



2012 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover YEARLING EDITION

Adoption and Competition Rules & Regulations

OVERVIEW:

100 yearlings of mixed color and sexes will be available for adoption through the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Adoption. Adopted Mustangs are eligible to compete in the \$75,000 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Yearling Edition. **This Extreme Mustang Makeover is unique as eligible yearlings are required to be adopted prior to the competition; therefore an adoption will not be held following the competition. The Mustang Heritage Foundation will not reimburse any expenses associated with the care and/or training of these horses. *The 2012 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Yearling Edition is for youth exhibitors only. Exhibitors must be 8-18 years old at time of application.***

- The Mustang Heritage Foundation, through Superior Productions, is producing a nationally-televised adoption-auction on RFD-TV on March 31, 2012 at 10:00 AM CDT.
- Adopters of yearling Mustangs must be 18 years old or older. Only youth, ages 8-18, are eligible to show and compete with adopted yearlings during the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Yearling Edition. Adopters will designate a youth exhibitor on the Adoption Application. Adopters and exhibitors do not have to be related by family.
- Interested adopters must submit an Adoption Application to the Mustang Heritage Foundation on or before February 13, 2012. Adoption Applications are available at www.extrememustangmakeover.com. Upon Application approval, Superior Productions will contact the approved adopter to provide a bidder number and a bid line phone number. Approved adopters will bid by phone or in studio during the adoption. Bidding starts at \$200.
- Adoptable horses may be previewed prior to the adoption at www.extrememustangmakeover.com or a Preview DVD may be purchased for \$10 by calling (512) 869-3225. *Horses may **not** be previewed at any of the BLM holding facilities.*
- Adopters are required to pick up Mustang(s) on either May 11 or May 12 at one of the following BLM locations: Palomino Valley, NV; Canon City, CO; Pauls Valley, OK; Springfield, OH; or Piney Woods, MS; or on either May 14 or May 15 at Ridgecrest, CA. These are the only dates and locations available. For shipping purposes, adopters are required to confirm their location of choice on March 31. Yearlings were filmed November 2011 and will appear older at pick up than in adoption video footage.
- Yearlings adopted through the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Adoption are eligible for \$75,000 in prize money offered during the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Yearling Edition held September 13-15, 2012 at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Only yearlings offered through this adoption will be eligible to compete in the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Yearling Edition. Yearlings *are not* eligible to compete in the Stars, Idols and/or Legends divisions of the \$200,000 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover.
- Yearlings will compete in-hand only – riding at any point during the competition is not permitted.
- \$50,000 in prize money will be distributed to the *top 20* finalists. An additional \$21,000 will be distributed to the top 10 exhibitors in three age divisions. Age divisions are 8-10, 11-13, and 14-18 as of time of application. \$4,000 will be awarded to the Fan Favorite of the Youth Finals Performance.
- **This adoption will comply with all BLM adoption and program requirements including a 12 month commitment to the care and well being of the adopted Mustang(s). Adopters will receive title to their Mustang 12 months following the May pick up.**

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ADOPTION REGULATIONS:

