

The USEF Horses of the Year Award

Criteria: Awarded to the two horses, one National and one International, that have excelled above all others in equestrian competition for the current year.

- Each USEF Recognized National or FEI Affiliate may nominate one horse or pony per their representative breeds or disciplines. Each USEF Breed/Discipline committee may also nominate one horse or pony per their representative breed or discipline.
- The nominated horse or pony must be at least 3 years old.
- The nominee must have won a national championship at a Federation licensed competition held within the US, an FEI rated four-star competition (or an FEI rated three-star competition for dressage), or medaled in an FEI continental, regional, or world championship in its respective discipline. (The only exceptions are Welsh Ponies, Connemara Ponies, and Hunters for which the Affiliate will set forth the criteria for their nomination.)
- Must have competed in a USEF licensed or FEI competition in 2022.

Selection of Winner and Timeline: The Awards Desk will send requests to National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and USEF Breed/Discipline committees requesting nominations. In the event insufficient nominations are received by the Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Committees, USEF Marketing and Sport Staff may put nominations forward. Nominations will include the following:

- Owner's Name and Contact Information
- Age, Breed, Sire, Dam, Trainer
- Short biography
- Highlights of past accomplishments
- Current year's competition accomplishments
- 3 high resolution pictures that could be used in promotion of the award

Nominations will be accepted starting in September and will close at a date determined by USEF. Nominations may be accepted past the published deadline in special circumstances if the Awards Desk is notified in advance. Please contact Alice Adams aadams@usef.org with any questions regarding late nominations. All nominations must include biographical accomplishments. USEF staff will verify eligibility and that nominees meet the criteria on the nomination form. After each affiliate/committee submits its nominee, the USEF Awards Committee, comprised of individuals representing virtually every recognized affiliate, will then analyze each nominee's 2022 accomplishments and overall career credentials and vote for **up to six (at least 3 National and 3 International)** horses or ponies. These horses will then be presented to the public and submitted for popular vote via the Federation website and email promotions. At the end of the voting period, the horse competing in FEI sanctioned disciplines as well as the horse competing and showing within the National breeds and disciplines with the highest number of votes will become the USEF's Horses of the Year.

The semi-finalists will be voted on in secret ballot by the general public.

Voters will rank the National and International semifinalists in order of preference. Duplicate or incorrect ballots are void. Voting will close on a date selected by USEF. Votes tabulate as follows:

1st = 5 points

2nd = 3 points

3rd = 1 point

The National candidate with the most points will be the National Horse of the Year and the International candidate with the most points will be the International Horse of the Year. In case of a tie, the candidate with the most 1st places in the block ranking wins, then the most 2nd places, then the most 3rd places until the winner is determined.

Award: The Horses of the Year will be announced to the public during the National Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

Perpetual Trophy: Alexa King bronze

Past Winners and Finalists (the winners are in bold)

2005

Authentic - Show Jumper

Brentina - Dressage

Cefnoakpark Bouncer - Driving, Welsh

WR Sonaskada+// - Arabian

Winsome Adante - Eventing

2006

Authentic - Show Jumper

CH Callaway's Copyright - Saddlebred

Floriano – Dressage

Mister Nicadual - Reining

Selwood Park Deneuve - Half Andalusian

2007

Aequus+// - Arabian

Esteban – Friesian

Free Willy – Hackney

Sapphire – Show Jumper

Theodore O'Connor – Eventing

2008

Adams Fire- Half-Arabian
Dante FQ- Friesian
Flexible- Show Jumper
Jamaica- Combined Driving
Tiziano- Hunter

2009

Courage to Lead
^{CH}Our Charming Lady
Krypton Seni II
Ravel
Sapphire

2010

Afires Heir
Gunners Special Nite
Heza Jackrabbit
Lone Star
^{CH}Sprinkles

2011

Sjoerd
Coral Reef Via Volo
Starr Light
Neville Bardos
^{CH}The Daily Lottery
Weltino's Magic

2012

Jersey Boy
^{CH}Courageous Lord
Germ (Harem)
Flexible
Manoir de Carneville
Richter Scale

2013

A Ruf Gal
Sam
Simon

Bizkit

Brunello

^{CH}Callaway's Annabel Allison

2014

Cortes 'C'

Spooks Gotta Whiz

Uminco

Elis GV

Nutcracker Sweet PF

Macadamia

2015

Brunello

Dash Rip Rock

Glynhafan Hermione

PVF Peace of Mind

Rothchild

Verdades

2016

Catch Me

Sjaantje

Top of the Mark

HH Azur

Mighty Nice

Verdades

2017

Co Fan S

Cuba

Winding Oaks Tom Foolery

HH Azur

Verdades

2018

Cobra

Karsten

Private Practice

Verdades

Eddie Blue

MsDreamy

2019

Darry Lou

First Apple

Tseterleg
El Primero
Shezaffirecracker
The Daily Lottery
Zander fan Camelot

2020

Gazelle
Dolton
Pritchard Hill
Vivaldi De Besilu

2021

Balou du Reventon
Dolton
Suppenkasper
Big Shot
HS Daydream's Heads Up
Sjaantje



2022 USEF Horse of the Year Nomination

Please submit this form by the deadline (TBD) to:

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Name of Breed/Discipline Affiliate or Committee: _____

Name of Nominated Horse:

_____ USEF Horse ID Number _____

Affiliate ID Number

Owner(s): If more than one, please attach all names and addresses

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominee’s Notable Accomplishments for CURRENT YEAR (prior years will be disregarded):
