

The Canadian Sport Horse Futurity The J.M. McCallum Futurity Challenge Trophy

The Futurity program for Canadian Sport Horses (formerly Canadian Hunters) was started by **Mr. J.M. McCallum** in 1951 with the trophy being first presented in 1954 **Mr. McCallum** was an official with Agriculture Services (National Livestock Records) in Ottawa and took an active role in making stallions available to breeders after the war years.

Originally the Futurity was limited to one class, open only to three year olds that had been nominated to the Futurity Program as weanling foals. It was held at the Canadian National Exhibition and often provided a preview of the Cup classes that followed a few months later during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The Futurity was later held at the Canadian Sport Horse Breeders' Show for a few years where the foal, yearling and two year old classes for nominated animals were included. Since then, the Futurity Classes have been held at such prestigious venues as the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, the CSHA Breeder's Show and the Tournament of Champions Horse Show.

As in all Futurity classes, animals were nominated at an early age, before December 31st of their foaling year. Nomination payments made during the foaling year were paid by the breeder and maintained in a trust account to be paid out to the breeder of the first five placed horses in the three-year-old Futurity class.

The aim of the Futurity program was to encourage and stimulate the breeding and showing of registered Canadian Sport Horses. Many past "McCallum" winners went on to represent the Canadian Sport Horse in various disciplines of equine sport.

Through this Futurity program which ran from 1951-2012, **Mr. McCallum** has left a lasting mark on the history of the Canadian Sport Horse.