



VIRTUAL EXTREME MUSTANG MAKEOVER 2020 RULES & REGULATIONS

PURPOSE:

The Mustang Heritage Foundation is dedicated to facilitating successful placements for America's excess wild mustangs and burros through innovative programs, events, and education.

In keeping with this mission, the Extreme Mustang Makeover event is now available virtually to promote adoption by showcasing the trainability, versatility and talent of the American Mustang.

OVERVIEW:

The Extreme Mustang Makeover is produced by the Mustang Heritage Foundation with the support of the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse & Burro Program.

- Trainers must be 18 years of age or older as of the scheduled pick up date(s).
- Selected trainers will pick up the assigned Mustang in **Ridgecrest, CA, July 17-18, 2020**.
- The mustangs will be mares ages 3 years and older and as uniform in size and age as possible. Mustangs will have current vaccinations, Coggins and trimmed hooves.
- Mustangs will be randomly pre-assigned to the trainers by MHF prior to pick-up. This information will be released when the trainer is on site for pick up.
- Trainers must meet all requirements listed on the following pages for hauling and stabling their mustang.
- Trainers will have approximately 100 days to prepare their mustangs for the virtual competition.
- This Extreme Mustang Makeover event will be held virtually. All competing trainers are required to submit 5 total videos by October 30 (3 preliminary classes, 2 Top 10 components): Handling Class, Pattern Class, Trail Class, as well a Compulsory Pattern and Freestyle run (these videos will be judged only for the Top 10 finals competitors). Competition results will be posted November 11-14. The virtual auction will take place November 14.
- During the virtual competition mustangs and trainers will be judged by a panel of two accomplished horsemen and/or - women and one equipment and rule judge. Preliminary classes will include a Handling Class, a Pattern Class and a Trail Class. All trainers are also required to submit a Freestyle and Compulsory run – in the case that the trainer moves forward to the Top 10 Finals, their Freestyle and Compulsory submissions will be pulled, reviewed and judged.
- Approximately \$20,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to the Top 10 finalists.
- The top two trainers with the highest combined preliminary class scores will receive the Champion and Reserve Champion Mustang Horsemanship Buckles.
- All trainers competing in the event and participating in the auction will receive \$100.
- All trainers who participate in the virtual event are required to also participate in the virtual auction. If a trainer withdraws from the competition, they are not eligible to participate in the auction.
- In the case that a trainer is no longer interested in moving forward with the competition, an email officially withdrawing must be submitted to the Event Coordinator.
- Trainers will receive 50% commission (over the \$200 adoption and processing fee) on horses adopted for \$200 or more.

Not adhering to the Regulations and Competition Rules listed in this document may result in disqualification from current and/or future Mustang Heritage Foundation competitions and programs.

REGULATIONS:

Participation in this event is by invitation only. The Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove an applicant or contestant from a Mustang Heritage Foundation program and/or competition for any reason or for no reason.

1. All trainers must complete and submit the application online, postmarked to P.O. Box 979, Georgetown, TX, 78627 or faxed to 512-869-3229 by March 1, 2020. Applications can be found online at www.extrememustangmakeover.com. MHF is not responsible for any lost/misdirected applications.
2. Trainers must be 18 years of age or older as of the scheduled pick up date(s).
3. Trainers are required to be registered members of the Mustang Heritage Foundation in order to compete. Mustang Heritage Foundation membership applications can be found online at www.mustangheritagefoundation.org/join. The minimum membership fee is \$35 annually. Membership supports Mustang adoption and awareness and provides a membership card, a member's only bumper sticker and event ticket and merchandise discounts.
4. No substitution or replacement of approved trainer will be allowed.
5. Trainer selection will be made based on experience, references, facility approval and geographic location. Alternate trainers will also be notified should one of the selected trainers be unable to pick up their Mustang.
6. MHF and BLM staff members (full or part-time) and their immediate family are ineligible to compete. Additionally, anyone who actively works for the BLM either directly or indirectly is ineligible to compete.
7. Any applicant or selected trainer may be removed from the selection process or competition 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. Removal of any trainer from the application process or competition is at the discretion of the Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees.
8. The Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees may at any time conduct a criminal background check on applicants or remove any applicant from the process for any reason or for no reason.
9. Mustangs used in Extreme Mustang Makeover competitions will be as uniform in size and age as possible. Age of horse is determined by freeze mark and BLM health papers and will comply with the industry standard of changing age on January 1.
10. **Trailer requirements:** You must provide transportation for your mustang from the BLM facility to your facility. While another approved EMM trainer 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 a rear swing gate to transport animals. Drop ramp, divided two-horse trailers and trucks with stock racks are not acceptable.
11. **Facility requirements:** Facility can consist of a corral/paddock/stall/round pen. Facility must be a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet x 20 feet) and have fences at least 6 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 minimum 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. Contact your administering BLM office for shelter requirements in your area.

