



Futurity and Maturity Program

Greetings,

We hope you find the Weimaraner Club of America (WCA) Futurity and Maturity Program rewarding whether you are:

- An experienced breeder,
- A first time breeder,
- Just considering breeding,
- A new owner or
- A long time Weimaraner owner

And, whether you are interested in field, bench or both.

The Futurity and Maturity program is designed to encourage and reward the breeding of Weimaraners who most closely conform to the approved AKC breed standard and its intent. Such recognition is important to the breed for continued breed improvement.

The program began in 1956 with a Field Futurity followed by a Bench Futurity program beginning in 1957. (Field events recognize dogs based on their ability to find, point and retrieve game, while bench events recognize dogs on their conformation.) The programs, with their rich history, were combined in 1985. In 2011 the WCA Board of Directors appointed a committee of knowledgeable and committed Weimaraner breeders and owners to take a critical look at the program and recommend changes needed to take the program into the future. This 2025 refresh is a response to the ever-changing landscape in the dog world. It is based on feedback from the membership and analysis of program trends.

The program not only rewards the efforts of the breeder but also the owners who are responsible for fulfilling their Weimaraners' unique potential. Recognition is also given to the sire for his genetic contribution to the breeding.

The Futurity and Maturity program provides the breeder with the opportunity to nominate their litter which is a statement of faith for their breeding program. The WCA rewards successes in both bench and field venues, with the ultimate achievement being success in both. The Futurity and Maturity Program recognizes the dedication of participating breeders and owners in striving to achieve this excellence.

This booklet is designed for the breeders and owners of Weimaraners interested in the Futurity and Maturity Program. As with many activities, the Futurity and Maturity program uses unique terminology so please read the section called Definitions.

On an ongoing basis the Futurity Administrator is responsible for monitoring the results of the program so any suggestions to improve the program should be directed to the Futurity Administrator. The Futurity Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day management of the program and should be able to handle your questions. See the WCA Website <https://WeimaranerClubofAmerica.org> for the Futurity Administrator's current contact information. Additionally, any member of the Board of Directors is interested in your comments and suggestions for the program. The WCA Board of Directors reviews the program for revisions at least every three years.

Warmest regards,

WCA Board of Directors

Definitions

The following words in bold have specific meaning in the Futurity and Maturity Program. When the word is used in the document it is capitalized to indicate that it is a defined term.

AKC – American Kennel Club.

AKC Registration Certificate – The document provided by the AKC listing a dog's name, breed, color, sire, dam, breeder, owner, AKC number, sex and date of birth. Futurity and Maturity eligibility requires Full Registration, not Limited Registration.

All-Age – an AKC performance standard used in Field Trials.

Bench Show (or Conformation Dog Show) – A competitive exhibition for dogs at which the dogs are judged in accordance with an established standard of perfection.

Breeder – A person who breeds dogs. Under AKC and WCA rules the breeder is the owner (or if the Dam was leased, the lessee) of the Dam when the Dam was bred. This is the person or a person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate of the Get (puppies) and is considered the breeder of record. In the event there are multiple breeders, the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the WCA.

Brace – A pair of dogs (2 dogs).

Bye – A single dog in competition.

Dam – The female parent of a dog.

Derby Stake – An AKC performance standard used in Field Trials.

Disqualifying Fault – A condition that makes a dog ineligible for competition. The AKC provides disqualifications that apply to all breeds, see *The Complete Dog Book* for a list of those conditions. The WCA provides the following disqualifying faults in the Weimaraner breed standard:

- Dogs measuring at the withers less than 24 inches, or more than 28 inches,
- Bitches measuring at the withers less than 22 inches, or more than 26 inches,
- A distinctively long coat
- A distinctively blue or black coat.

The Futurity and Maturity Program provides that no cryptorchid (unilateral or bilateral), spayed or neutered dogs are eligible to compete.

Dual Champion – A dog that has both a field and bench championship.

Field Trial (pointing) – A competition in which pointing breeds are judged on their ability and style in finding, pointing and retrieving game.

Futurity – A non-regular competition at a designated specialty show or field trial for young dogs that recognizes and awards dogs who most closely conform to the approved AKC breed or performance standard. The

competition requires a series of nominations from a Breeder and payment of associated fees by the Breeder and/or owner of the Get prior to the date on which the Futurity is judged.

Futurity Year – Is a calendar year.

Get – The offspring from the breeding of the Dam to the Sire.

Gun Dog – An AKC performance standard used in Field Trials.

