

## **Region 14 Awards (revised for 2021)**

### **The purpose of the Region 14 awards is to:**

1. Recognize the individual achievement of members of Region 14 in and out of the show ring.
2. Promote membership in local clubs and Region 14.
3. Recognize outstanding Arabian, Half-Arabian/ Anglo Arabian horses in the area of competition, recreational riding and promotions in and outside the show ring.

### **Award Categories & Eligibility:**

1. Trainer/**Asst. Trainer** – Must hold USEF Professional card.
2. Volunteer – shows, rides or any club or region related events may be an adult or youth member.
3. Groom/**Caretaker** – Doesn't have to be an AHA/Region 14 club member.
4. Purebred Horse of the Year - Owner is a member of region 14
5. Half-Arabian Horse of the Year - Owner is a member of region 14
6. Adult Amateur of the Year - USEF Amateur status
7. Youth of the Year - Hold you status by USEF Definition for the year nominated
- ~~8. Dressage Rider~~
8. **Dressage/Sport Horse Rider/Handler**
9. **Local Exhibitor** - (Regionals and below)-Not to show at Nationals Level
- ~~10. Endurance/Trail~~
10. **Arabian Enthusiasts** - Non Arabian Show award
11. **Ambassador** - Non Competition Award
12. Breeder (non-voted award)

### **Youth of the Year:**

- Must have competed on the local, regional and or national level for the year for which they are nominated

### **Adult Amateur of the Year:**

- Must have competed on a local, regional and or national level for the year for which they are nominated.

### **Groom/Caretaker:**

- Does not have to be a Region 14 member.
- Must groom/care for Region 14 farm and or horse owner.

### **Arabian Enthusiast:**

- Region 14 member.
- Participates in Regional and or club events in a non-competitive manner.
- Does not show at any AHA sanctioned show.

- May or may not even own an Arabian horse.

**Arabian Ambassador:**

- Region 14 member
- Constantly promotes the breed in a manner to expose new people to the Arabian Half Arabian Breed; example: parades, breed demos, exposing groups to the Arabian horse and helps to educate others about the Arabian breed such as Equine Affaire, Equitant, Breyer Fest, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, school Reading program, 4H and any other outreach programs..

**Local Exhibitor:**

- Region 14 member
- Competitive rider that exhibits at any AHA sanctioned, Local or non AHA rated show below National level.
- Mostly focuses on local and/or open shows however may exhibit at the Regional show level.

**Nominations:**

1. Nominations will be sent to each club President, Past Regional Director and current Regional officer in good standing.
2. Nomination forms will list the winners in each category for the preceding Five years. **Winners in each category are not eligible for nomination in that category for five years from the year the award was won.**
3. No more than one nomination per nominator will be accepted for each Category. **Nominators are encouraged to only nominate a person for one Category per year.**
4. Nomination forms will be sent via online form or mailed no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
5. Nomination forms will be due back 10 days from the date received on postmarked no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
6. Nominees will be announced via the regional website and/or any other normally used media outlet by Region 14 no later than January 20<sup>th</sup> of each year. **Each nominee will be asked to answer 4 set questions by online form**

**Award Eligibility:**

1. Each nominee must be a member in good standing of AHA and of a club in Region 14 by June 30<sup>th</sup> for the year nominated to be eligible with the exception for the Groom/Caretaker category. ***The Groom/Caretaker will not be required to be a member of Region 14.***

2. Each nominee must have exhibited in an AHA recognized class for the category nominated **within the for which the award applies except for the non-competitive categories**
3. Winners in each category are not eligible for nomination in that category for five years from the year the award was won.

**Voting Ballots:**

1. A ballot will be electronically mailed to each eligible member with a valid email address and posted on the Region 14 web site for those without email Address and will list all nominees for each award category. A space for the name and AHA number of the person casting the vote will be included and required for the vote to count.
2. Ballots may also be posted via any normal media outlet used by Region 14.
4. Ballots may be sent in to the designated member via email, fax or U.S. mail postmarked by end of posted voting date.