1. All interested adopters must complete the Adoption Application and postmark to P. O. Box 979, Georgetown, TX, 78626 or fax dated to (512) 869-3229 by February 13, 2012. Youth exhibitors, ages 8-18, must be designated at time of application.
2. Interested adopters must provide valid credit card information in order for the Application to be accepted. The card will not be charged and adopters are not required to use this card for payment upon winning the bid and adopting. Adopters will be called on March 31 to finalize payment. A 3.5 percent service charge will be applied to all credit transactions.
3. Adopters must be 18 years of age or older. BLM and Mustang Heritage Foundation employees and their spouses are not eligible to apply to adopt.
4. Any adopter may be removed from the adoption application process at any time if found to have any alleged history of cruelty to animals or humans. Applicants must meet all BLM Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Requirements.
5. The Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees may at any time conduct a criminal background check on applicants and remove any applicant from the process for any reason or for no reason.
6. ***Adopters must be present at the May pick up to sign required BLM adoption paperwork – no exceptions.***
If you are unable to attend pick up you should NOT apply.
7. Trailer requirements: Adopters must provide transportation for your Mustang from the BLM facility to your facility. While someone else may transport the animal, all trailers must meet these minimum standards: covered top, sturdy walls/floors, and a smooth interior free from any sharp protrusions; ample head room; removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by size and sex, if necessary; floor covered with a non-skid material; and, adequate ventilation. The BLM requires stock-type trailers with rear swing gates to transport adopted animals. Drop ramp, divided two-horse trailers, and trucks with stock racks are not acceptable.
8. Facility requirements for yearlings: Facility can consist of a corral/paddock/stall/round pen. Facility must be a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet x 20 feet) for each Mustang adopted and at least 5 feet high. Facility must be sturdy and constructed of materials such as poles, pipes or planks (minimum 1.5 inch thickness) without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire, large-mesh woven, stranded and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing. You should not release the Mustang into a large open area, such as a pasture, since you may not be able to recapture the animal for training or to provide veterinary care. However, once the animal is gentled, you may release it into a pasture or similar area. You must provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your Mustang. Shelters must be a two-sided structure with a roof, well-drained, adequately ventilated and accessible to the Mustang. The two sides need to block the prevailing winds and need to protect the major part of the bodies of the horse. Tarps are not acceptable.
9. Adopters are responsible for the well being of the horse(s) they adopted and all care related costs.
10. If the horse is moved to a facility different than the one listed on the adoption application for any reason or for any length of time (such as to the location of a youth exhibitor's facility), an updated facility form must be submitted to the Mustang Heritage Foundation office within one week of horse moving.

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Sept. 12

8 AM–5 PM Exhibitors & Mustangs arrive and check-in at Will Rogers Memorial Center
6 PM Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting

Sept. 13th–Sept. 15 Competition

COMPETITION REGULATIONS:

The adopter must designate a youth exhibitor age 8-18 at time of application to train and show the adopted Mustang and compete for prize money during the \$75,500 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Yearling Edition.

1. *Participation in this competition is by invitation only; therefore The Board of Trustees of the Mustang Heritage Foundation has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove an applicant, adopter or exhibitor from a Mustang Heritage Foundation program and/or competition for any reason or for no reason.*
2. Youth exhibitors must be 8-18 years old at time of application.
3. Exhibitors must be declared on the Adoption Application. No changes or replacements to exhibitors may be made once the application is received by the MHF office. Only exhibitors listed on the Adoption Application will be eligible to show during the competition. Competition entry forms will be mailed to the adopter following the March 31 adoption. Entries must be postmarked or fax-dated by August 1, 2012.
4. An exhibitor may compete with more than one yearling, however a yearling may not be shown by more than one exhibitor. For example, Exhibitor Suzy may compete with both Yearling Sally and Yearling Sam, however Yearling Sally may not be shown by both Exhibitor Suzy and Exhibitor Seth.
5. The adopter is responsible for the Mustang at all times as agreed to in the Private Maintenance and Care Agreement issued by the Bureau of Land Management.
6. All prize money and awards will be distributed to the youth exhibitor of the winning Mustang.
7. Mustang training must be humane and compassionate. “Least resistance” techniques are encouraged.
8. Exhibitors are required to sign releases so that all photos and filming may be used to promote the event and become the property of the Mustang Heritage Foundation.
9. Conduct: Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and **humane in the treatment of Mustangs**, such as to promote the implementation of the event and promote fair competition. This includes, but is not limited to: conduct while exhibitors have Mustangs in their possession; conduct on the show grounds; conduct while exhibitors are wearing Extreme Mustang Makeover logo wear off the show grounds; and includes the conduct of individuals traveling with exhibitors, spectators or event managers and all other person being present on show grounds. Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent or profane, and the **inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited** and shall be grounds for the disciplinary action against offending individuals. Further, event management may immediately expel offenders from the competition or show grounds in order to preserve the decorum of the show.

