540) 216-0720
- Black Horse Inn: (540) 349-4020
- Comfort Inn: 1-800-230-4134
- Hampton Inn: (540) 349-4206
- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Warrenton: (540) 341-3461
- Red Roof Inn Warrenton: (540) 347-4141