

# ALL-AMERICAN RULES/PROCEDURES

**Eligibility** in the All-American program is determined entirely by placings at the designated shows listed at the bottom of this page. The top four Percherons in each class at AA level shows, the top three at A level shows, the top two at B level shows and the highest placing Percheron in each class at C level shows are eligible to be entered in the All-American Contest. The horse must earn a qualifying placing in the open class at one of these recognized shows. Placings in bred & owned, futurity or other specialty classes do not qualify. Qualifying placings are the official class placing only, regardless of breed, age or sex of the animals eligible to enter the class. All nominated horses must be registered with the respective breed association. This includes foals and geldings.

When entering, be sure that your placing was in one of the qualifying classes at a qualifying show. There are eleven classes which qualify for the All-American Contest: Registered Geldings (any age), Stud Foals, Yearling Stallions, 2-Year-Old Stallions, Aged Stallions (3 & Over), Filly Foals, Yearling Mares, 2-Year-Old Mares, 3-Year-Old Mares, Brood Mares, 4 Years & Over and Yeld Mares, 4 Years & Over. Junior and Senior Foals must be designated as such for those shows offering both divisions. You must submit all qualifying placings in ALL qualifying classes. Placings in Futurity classes, bred & owned classes, etc. do not qualify for the Contest, however, any championships SHOULD be included. (Why list all the qualifying places? This contest is meant to be an accurate historical record of the year's events. Inclusion of only the first place finishes does not accomplish that goal.)

To make a nomination, you will need the following:

1. Access to Assist Expo, <https://www.assistexpo.ca/percheron-all-american>
2. An un-retouched, un-altered digital **photograph**, color or black & white, any size, of the horse standing only, and taken during the current year show season. No photos in harness or in motion will be allowed. Photos altered in any way will cause an automatic disqualification. We cannot use photographer's proofs. The submitted filename must include the registration number and registered name of the horse and be in tif or jpg format at **300 dpi**.
3. You must have the PHAOA or CLRC registration number of the animal in order to enter the contest.
4. The completed **All-American Nomination**, which follows the list of qualifying shows. Use one entry per animal. There is no entry fee. Your entry must be in the Assist Expo Entry System by December 1st, complete with photos to be eligible for the contest.

## **ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 1st, AND INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

Please make sure that your entries are properly completed. We will not hold up the contest and publication of the Percheron News for late entries or photo submissions.

The Percheron All-American Committee will check all the 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 disqualifications 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 winnings, entry of a non-registered foal, etc. 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**. Prior to this, these nominees will be presented to the judges of the designated shows 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 horse in each class with the highest points will be the All-American and the second highest will be the Reserve All-American. A reasonable number of Honorable Mentions will 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 at the National Percheron Show. **The results will be printed in the Summer/Fall issue of the Percheron News. The judges ballots will be made public following the conclusion of the Contest.**

*Return all entries by December 1st to:*

**The Percheron Horse Association of America**  
**P.O. Box 141, Fredericktown, OH 43019**  
**email: [allamerican@percheronhorse.org](mailto:allamerican@percheronhorse.org)**

## QUALIFYING PERCHERON SHOWS

**A Level shows** where a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the class earns the right to be nominated.

- Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa
- Michigan Great Lakes International, East Lansing, Michigan
- National Percheron Show/Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa
- Ohio Draft Horse Show, Columbus, Ohio

**B Level shows** where a 1st or 2nd in the class earns the right to be nominated.

- Boone County Fair, Belvidere, Illinois
- Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Illinois
- Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Minnesota State Percheron Show/Olmsted County Fair, Rochester, Minnesota
- New York State Fair, Syracuse, New York
- TLA All-Breed Halter Classic, Topeka, Indiana
- Walworth County Fair, Elkhorn, Wisconsin
- Wilmington Classic, Wilmington, Ohio
- Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, Wisconsin

**C Level shows** where the 1st Percheron in the class earns the right to be nominated.

- Addison County Fair, Addison, Vermont
- Georgia National Fair, Perry, Georgia
- LaPorte County Fair, LaPorte, Indiana
- Maryland State Fair, Timonium, Maryland
- Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Missouri
- National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colorado
- North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)
- Ozark Empire Fair, Springfield, MO
- Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan, Maine
- West Virginia State Fair, Lewisburg, West Virginia

The list of qualifying shows is evaluated each year. All-American status for shows changes due to a variety of reasons, including declining or increasing halter horse numbers or a show's failure to submit results for publishing. This contest is dependent upon the timely receipt of complete show results.