Maturity – A non-regular competition at specialty shows for dogs following the year of their Futurity. Dogs must be nominated for the Maturity when nominated for the Futurity to be eligible.

Member in Good Standing – A person who has paid annual membership dues for the current year and who is not suspended from the WCA or AKC membership, nor has any debt with the WCA.

Owner of the Get – The owner of the Get as listed on the AKC Registration Certificate. In the event there are multiple owners, the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate that is a Member in Good Standing is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the WCA.

Owner of the Sire – Owner of the Sire when Dam was bred. In the event there are multiple owners, the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate that is a Member in Good Standing is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by WCA. See below:

Owner of the Sire - Frozen Semen: If the Owner of the Sire is deceased when the Dam is bred, the owner of the semen shall be entitled to receive the Owner of the Sire trophy provided that the owner of the semen provides proof that the semen was transferred to him/her by valid legal document such as the Decedent's Will or through a duly notarized legal document. If the owner of the semen is, through inheritance, an immediate family member, spouse, son, daughter, they shall be eligible for the Sire trophy provided they are a WCA Member in Good Standing and all other WCA requirements are met. Since they were not the legal owner or co-owner of the sire, the right of transfer does not apply. In no event, however, shall any person(s) be entitled to receive the Owner of the Sire trophy if he/she acquired title to the frozen semen other than through the legal wishes of the deceased owner of the sire.

Premium List - A document published by the club hosting an event giving details of the event and providing an entry form.

Sire – The male parent of a dog.

Stake – At a Field Trial, a category in which dogs based on their eligibility compete. It may be an age or skill level.

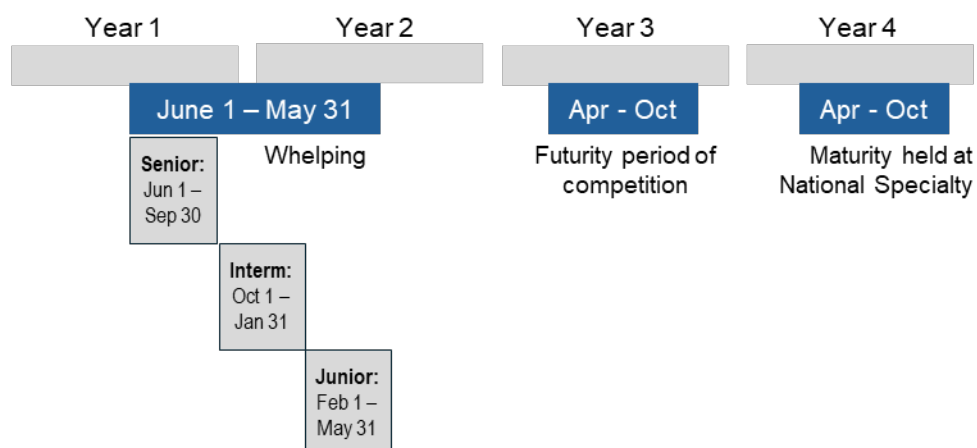
Versatile Hunting Dog – A dog bred and trained to hunt and point game, to retrieve on both land and water and to track wounded game on both land and water. AKC recognizes the Brittany, German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Spinone Italiano, Vizsla, Weimaraner and Wirehaired Pointing Griffon as versatile breeds.

Whelping – The act of giving birth to puppies or Get.

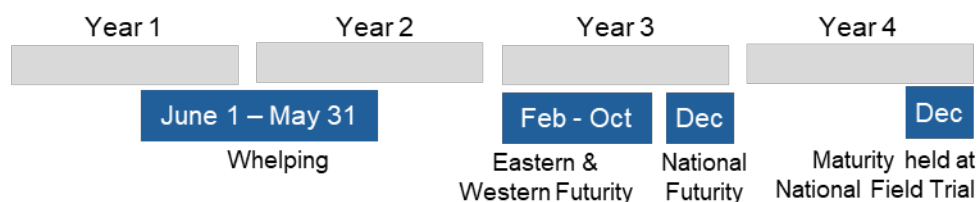
Whelping Date – The birth date of the puppies or Get.

