

To all NHSRA and NHSRA WD 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, 2010. We will not honor "postmarked by March 1st, 2010. Late entries will not be accepted and there are no exceptions.***

This deadline is being implemented to allow NHSRA and NHSRA WD 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 WD 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 WD. BOTH THE OWNER AND THE RIDER of the nominated horse must be a current AQHA or AQHYA member. Each rider 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 WD 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 letter with an explanation of why your nomination was ineligible. Should you receive an email or a letter, 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 LETTER 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 WD BY THE MARCH 1, 2010 DEADLINE. INELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO BE PASSED SHOULD COMPLICATIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP OR OWNERSHIP PERSIST. CALL AQHA TODAY FOR ASSISTANCE.

AQHA has made joining the association easier by allowing you to join online by visiting www.aqha.com. With the click of a button, your AQHA membership not only allows you to compete for AQHA/NHSRA or NHSRA WD 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.

Please photocopy both sides of this document, saving the photocopied set for yourself. Mail the original document to the NHSRA or NHSRA WD so that it is received in our office by the MARCH 1, 2010 deadline as directed on the reverse side.

Thanks and good luck!

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