

General Rules:

Subject of Contest: All photographs must relate to some aspect of the Standardbred horse and/or the sport of harness racing. If not pictured in racing harness or in an Under Saddle event, the horse(s)'s USTA-registered name or specific location where photographed (i.e. "Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA") must be included on the entry form. Photos may be digitally manipulated.

Eligibility:

Each photo must have been taken by the contestant. Photos that have previously been published in a print publication, or have won any photo contest, are ineligible. Photos that have been submitted for "Photo Finish" in Hoof Beats, but have yet to be published, may be submitted for the contest. Prints with identification marks, signatures, etc. on their fronts are ineligible. The contest is open to everyone with the exception of employees of the United States Trotting Association and members of their families.

Fee:

There is no entry fee.

Number of Entries:

Each contestant may submit up to three (3) photographs.

Format:

The contest is open to original digital files (not resized—minimum size 300 dpi at 4-by-6). NO COLOR PHOTOCOPIES. Entries must be accompanied by an entry form or comparable document that includes: full name, e-mail address (if applicable, phone number and address if no email available) and identification of the photograph and its subjects (i.e. horse's name, location). Submissions with insufficient information will not be considered.

Deadline:

To qualify, entries must be received no later than Oct. 01, 2017. Submit your photos via the *Hoof Beats* Facebook page or via email to hoofbeats@ustrotting.com. Facebook is the preferred method of submission.

Judging:

The winning entries will be determined based on the total number votes they receive in their category. Additional photos may be chosen for publication as "Editor's Choice" based on originality and technique, by a several-member panel in October 2017. The panel's decision will be final.

Publication:

Submission grants Hoof Beats and the U. S. Trotting Association a non-exclusive license to use submitted photographs in print, electronic, and other media for purposes of advertising and promotion, with appropriate credit to the photographer. NOTE: *Hoof Beats* strongly supports helmet use whenever a horse is ridden or driven. While photos containing people without proper helmets will be posted online and eligible for voting, they will not be published in the magazine, regardless of their vote total.

Copyright of submitted photos remains with the contestant.

Claim of Ownership:

Contestants must own all rights to the works submitted and model releases are the contestant's responsibility.

Responsibility:

Special care will be taken in handling all entries. However, *Hoof Beats* and the U.S. Trotting Association cannot be held responsible for non-delivery of images or delays occurring during judging. Due to the nature of displaying images on the Internet, *Hoof Beats* and the U.S. Trotting Association assume no liability for any infringement of copyright by third parties that may occur through copying or downloading of images from the U.S. Trotting Association's website.

Acceptance of Rules:

Participation in the contest indicates your acceptance of all contest rules and conditions. This contest is void where prohibited or restricted by any law, ordinance, or code. All federal, state and local laws apply.

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