Futurity and Maturity Dates

Show Futurity And Maturity



Field Futurity And Maturity



Dam Nomination

Whelp Date				
Days	0	15	30	45
				60
Futurity	Submit Nomination Form + Fees			Submit Nomination Form + Late Fees
Maturity	Complete Maturity Section + Fees			Complete Maturity Section + Fees

For Each Get

1 Month	4 Months	5 Months
Submit Puppy registration form plus individual nomination fee		Late Fees apply

** If Maturity Litter nominated, Get may be Maturity nominated up to 12 months of age.

Maintain Nomination

- Submit AKC Registration Certificate or recognized foreign registration prior to January 1 of Futurity year.
- After January 1 submit registration plus monthly late fee
- If Get is not Maturity nominated, owner may nominate individually before one (1) year of age

Eligibility and Nominations

General Eligibility and WCA Membership Requirements

- 1) The Futurity and Maturity Program is open to all American Kennel Club (AKC) registered and AKC recognized foreign registered Weimaraners that have no **disqualifying faults**. As well, no cryptorchid (unilateral or bilateral), spayed or neutered dogs are eligible to compete.
- 2) Breeders of the Get need to be Members in Good Standing when the Dam is nominated and the Get competes. This is with the exception of when an owner or co-owner that was in good standing is now deceased.
- 3) Owners and co-owners of the Get need to be Members in Good Standing when submitting puppy nomination forms and when the Get competes. This is with the exception of when an owner or co-owner that was in good standing is now deceased.
- 4) The Owner of the Sire is not required to be a member of the WCA for a litter to be nominated, but must be a WCA Member in Good Standing at the time of the event to receive awards. See Definitions, page 3; "Owner of the Sire."
- 5) If a Futurity nominated Get is sold, eligibility will continue to the new owner, provided the new owner or owners are Members in Good Standing (see Change in Ownership of Get).
- 6) To be eligible to compete in a Maturity event the Get must have been eligible to compete in the corresponding Futurity event. That is, to be eligible to compete in the Show Maturity, the litter must be Show Futurity nominated. To be eligible to compete in the Field Maturity, the litter must be Field Futurity nominated.

Program Fees

- Discounted fees for Dual Futurity shall be split 50% to Bench and 50% to Field.
- Program fees for each program (Field Futurity, Bench Futurity, Bench Maturity, and Field Maturity) shall be accounted for separately.
- Late Fees shall be split between the programs with 70% going to the Futurity and 30% to the Maturity.
- Program Fees shall be reviewed annually.

Litter Nomination Fees	
Single Futurity Litter (Bench or Field)	\$50.00
Dual Futurity Litter (Bench and Field)	\$80.00
Single Maturity Litter (Bench or Field)	\$25.00
Dual Maturity Litter (Bench and Field)	\$40.00
Late Litter Nomination Fee (31-60 days after whelping) – additional fee	\$100.00
Get Fees	
Single Futurity Get (before month turns 4 months old)	\$30.00
Dual Futurity Get (before month turns 4 months old)	\$50.00
Futurity Get Late Fee (month turn 5 months old)	\$20.00
Futurity Get Late Fee (up to 2 months prior to event)	\$100.00
Single Maturity Get (before month turns 12 months old)	\$15.00
Dual Maturity Get (before month turns 12 months old)	\$25.00
AKC Registration Late Fee	\$10.00 per month
Owner Nominated Maturity Fee (before 12 months of age)	\$80.00

Fee Calculation Examples

Breeder wishes to nominate a 20 day old litter for both Futurities and the Bench Maturity. They would pay the Dual Futurity Litter fee plus a Single Maturity Litter fee.

Breeder wishes to nominate a 45 day old litter for the Field Futurity and Field Maturity. They would pay the Single Futurity, Single Maturity, and one Late Litter Nomination fees.

Nomination of Dam's Litter

- 1) A Dam's litter shall be nominated on or before 30 days after the Whelping Date by completing a nomination form provided by the Futurity Administrator, or available on the Website <http://WeimaranerClubofAmerica.org> plus the payment of the appropriate nomination fees as noted in the Program Fees table..
 - A Dam's litter nomination after the 30 days will be accepted for an additional 30 days provided the nomination fee is accompanied by an additional Late Fee as noted in the Program Fees table.

- 2) A Dam's litter may be nominated for the Maturity simultaneously with the Futurity nomination by completing the Maturity section of the nomination form and paying the appropriate nomination fees as noted in the Program Fees table.
 - A Dam's litter Maturity nomination after 30 days will be accepted for an additional 30 days provided it is accompanied by the appropriate Futurity Litter Late fee. That is, only one Litter Nomination Late Fee is collected for both the Futurity and Maturity programs.