10. **Mustang Heritage Foundation Humane Treatment Policy**

Every Mustang and all animals shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a Mustang in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's horse enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents a horse with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs. The following list, while in no way exhaustive, includes examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques:

- No horse which appears to be emaciated, drawn or injured may be exhibited.
- Use of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking horse with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- Any inhumane treatment which results in wounds.

11. Sponsorships: The Mustang Heritage Foundation has entered into corporate sponsorship agreements with a variety of companies. The Foundation asks that exhibitors honor those sponsorships.
- a. Exhibitors will be restricted from wearing apparel or equine products during the competition that have logos that are larger than 4 inches wide and 2 inches tall.
 - b. Exhibitors may not hang banners of any size in the stall area promoting any sponsors.
 - c. Exhibitors may have small banners and brochures or small printed materials in their stall area ONLY to promote their training business and their sponsors during the event.
12. Upon entry onto the show grounds, competing Mustangs freemarkers will be verified by a BLM representative to determine the horse's eligibility.
13. Upon entry onto the show grounds, competing Mustangs will be examined by a veterinarian or knowledgeable individual to determine the health and condition of the horse. Should a Mustang be deemed in poor condition by a veterinarian or knowledgeable individual, that Mustang may be excused or uninvited to participate in the competition.
14. At least one bag of shavings and one stall per competing Mustang will be provided free of charge. Additional shavings will be available for purchase. One shared tack stall will also be provided free of charge (tack stall may be shared with up to two other individuals).
15. Arenas will be available for warm up and scheduled practices – (schedule and location of arenas to be announced).
16. Classes: Youth exhibitors and their Mustangs will be judged in three classes – (1) a Leading Trail Class worth 40 points per judge, (2) a Pattern Class worth 40 points per judge, and (3) a Compulsory Maneuvers Class worth 40 points per judge (the Compulsory Maneuvers score will carry forward to the finals scoring). Two or more judges will assess each class. Descriptions of each class can be found below in Competition Rules under #7.
17. Finals: The top TWENTY (20) high scoring Mustangs will participate in a finals performance to determine the Champion. All finals performances are worth 100 points per judge. Two or more judges will assess the finals performances.

COMPETITION RULES:

