

## ASHA AWARDS CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

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

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

**All nominees/nominators 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 will not be eligible for any ASHA Award for that calendar year.**

**\* Any person that receives a positive test on themselves during the calendar year will not be eligible for a personal (ie trainer/driver/groom) ASHA Award for that calendar year.**

\* Winners are chosen based on Standardbred Canada Stats

\* Winners are chosen from the results of judges picks (where applicable)

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

Category Name	Criteria	Sponsorship
Two Year Old AB Sired Stakes Filly	AB Sire Stakes ONLY - points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Two Year Old Filly	AB Open Stakes Only, points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Two Year Old AB Sired Stakes Colt/Gelding	AB Sire Stakes ONLY - points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Two Year Old Colt/Gelding	AB Open Stakes Only, points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Three Year Old AB Sired Stakes Filly	AB Sire Stakes ONLY - points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Three Year Old Filly	AB Open Stakes Only, points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Three Year Old AB Sired Stakes Colt/Gelding	AB Sire Stakes ONLY - points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Three Year Old Colt/Gelding	AB Open Stakes Only, points accumulated based on finish, eliminations excluded	
Champion Aged Mare	Top money earner - AB starts OPEN RACES ONLY	
Champion Aged Horse	Top money earner - AB starts OPEN RACES ONLY	
Claimer of the Year - Fillies/Mares	All claiming races excluding condition claiming counted - most wins	
Claimer of the Year - Colts/Gelding	All claiming races excluding condition claiming counted - most wins	
Trainer of the Year - Under 150 Starts	Wins	
Driver of the Year - Under 150 Starts	Wins	
Trainer of the Year - Over 150	Wins	
Driver of the Year - Over 150	Wins	
Rising Star	Wins	
Horseperson of the Year	Judges vote for an ASHA member who best represents our industry both on and off the track	
Owner of the Year	Top money earnings	
Breeder of the Year	Top money earnings	
Breeder of the Year - Under 6 Mares	Top money earnings	
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	get picture from that mile and frame it	
Fastest Girl	get picture from that mile and frame it	
Caretaker of the Year	Owner/Trainer/Driver Nominate Grooms - Deadline approx. 1month prior to the awards.	

### Caretaker of the Year

**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.