

## ALL-AMERICAN RULES/PROCEDURES

It is **REQUIRED** that entries submit **4 PHOTOS** to better help judges see the horse. These shall be front, back, left and right shots of the horse. There is a \$10.00 entry fee per horse. This will help offset the cost of awards for the participants. Returning for is our panel of 5 judges selected from suggestions that the exhibitors requested from the previous year.

Entry in the All-American program is determined entirely by placing at the designated shows listed for the current year. 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. Likewise, 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.

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. **4 un-retouched, un-altered photographs, color or black & white, any size, of the horse standing only, and taken during the current year show season. These shots shall be front view, rear view, left side and right side.** No photos in harness or in motion will be allowed. Photos altered in any way will cause an automatic disqualification. We cannot 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 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 a \$10.00 entry fee. Your entry must be emailed or 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 pictures of all nominees and their winnings will be emailed to the judges in the form of a ballot. Each judge will be asked to place each class, and return his/her ballot form to the All-American 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. An Honorable Mention will also be designated, if warranted, based on the tabulated results.

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 must be emailed or postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup> (Canadians) or November 20<sup>th</sup> (Americans) to:

**Clydesdale Breeders of the USA**  
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