

## **ALL-AMERICAN RULES/PROCEDURES**

**Eligibility** The All-American program is determined entirely by placings at the designated shows listed on the next page. The top four Clydesdales in each class at AA level shows, the top three at A level shows, the top two at B level shows and the class winners only at C level shows are eligible to be entered in the All-American Contest. The horse must earn a qualifying placing in the open class placing only, regardless of breed, age or sex eligible to enter the class. For example, in a mixed sex foal class, a stallion foal placing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind a filly would not qualify as the 1<sup>st</sup> place stallion foal. Like wise, a Clydesdale placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a mixed breed class behind a Percheron would not qualify as the 1<sup>st</sup> place Clydesdale. All nominated horses must be registered with the respective country of ownership's association. This includes foals and geldings. Great Britain appendix (grading up) registrations will not be accepted.

When entering, be sure that your placing was in one of the qualifying classes at a qualifying show. There are eleven classes which qualify for the All-American Contest: Registered Geldings (any age), Stud Foals, Yearling Stallions, 2-Year-Old Stallions, Aged Stallions (3 & Over), Filly Foals, Yearling Mares, 2-Year-Old Mares, 3-Year-Old Mares, Brood Mares, 4 Year Old & Over and Yeld Mares, 4 Years Old & Over. You must list all qualifying placings in ALL qualifying classes. As noted, placings in futurity classes, bred & owned classes, etc. do not qualify for the Contest, however, any championships SHOULD be included. (Why list all the qualifying places? This contest is meant to be an accurate historical record of the year's events. Inclusion of only the first-place finishes does not accomplish that goal.)

To make a nomination, you will need the following:

1. An un-retouched, un-altered photograph, color or black & white, any size, of the horse standing only, and taken during the current year show season. No photos in harness or in motion will be allowed. Photos altered in any way will cause an automatic disqualification. We can not use photographer's proofs or low-resolution digital images. Do not crop or cut photos. We recommend sending a color photo as the ballot will be printed in full color.
2. A copy of the certificate of pedigree, both sides. Canadian horses are no exception.
3. The completed All-American Nomination Form, which follows the list of qualifying shows. Use one form per entry.

The form must be signed and dated by the owner of record, the lessee or the exhibitor.

You may make copies of this form, download and print additional copies or call the Association office for additional forms. Junior and Senior Foals must be designated as such for those shows offering both divisions. There is no entry fee. Your entry must be postmarked by November 20<sup>th</sup> for U.S. entries, and postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup> for Canadian entries, complete with copies of the pedigree and photos. **ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THESE DATES, AND INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED!**

Please make sure that your entries are properly completed and signed. We will not hold up the contest for late entries or photos.

The Clydesdale All-American Committee will check all the entries and show results. Erroneous entries will be excluded. Reasons for disqualifications include, but are not limited to: use of a photo taken other than during the current show year or a photo which has been altered in any way; the listing of inaccurate show winnings, entry of a non-registered foal, etc. In short, check your entries carefully, then check them again. If you won the placing, claim it...If you did not, don't enter it.

The pictures of all nominees and their winnings will be mailed to the judges of the designated shows in the form of a ballot. Each judge who judged a qualifying show will be asked to place each class, and return his/her ballot form to the Clydesdale Committee for tabulation. The horse in each class with the highest points will be the All-American and the second highest will be the Reserve All-American. A reasonable number of Honorable Mentions will also be designated, based on the tabulated results. There will be no set number of Honorable Mentions named - Some classes warrant several, others none at all.

The Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A. will present awards/certificates to each All-American, Reserve All-American and Honorable Mention owner and breeder at the Annual Meeting the following April.

### **WARNING – NO ALTERED PHOTOGRAPHS!**

Any entry submitted with a photograph that has, in the opinion of the All-American Committee, been altered in any way will be disqualified. What are considered alterations? Alterations include, but are not limited to, the following: Cutting, cropping, removing or manipulating anything, such as the handler, another horse, halter, or anything else appearing in the photo. Distorting, changing, adding, or deleting the color, highlighting any portion of a photo or changing the background is considered an alteration. No matter how we say it or define it, we simply do not allow altered photos in the All-American Contest.

Return all entries postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup> (Canadians) or November 20<sup>th</sup> (Americans) to:

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