

## **CASHA Horse of the Year Award**

The CASHA Horse 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 Horse of the Year annually at the CASHA year end awards banquet.

Nominations for the Horse 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:**

- Horses 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
- Horse owner must be a current member of CASHA
- Horse owners CANNOT nominate their own horse
- Horse must be an American Saddlebred but does not have to be a show horse to be eligible
- Award will be given annually

For example, if you have a horse that is your favorite lesson horse at the barn, that horse has the biggest heart in the world, and has taken many beginner riders to the show ring in academy classes, that horse is eligible for CASHA Horse of the Year. If you have seen one horse at the horse shows that just blows you away and you have to watch it every time it goes into the show ring, that horse is eligible for CASHA Horse of the Year. If you know of a horse that won more blue ribbons than any other horse at all the horse shows this year, that horse is eligible for CASHA Horse of the Year.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Horse of the Year committee. Six (6) horses 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) horses.

Those horses 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
- Horse owner must be a current member of CASHA
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