

CASHA Adult and Juvenile Sportsman of the Year Award

The CASHA Sportsman of the Year is a horse that is nominated by the membership and then finalists are voted on by the CASHA board. An award will be given to the Adult and Juvenile Sportsman of the Year annually at the CASHA year end awards banquet.

Nominations for the Adult and Juvenile Sportsman of the Year will be accepted by any CASHA board member and will be due by a date determined by the CASHA Board. Nominations shall be filled out on the official nomination form.

Rules for nominations:

- Sportsman can be nominated by a current CASHA member
- One nomination per individual member
- One nomination per family member in a family membership
- Nominations will be taken via email, regular mail, and phone
- Nominee must be a current member of CASHA
- Individuals CANNOT nominate themselves
- Award will be given annually

The definition of **Sportsmanship** is as follows:

Sportsmanship is conformance to the rules, spirit, and etiquette of sport. More grandly, it may be considered the ethos of sport. It is interesting that the motivation for sport is often an elusive element. Sportsmanship expresses an aspiration or ethos that the activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. Being a "good sport" involves being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser".

Sportsmanship typically is regarded as a component of morality in sport, composed of three related and perhaps overlapping concepts: fair play, sportsmanship, and character. Fair play refers to all participants having an equitable chance to pursue victory and acting toward others in an honest, straightforward, and a firm and dignified manner even when others do not play fairly. It includes respect for others including team members, opponents, and officials. Character refers to dispositions, values and habits that determine the way that person normally responds to desires, fears, challenges, opportunities, failures and successes and is typically seen in polite behaviors toward others such as helping an opponent up or shaking hands after a match. An individual is believed to have a "good character" when those dispositions and habits reflect core ethical values.

Sportsmanship can be conceptualized as an enduring and relatively stable characteristic or disposition such that individuals differ in the way they are generally expected to behave in sport situations. In general, sportsmanship refers to virtues such as fairness, self-control, courage and persistence and has been associated with interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control in dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Sportsman of the Year committee. Six (6) people will be chosen by that committee to present to the CASHA board. The CASHA board will then narrow the nominations down to four or five (4-5) people.

Those people will be emailed to the membership to vote on approximately 30 days prior to the year end banquet. Please follow the rules below when voting. Voting will be cut off 1 week prior to the year end awards banquet. The cut off date will be listed in the email asking for votes.

Rules for voting:

- One vote per individual member
- One vote per family member in a family membership
- Votes will be taken via email, regular mail, and phone
- Nominee must be a current member of CASHA
- Award will be given annually