12. Mustang training must be humane and compassionate. "Least resistance" techniques are encouraged. At all times, the humane care and best interest of the horse are paramount. For Extreme Mustang Makeover events and Mustang Heritage Foundation programs, the trainer is responsible for the well-being and humane treatment of any mustang entrusted to their care. Contact Mustang Heritage Foundation staff or management to report any health issues with your horse so that proper veterinarian care can be administered. Any suspected inhumane treatment of horses should be reported to management immediately with potential consequences as outlined in our Humane Treatment Policy.
13. Trainers are required to submit a signed release with their application so that all photos and filming may be used to promote the event and will be the property of the Mustang Heritage Foundation.
14. Trainers are required to provide a digital head shot photo of themselves and short bio with their applications. **Applications received without photos or bios will not be considered.** Head shot photo may be emailed to photos@mustangheritagefoundation.org. The photo and bio will be used for promotional purposes and will be viewable by the public.
15. Trainers are responsible for all care-related costs from the day the mustangs are picked up through the competition. Expenses incurred during the training period and competition **will not** be reimbursed.
16. Trainers are **required** to complete and submit 7-day, 45-day, 65-day, and 90-day progress reports during the training period. Progress forms and supplemental information will be provided prior to pick-up with detailed due dates. **All four progress reports are required by the indicated due dates.**
17. In the case of serious injury or death of your mustang, trainers are required to notify the **MHF Equine Director, Stormy Mullins at 940-445-9773** and their BLM OOJ within 24 hours of the occurrence. MHF will also immediately relay this information on to the appropriate BLM staff.
18. For any and all reasons, the trainer is responsible for returning the mustang to his/her nearest BLM facility if he/she is unable to complete the training and participate in the competition. Participation is subject to review if an individual has a history of frequently returning EMM or MHF program horses before completing the training or participating in the competition.
19. **Conduct:** Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and **humane in the treatment of mustangs**, such as to promote the implementation of the event and fair competition. This includes, but is not limited to: conduct while trainers have mustangs in their possession; conduct on social media; conduct while trainers are wearing Extreme Mustang Makeover logo. Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent or profane, **and inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited and shall be grounds for immediate disqualification against offending individuals.** Further, event management may immediately expel offenders from the competition in order to preserve the decorum of the show.

20. 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. **This policy is in addition to our event rules which are stated above. All trainers must agree to, sign**

and return the Humane Treatment Policy included in the Trainer Application. The following list, while in no way exhaustive, includes examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques:

- No horse that 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 that results in wounds.

21. **Sponsorships:** The Mustang Heritage Foundation has entered into corporate sponsorship agreements with a variety of companies. The Foundation asks that trainers honor those sponsorships.

- a. The Mustang Heritage Foundation may supply shirts with sponsor logos for trainers to wear during the virtual event. Trainers will not be required to wear event shirts during the actual competition, but are encouraged to wear these shirts during the filming of any and all class or auction videos.
- b. Trainers will be restricted from wearing apparel or equine products during the virtual competition that have logos that are larger than 4 inches wide and 2 inches tall.
- c. Trainers may promote personal businesses/sponsors on props used during the freestyle performance of the finals competition, however the promotion logo/statement must be no larger than 12 inches by 24 inches.
- d. Trainers may purchase EMM/MHF logoed merchandise (t-shirts, banners, caps, etc.) from the Mustang Heritage Foundation but may not reproduce EMM/MHF logos in any way on apparel, banners or other posted materials.

COMPETITION RULES:

All written rules will supersede anything previously discussed or implied. Any additional clarification of the existing rules must be obtained in writing. In the event that there are any questions or confusion involving a written rule, the MHF events team will be available to share written clarification upon request.

1. **JUDGES:** The Mustang Heritage Foundation will designate two judges and one equipment/ rule judge to support the efforts of show officials, and review all video submissions to ensure all rules are being followed.
2. Trainers must fulfill all requirements related to hauling, stable facilities, care and training.
3. 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 saddles or sequins on your shirts will not earn you any extra points.*
4. If being ridden during the preliminary classes, horses must be saddled and bridled in appropriate tack/gear.
5. **ILLEGAL equipment that will result in automatic disqualification from the class in which equipment was used in (regardless of discipline) includes:** Snaffle bits with mouthpieces smaller than 5/16" and/or consisting of non-smooth material (such as twisted material), stud chains, and bosals made of anything but rawhide, leather or rope with a flexible core (no metal of any kind). Use of any bit or equipment determined severe by the judges will not be allowed and will result in disqualification from the class in which it was used.