Get Fees and Forms

- 1) For each individual an appropriate Get fee, as noted in the Program Fees section, and puppy nomination form is due on or before the last day of the month the Get turns 4 months old. If the nomination form and fee are not timely submitted Get may be made eligible by submitting the Get nomination fee, puppy nomination form and:
 - a. Up to the last day of the month the Get turns 5 months old, a smaller Get Late Fee. Or,
 - b. By the first day of the month, which is two months prior to the event date, the larger Get Late Fee.
- 2) A copy of the AKC Registration Certificate (Eligibility requires Full Registration, not Limited Registration) or AKC recognized foreign registration must be submitted to the Futurity Administrator.
 - If a copy of the registration certificate is not on file with the Futurity Administrator prior to January 1 of the year of competition, a \$10 per month late fee must accompany the submission of the AKC Registration Certificate.
- 3) Get not made eligible by their Breeder for the Maturity may be made eligible for the Maturity by its owner with the payment of the Owner Nominated Maturity fee, as noted in the Program Fees section, before the Get is 12 months of age.
- 4) Breeders are reminded the month the litter turns four months old that individual puppy nominations are due. When the puppy nomination form is processed, Breeders are emailed a copy of the Futurity receipt at the same time as the owner. The receipt shows the puppy's Futurity status.
- 5) Breeders are also notified of the Get's eligibility to compete, including Owner membership status, during January of the Get's Futurity Year.

Form of Payment of Fees

- 1) All fees required under the Futurity and Maturity program may be made by WCA Store, check, Visa, MasterCard, Amex or PayPal. This does not include entry fees for events as that form of payment is determined by the event committee.
- 2) All fees are to be paid in U.S. funds.
- 3) All fees are nonrefundable.

Submitting Forms and Date Determination for deadlines

- 1) Forms may be submitted by mail or email.
- 2) When fees are paid by credit card, information may be submitted by U.S. mail, email (email is not secure), WCA web store, PayPal, or by calling the Futurity Administrator to give credit card information.
- 3) Dates for determining fulfillment of deadlines are determined by the:
 - a. Postmark for U.S. Mail
 - b. Date sent for all overnight carriers,
 - c. Sent date for emails

Change in ownership of the Get

- 1) At the time Get fees are paid the owner is the person listed on the Get nomination form.
- 2) If there is a change of ownership, a copy of the AKC Registration Certificate (Eligibility requires Full Registration, not Limited Registration) or AKC recognized foreign registration certificate listing the new owners must be on file with the Futurity Administrator on or before the date of closing of the event.
- 3) At the time of competition, ownership determination is consistent with AKC requirements.

Bench Show Futurity and Maturity

Events

- 1) Three Bench Show Futurities are held in different regions of the country each year. The regions are:
 - a) Eastern – Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.
 - b) Central – Arkansas, Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.
 - c) Western – Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.
- 2) A single Bench Show Maturity will be held each year at the National Specialty.
- 3) The WCA holds a Futurity and Maturity in conjunction with the National Specialty each year. The location of the National Specialty determines whether it is considered the Eastern, Central or Western Futurity. A local Weimaraner Club applies to the WCA to host a Futurity in the remaining regions in conjunction with its local specialty show.
- 4) The WCA asks that the local Weimaraner clubs hold the event during the months of April through October.
- 5) The WCA Show Futurity and Maturity are non-regular classes and do not award AKC Championship points.

Futurity Classes

- 1) Senior – Get whelped on or after June 1 through September 30.
- 2) Intermediate – Get whelped on or after October 1 through January 31.
- 3) Junior – Get whelped on or after February 1 through May 31.

Maturity Classes

- Classes are divided by sex only

Cancellation due to Lack of Entry

- 1) A minimum of four (4) entries are required for a Futurity or Maturity to be held. In the event of cancellation due to lack of entries entry fees shall be fully refunded. Examples:
 - 3 Junior Dogs, 2 Intermediate Dogs, and 0 Senior Dogs are entered – the event is held as more than 4 Dog entries across all classes were received.
 - 3 Maturity Dogs and 2 Maturity Bitches are entered – the Maturity event is held.

Should a Futurity or Maturity be cancelled, the host club shall keep any WCA financial support received.

Entries and Entry Fees

- 1) Eligible Get may be entered in each Bench Show Futurity in the appropriate year provided the Get has not been awarded Best Dog or Best Bitch in a Futurity. Eligible Get may be entered in each Maturity in the appropriate year provided the Get has not been awarded Best Dog or Best Bitch in Maturity.
- 2) All Get entered in the Futurity or Maturity must be entered in one of the regular or non-regular conformation classes provided by the local host club in the premium list, the National Specialty or in the premium list of the appropriate All Breed Show.
- 3) On the AKC approved entry form in the space provided for "Additional Class" write Senior Dog/Bitch, Intermediate Dog/Bitch, Junior Dog/Bitch, Maturity Dog or Maturity Bitch, as appropriate.
- 4) The entry fee for the Futurity or Maturity is set by the event committee as equal to the entry fee for a regular or additional class. And will be required to accompany the submitted entry form for the Specialty show.
- 5) The club hosting the Futurity or Maturity keep all entry fees to defray the cost of the event.

