

## 2012 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, (email not accepted) 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. For the completed All-Canadian Nomination Form, use one form per entry. The form must be signed and dated by the owner of the horse.
4. **NOTE RE: PHOTOGRAPHS: Beginning in 2010, copies of professional photographers photos WILL NOT 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.**

5. 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 postmarked to the Committee by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 for late entries or photos.

6. If a judge of one of the designated shows has an entry in a class for the All Canadian, he/she must abstain from that particular class that they have an entry in.
7. If a judge at one of the designated shows has been issued a strike, they will not be mailed a judges ballot for the All Canadian.

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.

Return all entries postmarked by November 30th\* to:  
**All-Canadian Belgian Committee**  
**17150 Conc 10, Schomberg, Ontario L0G 1T0**

**2012 QUALIFYING ALL-CANADIAN BELGIAN SHOWS**

**AA Level shows where a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in the class earns the right to be nominated.**

North American Belgian Championship, Brandon, MB

**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  
Lindsay Central Exhibition, Lindsay, Ontario  
Norfolk County Fair, Simcoe, Ontario  
Fredericton Exhibition, Fredericton, New Brunswick  
Virten Fair, Virten, 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.