The judge or steward may prohibit the use of any bit or equipment they consider inhumane or would tend to give a horse/rider an unfair advantage. The diameter of mouthpieces, length of shanks and use of curb straps or chains must comply with MHF rules. National Snaffle Bit Association and American Quarter Horse Association rules are resources for preferred equipment including the diameter of mouthpieces, length of shanks and use of curb straps or chains.

It is the trainer's responsibility to contact MHF event staff to obtain written approval regarding any questionable equipment, or to clarify if a certain type of equipment is deemed humane and allowable. Said request and approval/ disapproval must be conducted via email in writing.

6. Mustangs may be shown with two hands in a snaffle bit or bosal. Showing a mustang with two hands when using a curb or shank-type bit is strongly discouraged during any point of the competition (including the finals) and will result in an automatic 10-point deduction per judge.

7. Training aides (whips, sticks, treats, the tail end of lead rope, etc.) will not be restricted, although trainers should realize that horses shown with the use of training aides will be judged accordingly. Any excessive use of a training aid (including striking the horse) will result in an automatic 10-point deduction from each judge in that class.
8. Excessive spurring or jerking on the reins or lead line during the competition will result in an automatic 10-point deduction from each judge off the overall class score.
9. Wearing guns (real or toy) in any arena or during the competition, as well as shooting guns and/or blanks is not allowed during the competition or anywhere on the grounds and will result in an automatic disqualification.
10. No person shall alter, change or attempt to hide the natural marking and/or rubbed or raw skin of a horse by surgery, dye, powder, or in any other manner. Trainers may clip/trim horses, or leave mane, tail, ears, muzzle and fetlocks natural. Use of false tails or extensions on the mane or tail are prohibited during the preliminary competition and will result in an automatic 10-point deduction from each judge off the overall class score. Costume-related tail/mane decorations will be allowed during the finals freestyle performance. Alteration of tail function (tail blocking, dead tails, etc.) is prohibited at any and all points during the competition and will result in disqualification.
11. **Drugs:** No person shall administer drugs internally or externally to a mustang, either before or during the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition or auction. 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 trainer 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 DRUG TEST ANY MUSTANG IN THE COMPETITION.*** Positive tests will result in removal from the event, removal of reimbursement and prize money, refund of auction fees paid by an adopter and return of a mustang to the BLM should the adopter wish to return the adopted mustang. In regard to herbal/natural supplements, trainers are cautioned against the use of medicinal preparations, tonics, pastes and products of any kind, the ingredients and quantitative analysis of which are not specifically known, as many of them may contain a forbidden substance.
12. Trainers will be provided with the preliminary class patterns after pick up in both digital and physical form. Each pattern will include instructions on how to set up, film, and upload the class submissions. There will not be any walk throughs for these classes since the event is being conducted virtually.
13. Class awards will be mailed out post event. Any class ties will be broken by the score from a predetermined element in the class. 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.
14. Ties will be broken by the trail class to determine the top 10 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.

PRELIMINARY CLASS DESCRIPTION, INSTRUCTIONS & SCORING:

Each competing trainer is required to record and upload a total of 5 videos: Handling Class, Pattern Class, Trail Class, Freestyle run, and a Compulsory run. These five videos are due by Friday, October 30 at 5 p.m. Instructions on how to upload these videos will be sent out post pick up.

Trainers are required at the conclusion of each video submission to walk up to the camera and remove the horse's bridle. This allows the Steward and judges a close up to verify allowable equipment. Failing to do so will result in a 2-point deduction per judge in that specific class.

Editing is not allowed – trainers are given the option (for Freestyle only) to lay their music over the video. Any other class runs that are edited will result in a 2-point deduction per judge in that specific class.

The trainer and horse are required to be in frame during the recorded submission. A 2-point deduction will be applied per judge if the trainer and horse go out of frame.

Additional video submission tips will be sent out with each pattern. This will include recommendations on lighting, attire, etc.