Order of Judging

- 1) Dog classes are judged first beginning with the Junior class, then Intermediate followed by Senior, providing 4 placements for each class.
- 2) The judge will then judge the bitch classes beginning with Junior, then Intermediate followed by Senior, providing 4 placements in each class.
- 3) The first place winners in each of these classes (both sexes) will then compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity.
- 4) The judge will judge Maturity dogs providing 4 placements. .
- 5) The judge will judge Maturity bitches providing 4 placements. .
- 6) After judging of the dogs and bitches is complete the first place dog and bitch will enter the ring. Best in Maturity and Best of Opposite Sex in Maturity shall be awarded from these two dogs.

Judges

- Judges are selected following the procedures for selecting judges for the National & Sectional Show events. See the separate document *Judging Selection for WCA Bench Events*.

Instruction to Judges

- Appendix A contains a sample of the letter sent to each judge judging a Bench Futurity and Maturity.

Disqualifying Faults

- The judge is responsible for dismissing from competition any cryptorchid dogs (unilateral or bilateral), spayed or neutered dogs, or dog with a Disqualifying Fault under the Weimaraner Breed Standard.

Handlers

- Open to both professional and amateur handlers.

AKC Rules

- The AKC rules for Dog Shows applies to the Futurity and Maturity events unless contrary to the provisions of the WCA Futurity and Maturity Program.

Protests

- Any protest regarding eligibility or misconduct is handled as provided by the AKC *Dealing with Misconduct* replacing AKC officials with WCA President, Executive Secretary and Futurity Administrator with regard to notification.

Field Futurity and Maturity

Events

- The Field Futurity event is a stake held during the:
 - Eastern Classic
 - Western Classic and
 - National Field Trial
 - If no Classic is held for a Futurity Region, the Futurity can be held in conjunction with a local Weimaraner Club's Field Trial.
- The Field Maturity is held at the National Field Trial only.
- The WCA Field Futurity and Maturity are non-regular stakes and do not award AKC Championship points.

Stakes & Classes

- 1) The stakes require a minimum of 4 starters. If there are not 4 starters, the stake is cancelled and entry fees fully refunded.
- 2) The event may be run on continuous, multiple or single course.
- 3) A blank pistol, .22 or .32 caliber, must be used. The use of .22 crimps or shotguns is not permitted.
- 4) Bitches in season may compete in the Field Futurity and Maturity but will run last and will not be braced with a male.
- 5) The Futurity stake is sub-divided into two classes based on handling method: Walking and Horseback. There may be less than 4 started in one or both classes provided the entire stake has a minimum of 4 starters. The Maturity is not sub-divided by class, though Walking and Horseback handlers will be braced separately.
- 6) During bracing Walking and Horseback handler will not be braced together. This may mean the stake has multiple Bye braces. Bye braces shall be drawn randomly at the end of the stake.
- 7) During drawing, braces for Walking and Horseback handlers will be drawn randomly together. This may cause a mix of handling methods during the stake. For example, Horse, Walk, Walk, Horse, Walk, Horse.

Entries and Entry Fees

- 1) Weimaraners eligible to compete in the Futurity or Maturity may enter and compete in all of the Field Futurity and Maturity Events regardless of placements at prior Field Futurities or Maturities.
- 2) The entry fee for a Field Futurity is similar to the entry fee charged for a Derby stake.
- 3) The entry fee for a Field Maturity is similar to the entry fee charged for a 30-minute Gun Dog or All-Age stake.
- 4) The Club hosting the event keeps all entry fees to defray the cost of the event.

Judges

- 1) Judges are selected following the procedures for selecting judges for the National & Sectional Field events. See the separate documents *National Field Championship Rules* and *Regional Field Classic Rules*.
- 2) Appendix B contains a sample letter with Judging Instruction to be sent to the Judges.

