

## 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 chosen from Standardbred Canada Stats

\* Nominations (with stats from SC) are sent to (Seven) very qualified judges (non ASHA staff or ASHA Board Members)

\* Winners are chosen from the results of judges picks

\* ASHA to submit 4 to 5 nominees to the judges for each category (where possible)

\* Judges will pick their top 3 choices from the nominations

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

| Category Name                               | Criteria  |
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| Two Year Old AB Sired Stakes Filly          | ( 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  |
| Horseperson of the Year                     | Judges vote from nominees for Driver/Trainer of the Year  |
| Owner of the Year                           | Chosen by judges  |
| Breeder of the Year                         | Standardbred Canada Stats - chosen by judges  |
| 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 - judges select)  |
| Ron McLeod Award of Recognition             | Names submitted by ASHA members and selected by the Ron McLeod committee (three board members). This recognition award may not be filled each year if eligibility is low. |
| Fastest Boy                                 | Recipient Awarded framed picture of that mile   |
| Fastest Girl                                | Recipient Awarded framed picture of that mile   |
| Caretaker of the Year                       | Owner/Trainer/Driver Nominate Grooms - Deadline approx. 1month prior to the awards.   |

Note 1: points accumulated based on finish

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

### Caretaker of the Year

All nominees/nominators/voters must be an ASHA member in good standing for the year of nomination.

**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.

All nominee names are sent to 7 very qualified judges who may not be any of the same judges as the above awards.

Suggested judges are: HRA Veterinarian, Local Veterinarian, Local Farriers, Paddock Judges, Equipment/Horse Identifier and outrider/parade marshall.