



## DUTCH HARNESS CHALLENGE CUP Series

**PURPOSE:** To demonstrate to the public the market viability of Dutch Harness horses. To provide an opportunity to own, show and market while spreading the costs across multiple owners. To offer friendly competition that develops fellowship and excitement ... have fun!

# The Dutch Harness Challenge Cup Series

1. Teams will be formed with approximately 5 members each (no limit).
2. Each team will be accessed \$1500; or \$300 each member of a 5 member team. These funds will be awarded to the winning teams at year end of competition.
3. Each team will acquire a prospect for the harness division via public sales or private parties from outside of the team.
4. Team Leaders, horse acquisitions and trainers will be listed in the Review Magazine for our members to follow and to promote to the public.
5. The prospects are to be placed in training with a professional trainer.
6. Teams are encouraged to find Corporate/Business/Brand Sponsorships, use logos and Naming Teams to bring more attention and excitement to their team and their horse.
7. Teams may acquire more than one horse and will be accessed for each horse in the Cup Series.
8. The Cup Series will be in the classes of the ADHHA National Qualifying Show Circuit.
9. Junior/Limit horses may be acquired to show in the Cup Series. Open National Harness Champions are not eligible to enter the Challenge Cup Series.
10. Commencing in 2021, the Challenge Cup Series will offer First Year Challenge Cup teams the opportunity to compete in a separate Junior/Limit Qualifying Division. All Second Year Challenge Cup teams must compete in the Open Qualifying Division. This is conditioned on the number of teams entered in each division. A minimum of Four teams in each division will be required. Junior/Limit teams are permitted to enter in the Open Division, if the division does not exceed 8 teams and the Junior/Limit division has the minimum of 4 teams.
11. Commencing in 2022, the Challenge Cup Series will include a Three Gaited (walk, trot and canter) Jr / Limit Park Under Saddle Division. It is available to horses that have not obtained 6 wins in ADHHA under saddle classes. Bridling is optional until August 1st 2022, thereafter, a full bridle will be required. Points will be earned at qualifying shows in one (1) class, the Jr/ Limit Park Under Saddle Stake Class.
12. Both Qualifying and Championship classes will be counted for points in the open Division. For the Junior/Limit Division, there will be only one class for points at qualifying shows.
13. Points will be earned based on placements in each class. 8 points for first place, 7 points for second, 6 for third, 5 for fourth, 4 for fifth, 3 for sixth, 2 for seventh, 1 for eighth.
14. The lowest scoring qualifying show for each horse will be tossed out.
15. Each purchased prospect may compete for two (2) years.
16. At the conclusion of the competing year 50% of award money will be presented to the highest scoring team; 30% to the second highest scoring team; and 20% to the third highest scoring team.
17. At the conclusion of the competing year, each competing horse will be sold at public auction. Teams may reacquire their horse, or buy a competing Teams' horse.
18. 5% of the sale proceeds will be reserved to be added prize money for the Open division for the succeeding competing year.
19. Teams may sell their horses privately at any given time during the competing season with 5% of the proceeds reserved to the Challenge Cup Series.
20. Rules are subject to revision as the program develops.
21. Each Team Leader will be responsible to provide the Challenge Cup Committee a current/updated Photograph to be used for promotion and the Review Magazine.
22. As the program grows with teams and the sale prices increase, the larger the prize money will become to draw the attention of breeders and buyers to participate!

For a Team entry form contact Rick Wedel at 812-204-7700 or email: rdwedel@aol.com