Futurity Performance Standard

- 1) The Field Futurity will run for 30-minutes on a continuous, multiple, or single course. Birds shall be planted on the back course. There is no bird field. This is a non-retrieving stake.
- 2) Field Futurity dogs must be judged on their actual performance as indicating their future promise as a high-class bird dog for either Gun Dog or All-Age stakes. No preference is to be given whether the dog performs as a Gun Dog or All-Age dog.
- 3) Dogs must be under reasonable control of the handler.
- 4) Field Futurity dogs must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast, yet attractive style of running, and demonstrate intelligence in seeking objectives, stamina, and the ability to find game.
- 5) Field Futurity dogs must find birds and establish point. A “flash” point is not sufficient.
- 6) The overall picture of a Futurity dog is of a Derby or high scoring Junior Hunter dog.
- 7) Dogs with bird contact where Judges did not have opportunity to see the dog on point may be called back to point at the judges’ discretion.
- 8) A dog that does not have bird contact cannot be placed and should not be called back to point after the running of its brace except under the most unusual circumstances.

Maturity Performance Standard

- 1) The Field Maturity will run for 30-minutes on a continuous, multiple, or single course. Birds shall be planted on the back course. There is no bird field. This is a non-retrieving stake.
- 2) Field Maturity dogs must be judged on their actual performance as indicating their continuing development into a high-class bird dog for either Gun Dog or All-Age stakes. No preference is to be given whether the dog performs as a Gun Dog or All-Age dog.
- 3) Dogs must be under reasonable control of the handler.
- 4) Field Maturity dogs must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast, yet attractive style of running, and demonstrate intelligence in seeking objectives, stamina, and the ability to find game.
- 5) Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose, and style and intensity on point, are essential.
- 6) Dogs must not only find and staunchly point game but must remain steady to wing on all pointed birds. They must remain steady until at least the shot, or when they are released by the handler. This is a similar level of training as the AKC Senior Hunter. Chasing birds shall be penalized.
- 7) The overall picture of a Maturity should be of a green broke dog who should be forgiven for taking a step or two, provided they are stopped. And who then moves on to hunt new objectives once the bird is flushed.
- 8) A dog that encounters its bracemate on point must honor, however it is permissible for the handler to command the dog into the honor. Dogs that steal point shall be ordered up and cannot be used.
- 9) A dog that does not point cannot be placed and should not be called back to point after the running of its brace except under the most unusual circumstances.

Placements

- 1) Four placements in each class of the Field Futurity (Walking and Horseback) may be awarded to deserving dogs at the discretion of the judges. Judges shall withhold placements from dogs who do not show potential to become class bird dogs.
- 2) The best dog of the two first place dogs as determined by the judges is the Field Futurity Winner. If there is only one First place given, then that dog is the Field Futurity Winner. If first place is withheld in both classes there is no Field Futurity Winner.
- 3) The Field Maturity shall have up to four placements given to deserving dogs with the First place winner named the Field Maturity winner. If first place is withheld, there is no Field Maturity winner.

Handlers

- 1) Open to both professional and amateur handlers.
- 2) Separate classes are provided for Horseback and Walking handlers in the Field Futurity.
- 3) Disabled handlers on ATV shall enter the Walking class in the Field Futurity or be braced as a Walking handler in the Field Maturity.

Disqualifying Faults

- 1) No cryptorchid dogs (unilateral or bilateral), spayed or neutered dogs, or any dog with a Disqualifying Fault under the Weimaraner Breed Standard may compete in any Futurity.

AKC Rules

- The AKC rules for Field Trials applies to the Field Futurity / Maturity Stake unless contrary to the provisions of the WCA Futurity and Maturity Program.

Protests

- Any protest regarding eligibility or misconduct is handled as provided by the AKC *Dealing with Misconduct* replacing AKC officials with WCA President, Executive Secretary and Futurity Administrator with regard to notification.

Trophies and Awards

Payment of Winnings

All Futurity and Maturity winnings are paid by check. Checks shall be mailed by March 1 of the year following the event. (e.g.: 2027 Futurity events are paid by 1 March 2028. 2028 Maturity events are paid by 1 March 2029.)

1. Checks shall be made out to all co-owners or co-breeders as appropriate.
 2. When co-breeders and co-owners are identical, winnings shall be combined into a single check.
 3. If any owner or co-owner is ineligible, the winnings revert to the Weimaraner Club of America.
 4. If any breeder or co-breeder is ineligible, the winnings revert to the Weimaraner Club of America.
- Breeders must be members of the WCA at the time of competition to retain their eligibility.

