



# UMBHA SPIRIT AWARD

There is something special about UMBHA and more importantly, the members of this club. It's the family friendly culture that makes this club so special. While many of us are competitors in the ring, we are friends above that ~ an UMBHA "family". The UMBHA Spirit award will acknowledge those members that help promote the spirit of helping one another; the spirit of helping the club; The spirit of sportsmanship; the spirit of a smile; the spirit of kindness. In essence, the UMBHA SPIRIT. The ideal recipient is an individual who goes out of their way to make the show experience easier and more pleasant for others. Some examples of what we are looking for could include, but are not limited to the following:

- ❖ Is there someone who came up and helped you with a tack change in between classes?
- ❖ Is there someone who went out of their way to make you feel welcome at the UMBHA shows?
- ❖ Did someone (who isn't from your barn) come up to you with a pat on the back and congratulate you on your ride?
- ❖ Is there someone out there who is continually helping the club by jumping into the ring to help move obstacles (such as between barrels & poles or helping to place trail pattern obstacles) or helps man the in or out gates?
- ❖ Is there someone out there who always seems to have a smile on their face, no matter if they won their class or got the gate?
- ❖ Is there someone who goes out above and beyond to help the club and the exhibitors

Because the committee doesn't always know what random acts of kindness & sportsmanship that happen throughout the UMBHA shows, this will be an award that we ask our membership to nominate their fellow UMBHA members for. This award will be picked by a committee based on the nominees presented and it will be possible to have more than one winner of the Spirit award a year. Anyone who is a UMBHA member is eligible to win this award.

**Nomination deadline is October 15, 2026**

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person filling out Nomination form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why you believe the nominee should be awarded the Sportsmanship Award (use back of the paper if you need too): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return for to the UMBHA Show office or email to:

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