1. Mustangs may be exhibited in English, Western or other appropriate equine styles and equipment. Exhibitors are asked to wear appropriate attire and head gear, which reflects the style of their riding. *Silver on your halters or sequins on your shirts will not earn you any extra points.*
2. Any bit or equipment determined severe by the judges will not be allowed. Judges may deduct points for what they feel is use of discouraged or severe equipment. National Snaffle Bit Association and American Quarter Horse Association rules are resources for preferred equipment. **JUDGES MAY CHECK EQUIPMENT.**
3. Training aides will not be restricted, although exhibitors should realize that horses shown without the use of training aides will be scored higher than those that use training aides. Longe whip is considered a training aid.
4. Ties will be broken by the trail class to determine the top 20 finalists. If a tie exists between trail class scores, the score from a predetermined element in the trail class will break the tie. The tiebreaker element will be determined prior to the start of the event. In case of further ties, a tiebreaker judge may be used. The tiebreaker judge will be appointed prior to the start of the event.
5. **Drugs:** No person shall administer drugs internally or externally to a Mustang, either before or during the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition or adoption. Any medication, drug, mechanical device or artificial appliance, which is of such character as, could affect or enhance the Mustang's performance or appearance at the event is prohibited. *If a Mustang is receiving medication for therapeutic purposes, the exhibitor must submit a letter from their veterinarian to the Extreme Mustang Makeover event manager as to the reason for the medication and the prescribed amount.* **THE EXTREME MUSTANG MAKEOVER MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RANDOMLY OR DIRECTLY DRUG TEST ANY MUSTANG IN THE COMPETITION.** Positive tests may result in removal from the event and removal of prize money. *The Champion and Reserve Champion will be drug tested immediately following the awards presentation on Saturday.*
6. **Classes: Exhibitors will show their yearling Mustang IN-HAND ONLY. Riding at any point in the competition is not permitted.** Exhibitors will be judged on the following:
 1. **Compulsory Maneuvers / 40 Points:**
 - Exhibitors will have 90 seconds maximum to complete five compulsory maneuvers. Time will be called at 90 seconds.
 - Exhibitors will be judged on the execution of five compulsory maneuvers. Each maneuver is worth eight points. This score will reflect completion of the maneuver as well as the horse's level of willingness to execute the maneuvers in a relaxed and confident manner. Exhibitors will be asked to perform the following maneuvers at their best in any order:
 1. Trot a minimum of six strides
 2. Canter or lope a minimum of six strides
 3. Stop
 4. Back a minimum of six steps
 5. Pivot or turn 360 degrees to the right AND left
 2. **Pattern Class / 40 Points:** This class is intended to show the horse's willingness and ability to complete a pattern of generic horsemanship maneuvers. Judges will assess exhibitors showing in either Western or English discipline accordingly. A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a natural position, ears alert and moving at a natural speed for the gait requested. Credit will also be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits and for keeping the correct lead. Maneuvers may include but are not limited to:

- Walk
- Trot
- Lope or Canter
- Change directions
- Stop
- Back
- Pivots or turns to right and left

3. Leading Trail Class / 40 Points: This class is intended to show the horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal day. Exhibitors will be asked to lead the horse through a course of basic, generic obstacles. Exhibitors will be able to "walk thru" the course with the judges prior to the class (horses are not allowed during the walk-thru). Obstacles **may include but are not limited to** the following:

- Walk over logs/poles
- Walk/trot between cones/obstacles
- Maneuver forward and/or reverse through a simple chute
- Pick up all four feet
- Brush horse once on each side
- Load and unload from stock trailer
- Answer industry-related question

**Additional elements may be added such as brush, artificial foliage, rain slickers, etc.*

4. Finals: The Top Twenty (20) Mustangs with the highest combined scores from the Compulsory Maneuvers, Pattern and Leading Trail classes will return for a freestyle finals performance. These top 20 exhibitors are encouraged to choose musical scores, costumes and props that permit them to show the athletic abilities of their horses in a crowd appealing way.

- Finalists are required to show their Mustang in-hand** – riding during the finals performance is not an option.
- Exhibitors will carry their Compulsory Maneuvers scores forward into the finals scoring.
- Exhibitors must provide their own props and assistance for arena set up and tear down – it is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure all props are cleared from the arena immediately following the conclusion of the freestyle performance, including hay, confetti, etc.
- Props of pyrotechnic nature including fireworks, flares, sparklers, firecrackers, etc. are not allowed.
- Exhibitors will have four minutes prior to their performance to stage or set the arena.
- Exhibitors will have 3.5 minutes to complete their freestyle performance – music and time will start when competitor enters the arena.
- "Voice-overs" and/or commentary from the exhibitor are not allowed during the performance. Music is a required component of the freestyle performance – if the exhibitor does not turn in music during the finalists' meeting at the event, management may select music for him/her. All music is subject to review and approval by MHF staff.
- Other animals (dogs, additional horses, etc.) will NOT be allowed in the arena during the finals performance for any reason.
- Other people (including children) will NOT be allowed in the arena during the finals performance for any reason other than to set up obstacles, hand obstacles to the exhibitor or drive a vehicle to be used during the performance. Other people are NOT allowed to act as props, ride or come in contact with the horse at any point during the performance. All items are subject to review and approval by MHF staff.
- Mustangs are not allowed to trot or lope onto/into any *moving* or *covered* vehicles or trailers of any kind.

