

Official Rules 85th Annual Awards

ALL-AMERICAN Competition (Open)

2009

Eligibility

- 1 First through sixth place winners at the International Holstein Show.
- 2 First through fourth place winners at any of U.S. National Shows (Mid-East, Southern, Midwest & Western Spring Shows, Mid-East Summer National, Midwest, Western, Northeast, Eastern and Mid-East Fall shows).
- 3 First through third place at any show in which 225 Holsteins are shown.
- 4 First place winners at State Holstein Shows, Regional Shows and State Fairs in the U.S.
- 5 All-American Group Class Entries – In the Open All-American contest, *Holstein World* accepts the group entries as shown in the ring. Therefore, any entry that is qualified and placed at a show will be eligible for the contest in that class.
- 6 Exhibitor must be in good standing with *Holstein World*.

Classes In Competition

All-American competition will consist of the following 19 classes:

- 125,000-Lb. Cow*
 - Aged Cow (Born before 9/1/03)
 - 5-Year-Old Cow (Born 9/1/03 thru 8/31/04)
 - 4-Year-Old Cow (Born 9/1/04 thru 8/31/05)
 - Senior 3-Year-Old Cow (Born 9/1/05 thru 2/28/06)
 - Junior 3-Year-Old Cow (Born 3/1/06 thru 8/31/06)
 - Senior 2-Year-Old Heifer (Born 9/1/06 thru 2/28/07)
 - Junior 2-Year-Old Heifer (Born 3/1/07 thru 8/31/07)
 - Fall Yearling in Milk-Must Have Freshened**
(Born 9/1/07 – 11/30/07)
 - Fall Yearling Heifer (Born 9/1/07 thru 11/30/07)
 - Winter Yearling Heifer (Born 12/1/07 thru 2/29/08)
 - Spring Yearling Heifer (Born 3/1/08 thru 5/31/08)
 - Summer Yearling Heifer (Born 6/1/08 thru 8/31/08)
 - Fall Heifer Calf (Born 9/1/08 thru 11/30/08)
 - Winter Heifer Calf (Born 12/1/08 thru 2/28/09)
 - Spring Heifer Calf (Born on or after 3/1/09)
- Produce of Dam
 - Best Three Females (milking class) bred by Exhibitor***
 - Junior Best Three Females (heifer class) bred by Exhibitor***

*To be eligible for this class, the animal must qualify in a 125,000-Lb. class. List only placings from the class entered in the contest. In no case will the same animal be eligible for the 125,000-Lb. class and the Aged Cow class in the same year.

**Yearling heifers that have freshened and are shown in milk must be entered in the Fall Yearling in Milk class. Animals may qualify for entry in this class on the basis of their placings in a milking class and / or as an unfreshened heifer earlier in the season.

***An individual photo of each of the three animals in the group should be submitted for the Best Three Females Classes. Each photo must be taken in 2009 and show the animal in substantially the same stage as when shown.

(Holstein World reserves the right to combine classes as the Nominating Committee deems necessary to ensure quality competition.)

Entry Deadline

Closing date for receiving entries and photos is Oct. 31, 2009. In the case of animals being exhibited at later shows, contact the World office to make arrangements.

Entry Form & Registry Certificate Required

It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to submit a signed, completed entry form for each animal or group in order for it to be considered for All-American Nomination. Entry forms appear in *Holstein World* and are available on request from the *World* offices or online at holsteinworld.com.

A photocopy of the Registry Certificate for the animal being entered must accompany this form.

Photographs

Together with a completed entry form, owners must also submit suitable pictures of their animals qualified for entry in the All-American. Pictures must be taken in the current year and show animals in substantially the same stage as when making their show ring appearance.

All-American results are published in full color. Therefore, please submit color photographs.

Glossy color prints about 5" by 7" are preferred. **We do not accept email photos.** Duplicate pictures are requested for animals competing in both the Junior and Open All-Americans.

Pictures submitted for these awards are to become the property of *Holstein World* and cannot be returned.

Procedures

A Nominating Committee will carefully consider photographs of eligible animals for which an entry form has been received. The top six entries in each class are chosen for Nomination. These Nominations are submitted to the All-American Panel for voting. The panel is made up of the judges of leading shows in the United States for the current season and numbers about 25.

The panel members vote separately by mail and indicate in each class their first, second and third choice. Point values are assigned as follows: Each first place vote, 7 points; second place, 3 points; and third place, 1 point. By simple arithmetic, the awards of All-American and Reserve All-American are determined in order of total points. Every nominee receiving 16 points or more is given Honorable Mention. Third place finishers are automatically High Honorable Mention.

Nomination Fee

Color photographs of all animals nominated in each class will be presented in the January 2010 issue of *Holstein World*. Exhibitors who have entries selected for nomination will be required to pay a nomination fee of \$150 per animal nominated.

Upon notification of nomination, exhibitor will be responsible to provide a valid credit card number against which the fee will be charged. Judges will select an alternate nominee in each class, which will be substituted if the fee is not submitted for a nomination.

The nomination fee can be applied as a credit toward an advertisement placed in the January 2010 or March 2010 issues of *Holstein World*.

Please submit all entries and pictures by October 31 and mail to:

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Online entries available at: www.holsteinworld.com