

ASHA AWARDS CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

All starts must be in Alberta only (CM, CD, TKT)

All nominees must be an ASHA member in good standing for the year of nomination

All nominees for people awards must race a minimum of 7 consecutive calendar months in Alberta for the year of nomination.

*** Any horse/trainer that receives a positive test for a Class I, II, or III drug during the calendar year, or at any time prior to the presentation of the ASHA Awards, will not be eligible for any ASHA Award.**

*** Any person that receives a positive test on themselves during the calendar year, or at any time prior to the presentation of the ASHA Awards, will not be eligible for a personal (ie trainer/driver) ASHA Award.**

* Nominations are determined by data from Standardbred Canada Statistics.

*** Nominations supported by Standardbred Canada statistics are submitted to the ASHA Executive Committee Members for review.**

*** Winners are determined by the ASHA Executive Committee**

*ASHA has the right Not to use a category if eligibility is low

Category Name	Criteria
Two Year Old AB Sired Stakes Filly	AB Sired only (AB Sire Stakes ONLY) (see note 1 below)
Two Year Old Filly	AB starts counted include ONLY Open Stakes, O/S/F (see note 1 below)
Two Year Old AB Sired Stakes Colt/Gelding	AB Sired only (AB Sire Stakes ONLY) (see note 1 below)
Two Year Old Colt/Gelding	AB starts counted include ONLY Open Stakes, O/S/F (see note 1 below)
Three Year Old AB Sired Stakes Filly	AB Sired only (AB Stakes ONLY) (see note 2 below)
Three Year Old Filly	AB starts counted include ONLY Open Stakes, O/S/F (see note 2 below)
Three Year Old AB Sired Stakes Colt/Gelding	AB Sired only (AB Stakes ONLY) (see note 2 below)
Three Year Old Colt/Gelding	AB starts counted include ONLY Open Stakes, O/S/F (see note 2 below)
Champion Aged Mare	AB starts OPEN RACES ONLY
Champion Aged Horse	AB starts OPEN RACES ONLY
Claimer of the Year - Fillies/Mares	All claiming races counted - money earnings
Claimer of the Year - Colts/Gelding	All claiming races counted - money earnings
Trainer of the Year - Under 150 Starts	Standardbred Canada Stats
Driver of the Year - Under 150 Starts	Standardbred Canada Stats
Trainer of the Year - Over 150	Standardbred Canada Stats
Driver of the Year - Over 150	Standardbred Canada Stats
Rising Star	New Trainer/Drivers with Stats from SC – selected by ASHA Executive Committee
Horseperson of the Year	ASHA Executive Committee votes from nominees for Driver/Trainer of the Year
Owner of the Year	Chosen by ASHA Executive Committee
Breeder of the Year	Standardbred Canada Stats - chosen by ASHA Executive Committee
Breeder of the Year - Under 6 Mares	Chosen by the breeders committee
Breeders Award of Recognition	Breeders Award of Recognition be decided upon by the Breeders Committee.
Horse of the Year	Must win a category (no nominations – selected by the ASHA Executive Committee.
Ron McLeod Award of Recognition	Names submitted by ASHA members and selected by the Ron McLeod committee (three board members)
Fastest Boy	11 X 14 inch framed picture of the fastest mile stretch drive
Fastest Girl	11 X 14 inch framed picture of the fastest mile stretch drive
Caretaker of the Year	Owner/Trainer/Driver Nominate Grooms – selected by judges

Note 1: points accumulated based on finish

Note 2: points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded.

All Eliminations Excluded - No Judges Needed - Post winners ONLY

1st-SO 2nd-25 3rd-12

Caretaker of the Year

Any person who receives a positive test on themselves during the calendar year of nomination, or any time prior to the presentation of the ASHA Awards, will not be eligible for ANY ASHA award.

Who is eligible to nominate: All Owner/Trainer/Drivers who have participated in the Harness Racing Industry a minimum of 7 consecutive months of the race season in Alberta for the year of nomination.

Who is eligible for nominations: All grooms NOT holding a trainers license who have participated in the Harness Racing Industry a minimum of 7 consecutive months of the race season in Alberta for the year of nomination.

All nominations MUST be in writing, by email to project manager or submitted on the official ASHA ballot to be valid and MUST have both the nominees name and nominator/voters name clearly printed on the ballot or email.

Only one nomination will be accepted per owner/trainer/driver.