Division of Winnings

- 1) Show Futurity, Field Futurity, Show Maturity, and Field Maturity monies shall be accounted for separately in the WCA Balance Sheet.
- 2) The WCA shall retain actual program costs accounted separately between Futurity and Maturity programs. That is, the expenses associated with the Futurity events shall be taken from Futurity funds. And expenses associated with the Maturity events shall be taken from Maturity funds.
- 3) Once all program expenses are retained, what remains is put into the Winnings Pool for the Futurity and Maturity.
- 4) The Futurity purse shall be divided on a ratio basis reflecting the number for dogs competing in each region. (Total monies paid divided by the total number of dogs competing in all regions (Show and Field) x the number of dogs competing in each region.)
- 5) The Futurity Winnings Pool shall be disbursed as follows:
 - a. Field Futurity: 20% of the total for the Field Futurity Winner. The remainder is divided equally between the Walking and Horseback classes and distributed 50% for First, 30% for second, 20% for third.
 - b. Show Futurity: 15% of the total to the Best of each sex. 11.7% of the total to each of the class winners (first place in each class).
- 6) The Maturity Winnings Pool shall be disbursed as follows:
 - a. Field Maturity: Distributed 50% for First, 30% for second, 20% for third.
 - b. Show Maturity: 15% of the total to the Best of each sex. The remainder is equally divided between the two sexes and distributed 50% for First, 30% for second, 20% for third.
- 7) After the winnings for each placement are calculated. All winnings are further divided with 75% for the Breeder(s) and 25% for the Owners(s).
- 8) All winnings not given out (e.g.: placement withheld or not given) are returned to the Weimaraner Club of America General Fund.

Breeder Trophies

- 1) Breeder(s) of the Best in Futurity, Best in Maturity, and Winner of the Field Futurity and Maturity are entitled to purchase for cost plus shipping a Breed figure on a walnut base (The Pewter Dog) from the Futurity Administrator
- 2) The WCA and Host Clubs may solicit donations to defray the cost of Pewter Dogs for winning Breeders.
- 3) Host clubs may provide additional awards or trophies.

Owner of Sire

- 1) Provided the Owner(s) of the Sire of the Best in Futurity, Best in Maturity, Field Futurity Winner or Field Maturity Winner is a member in Good Standing with the WCA on the day of the event, the Owner(s) of the Sire are entitled to purchase for cost plus shipping a Breed figure on a walnut base (The Pewter Dog) from the Futurity Administrator.
- 2) The WCA and Host Clubs may solicit donations to defray the cost of Pewter Dogs for winning Sire Owners.

Owner of Get

- 1) Owner of the Best in Futurity, Best in Maturity and Owner of Field Futurity or Maturity winner receives a WCA walnut plaque. If there are additional persons listed as Owners on the AKC Registration Certificate they may purchase a WCA walnut plaque from the WCA for cost plus shipping.
- 2) Rosettes are awarded to all placements in Field and Show Futurity and Maturity events.
- 3) Rosettes are awarded to Best in Futurity, Best in Maturity, and Field Futurity or Maturity Winner.
- 4) A medallion with neck ribbon for placements in the Field and Bench Show Futurity and Maturity events is entitled to be purchased for cost plus shipping from the WCA Futurity Administrator.
- 5) Host clubs may provide additional awards and trophies.

Hat Pins

- Futurity and Maturity hat pins are available for purchase from the National Office. Only owners and breeders of the Get that received Best in Futurity, Best in Maturity, or Field Futurity or Maturity Winners may purchase a hat pin.

Placing in Show and Field and Futurity/Maturity

- Breeder of Get placing in Field and Bench Futurity or Field and Bench Maturity receives a frameable Certificate of Achievement. To receive the award a dog must have defeated at least one dog in both the events. Breeder(s) may purchase a photo engraved plaque from the WCA for cost plus shipping.

Winning Best in Futurity and Field Futurity Winner or Best in Maturity and Field Maturity Winner

- Breeder of the Get winning Best in Futurity and Field Futurity Winner or Best in Maturity and Field Maturity Winner receives an engraved photo plaque. If there are additional persons listed as Breeders on the AKC Registration Certificate, they may purchase an engraved photo plaque from the WCA for cost plus shipping.

Appendix A - Letter to Bench Futurity / Maturity Judge

To: The Judges of our Show Futurity and Maturity

You are not to anticipate what the dogs will look like in the future. Instead, you are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of your ability, following the standard for the Weimaraner breed and according to your concept of what a Weimaraner should look like when he is the age of the class you are judging.

We encourage that equal consideration be given to each of the classes regarding Best Dog in Futurity and Best Bitch in Futurity realizing that the more youthful dogs will be less mature, and provided those points of immaturity are normal and appropriate for this breed at that time in development, they should not be penalized.

Since handlers may range from novice to professional, and because this is a breeder's Futurity, we would hope that you would place emphasis on the selection of a superior specimen and have considerable tolerance for the novice handler.