A. Handling Class – 40 points from each judge

The trainer will be instructed per the pattern to complete certain tasks in hand. This class will be judged on the following:

Judges will assess the horse's demeanor and responsiveness during the pattern, as well as the relationship between horse and trainer through the completion of additional handling maneuvers including but not limited to the following:

- Walk
- Trot
- Stop
- Back
- Pick-up feet
- Load and unload from trailer
- Pivot
- Side pass

- No person shall alter, change or attempt to hide the natural marking and/or rubbed or raw skin of a horse by surgery, dye, hoof polish, powder or in any other manner– doing so will result in a 10-point deduction per judge.
- The use of stud chains is prohibited and will result in automatic disqualification of the class.
- Trainers may clip/trim horses, or leave mane, tail, ears, muzzle and fetlocks natural.
- Use of false tails or extensions on the mane or tail are prohibited.
- No points will be deducted for short or rubbed out manes or tails.

B. Pattern Class - 40 Points from each judge

This class is intended to show the horse's willingness and ability to complete a set of generic horsemanship maneuvers. Judges will assess exhibitors showing in either Western or English discipline accordingly. For example, if a 360 pivot is requested – judges will expect a horse shown under English attire to turn on the backhand and expect a horse shown under Western equipment to attempt to spin.

A horse will be given credit for being relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. Credit will also be given to a horse that is responsive to the rider and makes the required transitions smoothly, timely and correctly. Maneuvers may include but are not limited to:

- Walk, Trot, Lope/Canter
- Change directions while on the rail
- Stop
- Back
- Pivots or turns to right and left
- Lead changes
- Two-track
- Sidepass

C. Combined Leading & Riding Trail Class – 40 points from each judge

This class is designed to show a horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal trail ride or work day. Exhibitors will be asked to lead and ride their horse through a course of generic obstacles and maneuvers. Exhibitors may be penalized if the course is set up incorrectly, or certain obstacles are left out (for example, 2-point deduction per judge if a bridge is left out)

Leading elements obstacles/maneuvers may include but are not limited to:

- Walk, trot, stop and back
- 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

Riding obstacles/maneuvers may include but are not limited to:

- Walk, trot, canter/lope, stop and back
- Turns and circles to the left and right
- Walk over logs/poles
- Lead change
- Walk over bridge
- Maneuver forward and/or reverse through a simple chute
- Pick up and carry object
- Dragging items specified length

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

If the trainer does not have certain trail obstacles on hand at their facility, it is their responsibility to contact the MHF event staff to coordinate and receive written approval for an acceptable replacement.

TOP 10 FINALS RUNS & SCORING:

- A. The top 10 mustangs with the highest combined total scores from the preliminary classes will advance to a finals competition that includes compulsory maneuvers and a freestyle performance.
- B. Competitors will come into the finals with a “clean slate” meaning that their scorecard will return to zero and no previous scores will be counted or considered toward their final placing in the freestyle competition.
- C. Each contestant will have their compulsory maneuver pattern and top 10 freestyle video pulled, reviewed, and judged.
- D. Trainers may promote personal businesses/sponsors on props used during the freestyle performance, however the promotion logo/statement must be no larger than 12 inches by 24 inches.
- E. Props of pyrotechnic nature including fireworks, flares, smoke bombs, firecrackers, rings of fire, etc. are not allowed and will result in disqualification.
- F. Wearing guns (real or toy) in the arena or during the competition, as well as shooting guns and/or blanks is not allowed and will result in an automatic disqualification.
- G. Trainers will have 3.5 minutes to complete their freestyle performance. Trainers have the option to play their music live while recording, or go back and lay their music over after the recording is completed.
- H. All freestyle music and themes should be in good taste and family-friendly. The purpose of the Extreme Mustang Makeover is to highlight the Mustang Heritage Foundation’s mission to place more mustangs in private care. Therefore, the code of conduct will be strictly enforced and music containing profanity and controversial or disparaging themes or props are strictly prohibited. The Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify and remove from competition any trainer that violates this rule for any reason or no reason. The Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Directors decision will be final. If clarification is needed, contact the MHF event staff.
- I. Other animals (dogs, additional horses, cattle, etc.) will NOT be allowed in the arena during the finals performance for any reason and will result in a 10-point deduction per judge.
- J. Other people (including children) will NOT be allowed in the arena during the finals performance for any reason other than to drive a vehicle to be used during the performance. If someone other than the trainer is driving a vehicle in the performance **none of the occupants** of the vehicle will be allowed to exit the vehicle while in the arena and the windows must be rolled up at all times (the vehicle, if driven by someone other than the trainer, must be closed-cab). Other people are NOT allowed to act as props, ride or come in contact with the horse at any point during the performance. Other people may hand props to the trainer from outside the arena.
- 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.
- L. Finalists will be scored on the following:

