



### **Most Improved & Top Sportsman Charter Award Program**

1. Nominee must be an active ARHA member holding a youth, novice, or amateur card.
2. Nominee must be an active member of the state charter which they are being nominated in good standing.
3. Each Charter's Board of Directors MUST use one of the following methods in selecting the two nominees: Charter may allow its entire membership to nominate and/or vote OR All board members shall vote on nominations. A majority must agree for each nomination.
4. Each charter is entitled to select ONE (1) different amateur/youth (can be novice) for each award. Charter may not submit the same name for both division awards. Should a person be nominated by two different charters the Awards Committee will contact the charter(s) to see if they would like to select a different exhibitor.
5. You must submit the form no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Nomination form must be completed when submitting.
6. It is each charters responsibility if they want to participate in the Charter Awards program. Charters are not required to participate.

#### **Guidelines for Most Improved**

Indicators of this marked improvement during a year or over multiple years may be:

- Placings better in previously shown classes
- Trying more classes with gained confidence and consistently trying new challenges
- Improvement in the horses performance, with particular consideration given to a member with a new or young horse
- A member who has shown growth in their horsemanship skills
- Improved point earnings from previous shows or previous years
- A member that demonstrates and focuses on their improved ability, horsemanship and ranch skills, possibly cow working ability through themselves

This member is a good representative of what ARHA stands for. This member stands out among other, is willing to learn, demonstrates gained skills through their horse, and has greatly improved their horsemanship skills. The individuals each charter considers should be valuable members of their charter that have gone the extra mile to grow with ARHA and within themselves.

#### **Guidelines for Top Sportsman**

- An ARHA Member who displays character, spirit, attitude, ethics, and behavior that embodies the mission of ARHA.
- Displays honesty and fairness in everything he or she does and treats others, regardless of status or skill, with respect.

- Observes and plays by the rules and conducts him or herself with true sportsman-like manners -  
-Looks for opportunities to grow and learn.

-Congratulates his or her fellow equestrians in their accomplishments, gives encouragement to others, and is always willing to help if asked.

-Treats his/her horse with fairness and kindness.

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**NOMINATION FORM:** Must be completed and sent to the ARHA Office by 12/1/2021.

Charter Submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Improved**

Division:  Amateur  Novice Amateur (Please check one or both)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Improved**

Division:  Youth  Novice Youth (Please check one or both)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Top Sportsman**

Division:  Amateur  Novice Amateur (Please check one or both)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Top Sportsman**

Division:  Youth  Novice Youth (Please check one or both)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ask each nominee to email a photo to the ARHA office by December 15, 2021.

You can email the form and photos to [arhacontact@aol.com](mailto:arhacontact@aol.com)

Awards will be presented at the 2021 ARHA Awards Banquet held January 8, 2022 at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky.