

2015-2016 AQHA Official Horse of the Year Nomination

Fill out this form completely for each horse you want to nominate for AQHA Horse of the Year within your state or province. Either mail or fax this form to the NHSRA national office at:

NHSRA or NHSRA JH Horse of the Year
12011 N. Tejon Street, Suite 900
Denver, CO 80234
Fax (303) 452-0912

Any questions concerning AQHA Horse of the Year program should be referred to the NHSRA or NHSRA JH National office by calling (800) 466-4772. AQHA State and Provincial Boy's and Girl's Horse of the Year winners will receive an award in recognition of the top American Quarter Horse. Each State/Provincial winner will also be eligible to compete for the Boy's and Girl's National AQHA Horse of the Year at the NHSFR or NJHFR.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

- 1) Nominated horse(s) must be registered American Quarter Horse by the nomination deadline. All ownership information/transfers with AQHA must be current by the nomination deadline. **No pending work will be accepted. Everything must be complete by the nomination deadline.**
- 2) Nominations will only be accepted if completed and signed by the listed owner on AQHA papers.
- 3) Both the listed owner **and** contestant must be a current AQHA or AQHYA member. If membership has expired, it MUST be renewed before nomination will be accepted.
- 4) The earliest received nomination will break any ties.
- 5) Rider **ONLY** earns points for this award when competing on the horse at their **State/Provincial Finals**. Points earned during the season are not counted.

NOMINATION DEADLINE MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NHSRA OFFICE BY MARCH 1ST, 2016.

- **If the owner or rider's AQHA/AQHYA Membership expires between February 15, 2016 and August 1, 2016 please renew the Membership no later than February 15, 2016 to keep your Membership current.**
- **LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE! A nomination received in the National Office later than March 1st, 2016 is ineligible.**
- **ALL faxes will be date-stamped by NHSRA or NHSRA JH personnel. March 1, 2016 is also the fax deadline.**

NHSRA or NSHSRA JH MEMBER INFORMATION (please print legibly or type)

I am a member of: **Junior High Division** **High School Division** (circle one)

Name of NHSRA or NHSRA JH Member who is nominating this horse for AQHA Horse of the Year:

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

NHSRA or NHSRA JH State/Province you are a **member** of: _____ AQHA Membership Number: _____

Physical Address (for UPS) _____ PO Box (if applicable) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Member of (State/Province) _____

Gender of Member: M or F (circle one) Confirmation via Email? Y or N (circle one) Email _____

AQHA INFORMATION (please print legibly or type)

AQHA Registration name of horse to be nominated _____

Nickname of above horse _____ AQHA Registration Number _____

Person listed as current owner on registration papers (if owner is not the rider, please list relationship to rider) _____

Owner's AQHA Membership Number _____ Signature of owner _____

A nominated horse can only earn points from a single rider at their State/Provincial Finals. No cumulative points will be awarded. If more than one immediate family member will be riding this horse, then each NHSRA or NHSRA-JH member must nominate the same horse individually.

SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR EXPLANATION

Place a check by ALL event(s) that the nominated horse **MIGHT** compete in during the 2015 State/Provincial Finals.

GIRLS: Breakaway _____ Goat Tying _____ Poles _____ Barrels _____ Ribbon Roping (JH only) _____ Team Roping _____ Queen (HS only) _____

Cutting (HS only) _____ Reined Cow Horse (HS only) _____

BOYS: Tie-Down Roping _____ Team Roping _____ Breakaway (JH only) _____ Goat Tying (JH only) _____ Ribbon Roping (JH only) _____

Steer Wrestling (HS only) _____ Cutting (HS only) _____ Reined Cow Horse (HS only) _____
(No hazing horses)

To all NHSRA and NHSRA JH Members and future Horse of the Year nominees:

In an effort to provide the best customer service possible, the American Quarter Horse Association has introduced new aspects to the Horse of the Year Program. The alterations are identified below:

1.) ***Everything must be received in the NHSRA office by March 1st, 2016. We will not honor “postmarked by March 1st, 2016”. Late entries will not be accepted and there are no exceptions.***

This deadline is being implemented to allow NHSRA and NHSRA JH Members the widest window of opportunity to nominate their horse(s) since most state/provinces have a fall season, yet some states/provinces do not begin the spring season at the same time. To remain consistent for all NHSRA and NHSRA JH members, no exceptions to the deadline can be made.

2.) ***Membership and Ownership policy***

Please note that all membership and ownership data must be correct when you submit your nomination form to the NHSRA or NHSRA JH. **BOTH THE OWNER AND THE RIDER** of the nominated horse must be a current AQHA or AQHYA member. **Each contestant is required to have an individual membership.** You can verify your membership and ownership status by calling AQHA at (806) 378-4342. **Ownership transfers must be sent to AQHA with the original Certificate of Registration for the nominated horse. All transfers and pending work must be complete by February 15, no exceptions.**

You will receive an email message from the NHSRA or NHSRA JH confirming your entry IF YOU HAVE PROVIDED AN EMAIL ADDRESS AND HAVE REQUESTED A CONFIRMATION EMAIL ON YOUR ENTRY FORM. NO CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE MAILED AND YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION IF YOU PROVIDE US WITH A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS AND REQUEST A CONFIRMATION. If there is a problem with your entry, you will receive an email (if provided) or notification with an explanation of why your nomination was ineligible. Should you receive an email or a notification, depending on the reason for ineligibility, contact AQHA for assistance in correcting membership and/or ownership status. AQHA customer representatives are a phone call away at (806) 378-4342 and will be glad to assist you. IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL OR NOTIFICATION THAT NOTIFIES YOU OF INELIGIBILITY, YOU MUST CORRECT THE PROBLEM BY THE DEADLINE STATED IN THE CORRESPONDENCE. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ALL NOMINATION CRITERIA SHOULD BE MET BEFORE SENDING THE NOMINATION FORM TO THE NHSRA OR NHSRA JH BY THE MARCH 1, 2016 DEADLINE. INELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO BE APPROVED IF CORRECTIONS ARE NOT MADE IN TIME. CALL AQHA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE.

AQHA has made joining the association easier by allowing you to join online at aqhamembers.com. With the click of a button, your AQHA membership not only allows you to compete for AQHA/NHSRA or NHSRA JH Horse of the Year Award, but entitles you to many other AQHA member benefits including AQHYA scholarships; America's Horse, the official Member publication of AQHA; reductions on virtually all association fees; your first \$10 of Internet records FREE each month; plus, valuable offers from AQHA Corporate Partners. Annual memberships are only \$15 or stay a member until your 19th birth year and get a youth lifetime membership for \$50!

Please photocopy both sides of this document, saving the photocopied set for you. Mail or fax the original document to the NHSRA or NHSRA JH so that it is received in our office by the MARCH 1, 2016 deadline as directed on the reverse side.

Thanks and good luck!

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