

## **Elections Criteria**

### **Nominations**

Accept Nominations via Mail, General Membership meeting and/or through Email;  
Verify acceptance of nominations with those nominated;  
Ballots to be sent to members only;  
Once a person is nominated and accepts the nomination they are allowed to campaign including through phone calls, letters and postcards. No negative campaigning will be allowed;

### **Ballots**

Each ballot will need to be placed in the provided envelope sealed with the CURRENT member's signature on the back of the sealed envelope;  
Each Ballot will be numbered and must be returned in the envelope provided;  
Ballots must be returned by the set deadline, postmarked by the deadline date, not hand delivered;  
When received, a designated member will verify validity of ballot against approved list and mark that member's ballot as received;  
The sealed ballot will be placed in a collection envelope and held until the meeting where they will be counted;

### **Voting**

Individual Membership is one (1) vote;  
Family Membership is two (2) votes;  
4-H Membership is one (1) vote as a whole (The group will vote as a whole or One);  
No proxy votes will be accepted;  
No late votes will be accepted for any reason;

### **Counting Votes**

Votes will be counted by designated persons and validated by entire board;  
Ballots will only be opened at the designated meeting;

### **TIMELINE**

Nominations accepted through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010;  
Nominations close, October 10, 2010; (allotted for 7-10 days to be received);  
Ballots distributed, October 15, 2010;  
Ballot return deadline, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010;  
Ballots counted, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010; (allotted for 7-10 days to be received);  
New Officers announced, November 13, 2010;  
New Officers preside, January, 2011 at the first meeting of the month, with all fees due at that time;

Please Mail Nomination Form To:

Western Nevada Horsemen's Association  
PO Box 7284  
Reno, NV 89510

**NOMINATION FORM**

The Board of the WNHA holds the responsibility to serve the organizations mission statement and interest of its members. They must uphold the by-laws of the club while staying within the descriptions set by the Attorney Generals office and the legislators in Nevada under Chapter 82 as an appropriate, well run team, for the members.

**Who should I vote for?**

A good leader is someone that delegates and involves members of the club in its operations. You should expect this person to be knowledgeable about the position they are seeking and have established a professional and appropriate manner in which to serve the clubs best interests. Also expect this person to be willing to dedicate the time needed to perform their duties with care.

**Why is my vote important?**

An organization always consists of many members with a diverse interest and different ideas (or visions) of how the mission statement can be served. A functional, healthy club does not allow a special interest group to run everything without a proper checks and balances established and followed. The only way for this to happen is through a fair voting process that involves its members.

**What should I know before I vote?**

Know as much as you can about the people running for office. Ask about their service record if they have been an officer (how they voted, handled decision-making and performed their duties). Take into consideration their presence at the events and their volunteerism. Consider their expertise in different areas. Remember their leadership capabilities show through far before they ever take office.

**Be Informed**

Understand what it takes to keep this organization running and be willing to be a positive, productive part of it!!

The WNHA Board consists of the following positions (Remember, you can list multiple names):

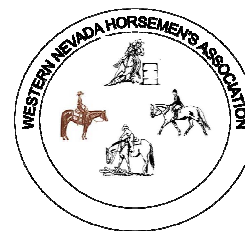
**President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer/Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be used for confirmation of the nomination)



## NOMINATION FORM FOR

### SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD 17 & Under

*This award is for any member in good standing who participates in the shows or gymkhana (need not ride in the events). You must be nominated by fellow show & gymkhana participants.*

*Good Sportsmanship consists of always lending a hand and being a good loser as well as a gracious winner. Being a Good Sportsman means being there, loaning of equipment, answering questions, holding horses, hauling water, setting up/down of equipment, and running errands.*

*Nominate as many as you want and feel free to nominate any volunteers who have gone out of their way to be helpful. (17 & Under Only)*

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