ALL-CANADIAN RULES/PROCEDURES

Eligibility:

Eligibility in the All-Canadian program is determined entirely by placings at the designated shows listed on the next page. The top four Belgians in each class at AA level shows, the top three at A level shows, the top two at B level shows and the class winners only at C level shows are eligible to be entered in the All-Canadian Contest. The horse must earn a qualifying placing in the open class at one of the recognized shows. Placings in bred & owned and/or other specialty classes do not qualify. Qualifying placings are the official class placing only, regardless of breed, age or sex eligible to enter the class. For example, in a mixed sex foal class, a stallion foal placing 2nd behind a filly would not qualify as the 1st place stallion foal. Likewise, a Belgian placing 2nd in a mixed breed class behind a Percheron would not qualify as the 1st place Belgian. All mares and stallions must be registered with the Canadian Belgian Horse Association or Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America. This includes foals. Grade geldings are currently the only non-registered horses accepted in the contest.

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-Canadian Contest: 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, Yeld Mares and Brood Mares. You must list 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. An un-retouched, unaltered color photograph, 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 can not use photographer's proofs. Do not crop or cut photos.
2. A copy of the certificate of pedigree, both sides, with the exception of grade geldings. American horses are no exception.
3. The completed All-Canadian Nomination Form, which follows the list of qualifying shows. Use one form per entry. The form must be signed and dated by the owner of record, the lessee or the exhibitor.

You may make copies of this form, download and print additional copies or call the Association office for additional forms. Junior and Senior Foals must be designated as such for those shows offering both divisions. There is no entry fee. Your entry must be received by the Committee by November 15th, except for those exhibiting at the Canadian Western Agribition. Agribition qualifiers need to be in our hands by November 30th, complete with copies of the pedigree and photos. **ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE, AND INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED!**

Please make sure that your entries are properly completed and signed. We will not hold up the contest and publication of either magazine for late entries or photos.

The Belgian All-Canadian Committee will check all the entries and show results. Erroneous entries will be excluded. 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-Canadian Contest. In short, check your entries carefully, and then check them again. If you won the placing, claim it ... If you did not, don't enter it.

The pictures of all nominees and their winnings will be published in **The Canadian Belgian Banner**. Prior to this, these pages will be mailed to the judges of the designated shows in the form of a ballot. Each judge will be asked to place the top half of each class, and return his/her ballot form to the **All-Canadian Committee** for tabulation. The horse in each class with the highest points will be the All-Canadian and the second highest will be the Reserve All-Canadian. A reasonable number of Honorable Mentions will also be designated based on the tabulated results. There will be no set number of Honorable Mentions named—Some classes warrant several, others none at all.

The Canadian Belgian Horse Association will present awards and certificates to each All-Canadian and Reserve All-Canadian owner at the Annual Meeting. Publication of the entrants and winners in the program will occur in The Canadian Belgian Banner and possibly The Draft Horse Journal.

What Happens If You Don't Follow the Rules?

"Three Strikes, You're Out" policy arose from annual questions and complaints about inaccurate placings included in the All-American breed ballots. The questions frequently came from contest judges. They would note that two competitors were claiming the same placing in the same class at the same show. The complaints also came from fellow exhibitors that were upset that a horse appeared in the ballot with a placing that they did not actually receive; oftentimes that they had won with their animal. At the time this misinformation was discovered, it was too late to recall the ballots as they were already in the hands of the judges. In most cases, the discovery was not made until after the contest results were already published. Whether or not these inaccurate placings had any bearing on the contest results is unknown, but it did call the integrity of the program into question and, as the ballot serves as an historical record of the show ring for the year, a desire for accurate results was certain. A policy was developed that stated that exhibitors claiming false placings or otherwise not following the rules should have the horse's entry in question disqualified and that a single exhibitor's third offence (three disqualifications) would exclude him/her from competing in the contest in the future, or "three strikes, you're out." Each breed association accepted the responsibility of reviewing the nomination forms for compliance and issuing "strikes" or disqualifications as they determined appropriate for their breed as it related to inaccurate placings and other instances not

in accordance with the contest guidelines. The best advice is to read the contest rules in the respective breed publications, follow the instructions for nominating horses, ask if you have any questions and, as the grade school teachers always point out, double check your work. Since the inception of the policy, relatively few animals have been disqualified and, to date, no one has "struck out."

WARNING – NO ALTERED PHOTOGRAPHS!
Any entry submitted with a photograph that has, in the opinion of the All-Canadian Committee, been altered in any way will be disqualified and the person who submitted it will receive one strike against him/her. What are considered alterations? Alterations include, but are not limited to, the following: Cutting, cropping, removing or manipulating anything, such as the handler, another horse, halter, or anything else appearing in the photo. Distorting, changing, adding or deleting the color, highlighting any portion of a photo or changing the background is considered an alteration. No matter how we say it or define it, we simply do not allow altered photos in the All-Canadian Contest.

NOTE RE: PHOTOGRAPHS: Beginning in 2010, copies of professional photographers photos <u>WILL NOT</u> be accepted as part of All-Canadian entries. This includes photocopies or copies printed on photo paper. They must be original photos with the photographer's disclaimer on the back. If a copied photo is submitted, the entry will be disqualified and a strike will be issued.

Return all entries by November 15th* to:
Mark Lindquist
All-Canadian Belgian Committee
4501 Highway 35, RR #2, Cameron, Ontario K0M 1G0
* Canadian Western Agribition exhibitors have until November 30th to submit their nominations.

2011 QUALIFYING ALL-CANADIAN BELGIAN SHOWS
AA Level shows where a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in the class earns the right to be nominated.
No shows in 2010

A Level shows where a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the class earns the right to be nominated.
Calgary Exhibition & Stampede, Calgary, Alberta
Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Ontario
Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, Ontario
Michigan Great Lakes International, East Lansing, Michigan, USA
Birtle Fair, Birtle, Manitoba

B Level shows where a 1st or 2nd in the class earns the right to be nominated.
Mountain View County Fair, Olds, Alberta
Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, Saskatchewan
Lindsay Central Exhibition, Lindsay, Ontario
Norfolk County Fair, Simcoe, Ontario
Fredericton Exhibition, Fredericton, New Brunswick
Virden Fair, Virden, Manitoba
Navan Fair, Navan, Ontario
Shawville Fair, Shawville, Quebec
Carp, Ontario
Rockton World's Fair, Rockton, Ontario

C Level shows where a 1st in the class earns the right to be nominated.
Saanichton Fall Fair, Saanichton, British Columbia
Vermilion Exhibition, Vermilion, Alberta
Paris Fair, Paris Ontario
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Maritime Fall Fair, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Lachute Fair, Lachute, Quebec
Lloydminster, Saskatchewan

The list of qualifying shows is evaluated each year. All-Canadian 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.