EQUESTRIAN VAULTING USA
HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD
SCORE SHEET

Competition Name __________________________________________________  Date: ____________________________

Judge Name _____________________________________ Signature:__________________________________________
(Please Print)

Best Horse
Horse Name ______________________________________ Name _____________________________________________

Please use the score sheet above to pick one horse as the outstanding horse for this competition. Show management is to have provided you with a complete list of all horses and clubs competing along with scratch paper for your notes. This score sheet should be turned in to Fest Management at the end of the competition.

Following are criteria to use in selecting the “best” horse. Keep in mind that the horse’s way of going and attitude should be heavily weighed than the turn-out. You need not come up with a numerical score, merely your choice of the best. Each horse selected by a judge at a competition will receive 1 point toward the Annual Horse of the Year Award. If two judges at a competition select the same horse, that horse would receive 2 points for that competition. The horse with the most points at the end of the year will receive the EVUSA’s Annual Horse of the Year Award.

CRITERIA

NOTE TO JUDGE: You are asked to return this form at the end of the competition; however, you are NOT required to select a Horse unless you judged a Horse which warrants the distinction of Horse of the Year.

I. Way of going
   a) Purity of gaits
   b) Quality of gaits
   c) Balance (on forehand? leaning in? in or out with shoulders/haunches?)
   d) Steadiness of tempo (speeds up/slow down?)
   e) Lack of stress, laboring, signs of discomfort

II. Attitude
   a) Absence of kicking, bucking, pinning ears, switching tail, etc.
   b) Spookiness, shying
   c) Willingness to keep going
   d) Stays out on circle, line taut; not pulling or cutting in

III. Appearance/Turnout
   a) Braided
   b) Clean (tack and horse)
   c) Harmonious with team turnout
   d) Equipment properly adjusted: bridle, side reins, surcingle, lunge line, etc.

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