1. Execution of Compulsory Pattern – 40 total points per judge

Contestants will be required to complete a pattern of 10 compulsory maneuvers. Each maneuver is worth four 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. **A pattern for the following maneuvers will be provided** post pick up (including but not limited to):

1. Stop
2. Back
3. Lope/canter one full circle to the right
4. Lope/canter one full circle to the left
5. Lead change
6. Pivot or spin 360 degrees to right and left
7. Side pass to the right and left
8. Stop with roll back

2. Freestyle Performance – 60 total points per judge

The freestyle portion of the finals competition encourages trainers to choose music, costumes and props which permit them to show the athletic abilities of their horse in a crowd appealing way. During the freestyle performance, contestants will be scored based on the following:

Overall Horsemanship - 30 points:

- Communication/partnership between horse and rider and the horse's overall willingness to perform and execute maneuvers correctly in a controlled, relaxed and confident manner (15 points).
- Incorporation of maneuvers and their degree of difficulty (15 points). These maneuvers would include but are not limited to: *sidepass, two tracking either direction, pulling or dragging, serpentines, rollbacks, lead changes, circles with variance in size and speed, stops, etc.*

Entertainment Value - 30 points:

- Components of Choreography – the composition and arrangement of the exhibition in relation to the music and its rhythm. (15 points)
- Creativity – the use of themes, maneuvers, costumes, and/or props to enhance the performance and overall originality. (15 points).

AWARDS:

1. **ALL TRAINERS** who compete in the event and present their horse for adoption will receive \$100. No receipt or paperwork submission will be necessary.
2. **ALL TRAINERS** competing in the event will be eligible for 50% commission (over the \$200 adoption and processing fee) of the adoption price if the mustang they trained is adopted for \$200 or more.
3. **HORSEMANSHIP BUCKLES** will be awarded to the top two trainers with the highest combined preliminary class scores.
4. **INCENTIVE AWARDS** will be presented to the trainers with the highest combined preliminary scores – finals scores do not count toward incentive awards. Each trainer is only eligible to win one incentive award per event with precedence given to the Rookie award. For example, if trainer A has the highest preliminary scores in the Rookie and Young Gun categories then he will be given the Rookie award and the next highest score in the Young Gun category will receive the Young Gun award. In addition, Young Guns and Silver Bullets are only eligible to win one award per year. For example, the winner of the Young Gun award at the 2020 Makeover in California is ineligible to win the Young Gun award at any other 2020 Makeover event. Incentive award categories are:
 - Rookies – first-time Extreme Mustang Makeover competitors.
 - Young Guns – trainers who are 18-21 years old as of time of entry.
 - Silver Bullets – trainers who are 50 years old and over as of time of entry.
5. Approximately **\$20,000 in CASH & PRIZES will be awarded to the TOP 10 FINALISTS:**

Champion - \$4,000, A Cut Above Buckle

6th Place - \$1,000

Reserve Champion - \$4,000
3rd Place - \$4,000
4th Place - \$1,000
5th Place - \$1,000

7th Place - \$1,000
8th Place - \$1,000
9th Place - \$1,000
10th Place - \$1,000

6. Payment of all earned money will be issued within 10 business days of the Buyer Assessment Form deadline.

VIRTUAL AUCTION:

1. Mustangs must compete at some level in order to participate in the auction. If a trainer withdraws from the competition, they are no longer eligible for the auction.
2. Trainers are **required** to upload auction videos that portray their horse in a manner consistent with the appearance and level of training demonstrated during the competition. For example, if a horse is exhibited under saddle during the competition then it is required to be demonstrated under saddle during the auction.
3. Instructions on how and when to record and upload videos for the auction will be sent out post pick up.
4. Trainers receive 50% commission (over the \$200 adoption and processing fee) on horses adopted for \$200 or more.
5. Trainers wishing to adopt their Mustang must complete a bidder application and bid during the auction. Trainers may apply any prize money and/or commission earned toward the price (this only applies to trainers who purchase their own horses. For example, if a trainer purchases another trainer's competition mustang during the auction, they will not be eligible to apply any commission or prize money).
6. MHF encourages all trainers to promote their mustangs to help increase overall awareness and interest. MHF will provide the trainers with appropriate marketing tools to help promote their EMM horses prior to the competition and virtual auction. Promotion can help increase awareness, adoption and sale amount.

For more information on Virtual Extreme Mustang Makeover events, please call 512-869-3225.