Depending on whether the Futurity is held in April, May, June, July, August, September or October our Futurity Dogs will range in age from:

- Juniors will range in age from 10 to 20 months
- Intermediates will range in age from 14 to 24 months
- Seniors will range in age from 18 to 28 months

Dogs and bitches shall be judged separately in this order:

1. Junior dogs--placing 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. Intermediate dogs--placing 1, 2, 3 and 4.
3. Senior dogs--placing 1, 2, 3 and 4.
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5. Junior bitches--placing 1, 2, 3 and 4.
6. Intermediate bitches--placing 1, 2, 3 and 4.
7. Senior bitches--placing 1, 2, 3 and 4.
8. The first place winners of the above six classes will then compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity.

After Best and Best Opposite in Futurity ribbons are awarded the winners should take a "victory" lap.

At the National Specialty the Maturity follows the Futurity judging. Classes are divided by sex only beginning with dogs. The placements will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. Eligible bitches will follow. The placements will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th. After the judging of Dogs and Bitches is complete, the Best Dog and Best Bitch will enter the ring together for Best in Maturity and Best of Opposite in Maturity judging. Following awarding Best of ribbons the winners should take a "victory" lap.

Appendix B - Letter to Field Futurity / Maturity Judges

To: The Judges of our Field Futurity and Maturity

Thank you for agreeing to judge the WCA Field Futurity and/or Maturity.

The Field Futurity is broken into two classes – Walking and Horseback. The classes are judged at the same time within the single stake. We encourage that equal consideration be given to both the Walking and Horseback classes regarding the selection of the Field Futurity Winner understanding that dogs will run differently for a Walking versus Horseback handler.

Since handlers may range from novice to professional, and because this is a Breeder's Event, we ask that you place emphasis on the selection of a superior performance and have considerable tolerance for the novice handler.

The Futurity dogs you are judging will range in age from 1 to 2 years. The performance expectation is to a Derby or high-scoring Junior Hunter standard.

- The Field Futurity will run for 30-minutes on a continuous, multiple, or single course. Birds shall be planted on the back course. There is no bird field. This is a non-retrieving stake.
- Field Futurity dogs must be judged on their actual performance as indicating their future promise as a high-class bird dog for either Gun Dog or All-Age stakes. No preference is to be given whether the dog performs as a Gun Dog or All-Age dog.
- Dogs must be under reasonable control of the handler.
- Field Futurity dogs must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast, yet attractive style of running, and demonstrate intelligence in seeking objectives, stamina, and the ability to find game.
- Field Futurity dogs must find birds and establish point. A "flash" point is not sufficient.
- The overall picture of a Futurity dog is of a Derby or high scoring Junior Hunter dog.
- Dogs with bird contact where Judges did not have opportunity to see the dog on point may be called back to point at the judges' discretion.
- A dog that does not have bird contact cannot be placed and should not be called back to point after the running of its brace except under the most unusual circumstances.

The Maturity dogs you are judging will range in age from 2 to 3 years. Some dogs will be "green broke" where others may be fully broke. The performance expectation is that the dog be steady to the shot. A superior dog who breaks at the shot and is under control should not be penalized when compared to a dog who shows fully broke. Chasing birds or a delayed chase should be penalized.

- The Field Maturity will run for 30-minutes on a continuous, multiple, or single course. Birds shall be planted on the back course. There is no bird field. This is a non-retrieving stake.
- Field Maturity dogs must be judged on their actual performance as indicating their continuing development into a high-class bird dog for either Gun Dog or All-Age stakes. No preference is to be given whether the dog performs as a Gun Dog or All-Age dog.
- Dogs must be under reasonable control of the handler.

- Field Maturity dogs must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast, yet attractive style of running, and demonstrate intelligence in seeking objectives, stamina, and the ability to find game.
- Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose, and style and intensity on point, are essential.
- Dogs must not only find and staunchly point game but must remain steady to wing on all pointed birds. They must remain steady until at least the shot, or when they are released by the handler. This is a similar level of training as the AKC Senior Hunter. Chasing birds shall be penalized.
- The overall picture of a Maturity should be of a green broke dog who should be forgiven for taking a step or two, provided they are stopped. And who then moves on to hunt new objectives once the bird is flushed.
- A dog that encounters its brace mate on point must honor, however it is permissible for the handler to command the dog into the honor. Dogs that steal point shall be ordered up and cannot be used.
- A dog that does not point cannot be placed and should not be called back to point after the running of its brace except under the most unusual circumstances.