



**2015 AQHA/NIRA  
"Horse of the Year" Nomination Form**

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name of Nominated Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

AQHA Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Mare: \_\_\_\_\_ Gelding: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AQHA ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Event(s) Competing In: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Rider to Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AQHA ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Faculty Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- ***AQHA/NIRA Horse of the Year will be selected using the NIRA point system***
- ***Registration and current ownership of horse will be verified***
- ***One nomination per person***
- ***No limit to the number of horses nominated by a school or region***
- ***Return to Faculty Region Director by closing date of CNFR Entries***

## Criteria for Nominations

1. Nominated horse must be a registered American Quarter Horse.
2. All ownership information/transfers with AQHA must be current by nomination deadline.
3. Owner and Rider must be a current AQHA member.
4. Contestant may compete on a registered American Quarter Horse owned by a member of his/her immediate family (i.e., parent, sibling or grandparent).
5. Nominations will only be accepted if completed and signed by both the listed owner on AQHA papers and the Faculty Director.
6. Points will be earned only during the CNFR, which will determine the winners. There will be one men's and one women's Horse of the Year selected.
7. All participants must abide by NIRA rules.
8. If only ONE nominated horse makes it to the short go, then that horse will be named Horse of the Year, and announced as such during the event in the short go performance.
9. If two or more nominated horses both qualify for the short go, then at the conclusion of the short go, ALL points (long, short and average) are tallied and the nominated horse with the most points wins the Horse of the Year.
10. If NONE of the horses nominated make it to the short go, the horse with the most points after all three rounds of the long go wins the Horse of the Year.
11. All winners must have their picture taken after the short go at the awards presentation.
12. Team ropers will be given the same point value for the Horse of the Year. If a header and heeler tie for Horse of the Year at the conclusion of either the long go or the short go, the tie-breaker will be a coin-toss.
13. Hazing horses CANNOT be nominated.

### Tie Breakers:

- Points were won in TWO or more events at CNFR on same horse.
- Most points in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.
- Most points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round (if tied after no.1)
- Most points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round (if tied after no.2)

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