



## ALL-AMERICAN HITCH HORSE FUTURITY RULES/PROCEDURES

### **Nomination-**

An owner may nominate up to 2 horses for the futurity contest for a given year. Horses will be nominated online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/percheron-all-american-hitch-horse-futurity> by entering the horse's full name, registration number, sire, and dam, as well as the owners' information and name of the hitch in which the horse is shown. At registration, owners will pay a nomination fee of \$50 to enter the contest, which will be used to hire 3 judges to evaluate the horses and competition results at the end of the contest, administration fees, and prizes. Each horse must be nominated before December 31 of the year prior to the contest.

**Eligibility** in the All-American hitch horse futurity is determined entirely by placings earned in designated shows listed at the bottom of this page. A horse must be used in at least 2 hitch classes at the show, this may be 2 different cart classes, a cart and multiple hitch class, or 2 different multiple hitch classes. The 2 classes cannot be the same multiple class shown two or more times at that show (ie. 2 six horse hitch classes). The horse must place within the top 4 in each of the classes used for nomination at that show. You must submit all qualifying placings (The horse was driven in an entry that placed in the top 4) in ALL qualified classes at each show used for nomination. Classes eligible include Ladies' Cart, Men's Cart, Mare Cart, Gelding Cart, Open Cart, Classic Series Cart, Mare Team, Gelding Team, Open Team, Mare Unicorn, Gelding Unicorn, Open Unicorn, Mare Four, Gelding Four, Open Four, Mare Six, Gelding Six, Open Six, or Open Eight Horse Hitch. Placings in futurity classes, bred and owned classes, etc. do not qualify for the contest. The position in which the horse was driven in each class must also be included. Qualifying placings are the official class placing only, regardless of breed, age, or sex of the other animals allowed to enter the class at that show. An owner/exhibitor may use the results of up to 4 shows for the nomination entry (The exhibitor may report less than 4 shows for nomination, but no more than 4 shows, but the horse must place in the top 4 in at least 2 classes at that show). An owner/exhibitor may only nominate up to 2 horses for the All-American hitch horse program. Owners will then enter the class results of their previously nominated horse(s) from up to 4 shows into the online system prior to November 1 of the year for which the horse was nominated.

**Divisions-** there are 6 different divisions of the contest based on age and gender, in which the horse may be entered into 1 division.

- 3-yr old registered mare
- 4-8 yr old registered mare
- 9+ yr old registered mare

- 3-yr old registered gelding/stallion
- 4-8 yr old registered gelding/stallion
- 9+ yr old registered gelding/stallion

**Purpose-** To recognize the elite hitch horses that are in competition, as well as the owners and breeders of these animals.



To submit results-

1. Access to Assist Expo, <https://www.assistexpo.ca/percheron-all-american-hitch-horse-futurity>
2. An un-retouched, un-altered digital photograph, color or black & white, any size, of the horse driving in harness only, and taken during the current year show season. Photos altered in any way will cause an automatic disqualification. We cannot use the photographer's proofs. The submitted file name must include the registration number and registered name of the horse and be in png, tif or jpg format at 300 dpi.
3. You must have the PHAoA or CLRC registration number of the animal to enter the contest.
4. Nomination entries must be submitted to the Assist Expo Entry System and nomination fees paid by April 1st. Final class results must be submitted online by November 1st. Nominations received after April 1st and incomplete nominations will not be accepted. Please make sure your nominations and results are properly completed. **ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 1st, AND INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!** We will not hold up the contest and publication of the Percheron News for late entries or photo submissions.

The Percheron All-American Hitch Horse Committee will review entries and show results. We will throw out erroneous entries. Any exhibitor that accumulates a total of three disqualifications for any number of infractions, will immediately and thereafter become ineligible to participate in the Contest. This means that if one exhibitor has three horses disqualified in this year's competition, none of their entries will be accepted for this year, or any year thereafter. Reasons for disqualification include but are not limited to: use of a photo taken other than during the current show year or a photo which has been altered in any way; the listing of inaccurate show placings. Further, we will bring to the attention of the Board of Directors, exhibitors who habitually claim false winnings in the All-American Contest. In short, check your entries carefully, then check them again. If you won the placing, claim it ... If you did not, don't enter it.

**WARNING – NO ALTERED PHOTOGRAPHS!** Any entry submitted with a photograph that has, in the opinion of the All-American Committee, been altered in a way to change the appearance of the animal will be disqualified and the person who submitted it will receive one strike against him/her.

The pictures of all nominees and their winnings will be published in The Percheron News, Percheron Postscript and on social media. Before this, these nominees will be presented to the judges of the contest in the form of an electronic ballot. Each judge will be asked to place the top half of each class and submit his/her electronic ballot to the Percheron Horse Association of America for tabulation. The first-place horse will receive the number of points equal to the number of entries in the top half of the class and progress down from there. Judges' scores will be added together. The horse in each class with the highest points will be the All-American and the second highest will be the Reserve All-American. In the case of a tie, a pre-selected tiebreaker judges' card will be used to split the tie. A reasonable number of Honorable Mentions may also be designated by the Percheron Horse Association of America, based on the tabulated results. There will be no set number of Honorable Mentions named—Some classes warrant several, others none at all.

The Percheron Horse Association of America will present awards to each All-American and Reserve All-American owner and breeder. The results will be printed in the Summer/Fall issue of the Percheron News. The judge's ballots will be made public following the conclusion of the contest.



**Qualifying Shows:**

Britt Draft Horse Show, Britt, IA  
Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, MA  
Grandview Invitational, Ocala, FL  
Grandview World Nights, Ocala, FL  
Grange Fair Draft Horse Show, Centre Hall, PA  
Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL  
Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA  
La Porte County Fair, LaPorte, IN  
Michigan Great Lakes International, East Lansing, MI  
Midwest Draft Horse Classic, Shipshewana, IN  
Minnesota State Fair, Minneapolis, MN  
Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, MO  
National Percheron Show/Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, IN  
National Western Stock Show, Denver, CO  
New York State Fair, Syracuse, NY  
Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH  
Scott County Fair, Jordan, MN  
Three Trails Classic Draft Horse Show, Kearney, NE  
Western States Classic Draft Horse Show, St. George, UT  
Wild West Draft Horse Classic, Grand Junction, CO  
Wilmington Classic, Wilmington, OH  
Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, WI  
Young Living Draft Horse Show, Mona, UT