

Défi des Éleveurs – Québec Heavy Horse

Presentation and objectives

The Quebec heavy horse associations of the Belgian, Clydesdale and Percheron breeds have come together to offer their members a new program to promote the breeding of heavy horses.

The objectives of the Défi des Éleveurs are (1) to increase the number of animals bred in Quebec to increase the genetic diversity of the province; (2) to favor the improvement of the genetics of each of the breeds by the judgment and the selection of the best subjects produced; (3) to allow breeders to be able to evaluate their own program by organizing a judgment of the offspring resulting from the program; (4) and to promote subjects raised in Quebec, both provincially and nationally

Entries

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, we will invite breeders to enter subjects in three distinct stages, which will help increase the number of subjects entered.

- Firstly, the breeder will nominate the chosen mares before breeding and at the latest on January 31 the year of breeding, by providing (1) the copy of the registration and (2) an amount of \$50.00 to the secretary of his/her association. There is no limit to the number of mares that can be nominated by each breeder; each breeder must be the owner of the mare at the time of inscription or hold a rental contract of which he/she must provide a copy if necessary.

- Secondly, after confirmation of gestation, the breeder will proceed to the nomination of the stallion having covered the mare or mares previously registered before November 1st of the breeding year, by providing (1) the copy of the registration of the stallion who covered the mare and (2) an amount of \$100.00 to the secretary of his/her association. There is no restriction as to the nature of the service (natural service or artificial insemination), nor as to the origin of the selected stallion.

-Finally, all colts and fillies out of mares nominated for the program will be considered eligible for official judging of the Défi des Éleveurs, whose conformation will be assessed by three judges as part of an event held in the fall. of the foal's year of birth. To do this, the breeder must provide (1) the copy of the registration of the colt or filly and (2) an amount of \$150.00 to cover the final registration.

Judging of the event

The halter judging will be divided into two categories according to the subject's date of birth, namely a “junior” category and a “senior” category. The cut-off date will be determined on the morning of the judging, in order to obtain an equal number of subjects in each category. If the total number of registered subjects is odd, the additional subject will be added to the "senior" category.

Each of the events will first be judged independently by three judges selected from each of the associations. The judgment of each of the judges will have the same value and will be given in the form of a score card, from the first to the last subject. The final ranking of each category will be obtained by summing up the score of each of the judges. In the event of a tie at the end of the compilation, the card of a judge chosen at random before the start of the competition will take precedence. Finally, the subjects having won the first position in their respective category will be invited to participate in a supreme championship, judged by the three judges, in order to select the best subject of the Défi des Éleveurs.

Purse

All monies collected by entering the program will be redistributed as winnings to participants.

The total sum will be divided equally between the two categories and then distributed according to the following scheme

1st- 25.5% 2nd- 20% 3rd- 16% 4th- 11% 5th- 8% 6th-5.5% 7th- 5% 8th- 3% 9- 3% 10th- 3%
and up \$100.00

An additional purse of \$1000.00 will be offered to the supreme champion in the form of sponsorship from Émilie Proulx (Émilie's Clydesdales).

A request will be made to MAPAQ to make the Défi des Éleveurs an official program to support the breeding of heavy horses in Quebec.