

2026 USMS Futurity Rules

Overview

For the 2026 USMS Futurity, there will be no separate stand-alone Futurity class. All nominated Futurity horses will earn Futurity points based solely on their performance in the Main Match. Accumulated points earned throughout the year will count toward year-end awards and prizes against other nominated horses.

Eligibility

- Any competitor with a current USMS membership in good standing is eligible to compete in the USMS Futurity program.
- All Futurity horses must be 4- or 5-year-old horses.
- Horses must **never** have competed in any mounted shooting event (any organization, sanctioned or unsanctioned) for money, prizes, or points before January 1, 2026.
- Each Futurity horse has one (1) year of eligibility to compete in the program.
- Horses may have been entered in other (non-mounted shooting) events.
- The horse must be registered to be eligible to compete.
- All Futurity horses must be nominated into the USMS Futurity program.
- A Futurity horse may only be entered once in the Futurity class — multiple riders may not enter the same horse in a Futurity class.

Futurity Nomination Rules

All Futurity horses must be nominated during their Futurity year. To nominate a horse, the owner or representative must:

1. Electronically submit a copy of registration papers
2. Pay the nomination fee
3. Complete the online nomination form at:
<https://usmountedshooting.com/product/futurity/>

Nomination verification can be found at: <https://usmountedshooting.com/futurityhorses/>

2026 Futurity Nomination Fee: **\$200**

Equipment & Dress Code: See the official USMS Rulebook.

Futurity Horse Year-End Awards

Point Tracking

- Points are tracked for all nominated Futurity horses beginning once the horse has been officially nominated.
- Points are recorded per horse and rider team
- Points will be accumulated per stage at each USMS event.

- A contestant earns points for each clean stage completed.
- Additional points are awarded for every contestant placed higher than on that stage.

Main Match Requirement

- Futurity horses must enter the Main Match to earn year-end Futurity points.
- This is not a separate class — points are drawn from Main Match results and applied to Futurity standings.
- Riders must maintain a current USMS membership to be eligible for year-end awards.

Scoring & Awards

Point Year: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

The Overall High Point Futurity Champion will receive a custom award and a cash payout based on the number of nominated Futurity horses for the season.

- 70% of the nomination pot and sponsorship funds will be paid back to the Overall High Point Horse.
- Year-end Futurity points will include all pistol divisions combined (division 1D-4D does not affect standings).
- The Reserve Champion will receive a custom prize.
- Additional prizes will be announced throughout the season.

Prize Distribution

- If more than 15 horses are nominated: prizes will be awarded to the top 3 horses.
- If more than 20 horses are nominated: prizes will be awarded to the top 5 horses.

Contact & Official Website

For updates, nomination forms, and rulebook access:

www.USMountedShooting.com