K. Ties will be broken by the compulsory score. If a tie exists between compulsory scores, the score from a predetermined compulsory maneuver will break the tie. The tiebreaker compulsory maneuver will be determined prior to the start of the event. In case of further ties, a tiebreaker judge may be used. Management reserves the right to use a “ride off” as a tie breaker for first place.

1. Execution of Compulsory Maneuvers – 40 points per judge (carried forward from preliminary class).

2. Freestyle Performance – 60 points per judge

The freestyle portion is worth a total of 60 points and will be scored in the following areas:

A. Overall Horsemanship - 30 points:

- The horse’s overall willingness to perform and execute maneuvers in a relaxed and confident manner (10 points)
- Communication and partnership between horse and rider (10 points)
- Incorporation of maneuvers and their degree of difficulty (10 points). These maneuvers would include but are not limited to: *sidepass, pulling or dragging, jumping, serpentine, roping, circles with variance in size and speed, stops, etc.*

B. Artistic Interpretation - 30 points:

- Components of Choreography – the composition and arrangement of the ride in relation to the music and its rhythm, as well as the use of maneuvers, costumes, and/or props to enhance the performance (15 points)
- The “WOW” Factor – level of originality and the overall entertainment value of the performance (15 points).

AWARDS: All awards and prize money will be distributed to the exhibitor of the winning Mustang.* Prize money will be mailed to the exhibitor within 30 days of the competition. Other awards will be presented during the competition.

1. The TOP TWENTY (20) highest scoring exhibitors will receive prize money and ribbons. The champion will receive a belt buckle.

\$50,000 Purse

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| Champion | \$15,000 |
| 2 nd Place | \$9,000 |
| 3 rd Place | \$7,000 |
| 4 th Place | \$5,000 |
| 5 th Place | \$2,500 |
| 6 th Place | \$2,000 |
| 7 th Place | \$1,750 |
| 8 th Place | \$1,500 |
| 9 th Place | \$1,250 |
| 10 th Place | \$1,000 |
| 11 th Place | \$750 |
| 12 th Place | \$650 |
| 13 th Place | \$550 |
| 14 th Place | \$450 |
| 15 th Place | \$350 |
| 16-20 th Place | \$250 |

2. A \$4,000 FAN FAVORITE award will also be presented to the exhibitor whose performance receives the most votes from the crowd during the Youth Finals Performance. Voting will only take place during the Youth Finals Performance. Voting method and additional details to be announced.
3. \$21,000 will be distributed to the Top Ten highest combined preliminary scores in the following age divisions:

| <u>8-10 Year Olds</u> | | <u>11-13 Year Olds</u> | | <u>14-18 Year Olds</u> | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| Champion | \$2,000 | Champion | \$2,000 | Champion | \$2,000 |
| 2 nd Place | \$1,500 | 2 nd Place | \$1,500 | 2 nd Place | \$1,500 |
| 3 rd Place | \$1,000 | 3 rd Place | \$1,000 | 3 rd Place | \$1,000 |
| 4 th Place | \$750 | 4 th Place | \$750 | 4 th Place | \$750 |
| 5 th Place | \$500 | 5 th Place | \$500 | 5 th Place | \$500 |
| 6-10 th Place | \$250 | 6-10 th Place | \$250 | 6-10 th Place | \$250 |

4. CLASS RIBBONS will be presented to the Top 10 highest placing Mustangs in each class (Trail, Pattern, Compulsory Maneuvers) in each age division.
5. Additional prizes and awards may be added to any or all of the above award categories.

****Youth exhibitors and their parents/guardians should review any and all rules and regulations pertaining to winnings/earnings and their effect on National Collegiate Athletic Association eligibility and/or equine breed and discipline organizations' amateur and non-pro statuses. Please note this is NOT a horseback riding competition.***