



## **ACT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL AWARDS**

ACTDA's annual awards are open to all current financial members of the club.

The annual awards are for the Calendar year. Details of the point scores in each category will be updated throughout the year and can be found on the ACTDA website <https://actda.com.au/>

### **ANNUAL AWARDS**

#### ***1. Horse of the Year***

Horse of the Year (HOTY) is awarded to the Horse with the highest combined performance score in the following categories:

- Open Preliminary
- Open Novice
- Open Elementary
- Open Medium
- Open Advanced
- Open FEI

#### ***2. Amateur Owner Rider Horse of the Year***

Amateur Owner Rider (AOR) Horse of the Year is awarded to the Horse with the highest combined performance score ridden by an AOR in the following categories:

- AOR Preliminary
- AOR Novice
- AOR Elementary
- AOR Medium
- AOR Advanced
- AOR FEI

#### ***3. Pony of the Year***

Pony of the year is awarded to the pony with the highest combined performance score in the following categories:

- Pony of the Year (preliminary – elementary)
- Pony of the Year (medium – FEI).

#### **4. Young Rider Horse of the Year**

Young Rider Horse of the Year is awarded to the Horse with the highest combined performance score who is ridden by a person under the age of 21 in the following categories:

- Young Rider Horse of the Year (preliminary – elementary)
- Young Rider Horse the Year (medium – FEI).

#### **5. Unofficial Horse of the Year**

Unofficial Horse of the Year is awarded to the Horse with the highest combined performance score with scores obtained from unofficial competitions.

#### **6. Rider Medals**

ACT Dressage Association awards Performance Medals for riders who obtain the following performances in a calendar year:

##### ***Bronze Medal***

- Preliminary: 3 performances of 65% or more
- Novice: 3 performances of 65% or more
- Elementary: 3 performances of 65% or more
- Medium: 3 performances of 64% or more
- Advanced 3 performances of 64% or more
- Prix St-Georges or Intermediate I (Small Tour): 3 performances of 62% or more
- Intermediate A or Intermediate B (medium Tour): 3 performances of 62% or more
- Intermediate II or Grand Prix (Big Tour): 3 performances of 62% or more

##### ***Silver Medal***

- Preliminary: 3 performances of 67% or more
- Novice: 3 performances of 67% or more
- Elementary: 3 performances of 67% or more
- Medium: 3 performances of 66% or more
- Advanced 3 performances of 66% or more
- Prix St-Georges or Intermediate I (Small Tour): 3 performances of 64% or more
- Intermediate A or Intermediate B (medium Tour): 3 performances of 64% or more
- Intermediate II or Grand Prix (Big Tour): 3 performances of 64% or more

##### ***Gold Medal***

- Preliminary: 3 performances of 70% or more
- Novice: 3 performances of 69% or more
- Elementary: 3 performances of 69% or more
- Medium: 3 performances of 68% or more
- Advanced 3 performances of 68% or more
- Prix St-Georges or Intermediate I (Small Tour): 3 performances of 66p% or more
- Intermediate A or Intermediate B (medium Tour): 3 performances of 66% or more
- Intermediate II or Grand Prix (Big Tour): 3 performances of 66% or more

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

### ***Horse of the Year Awards***

The following guidelines are applied to HOTY awards:

1. To be eligible for the point score riders and horses must compete in at least **3** ACTDA competitions held on different weekends during the membership year. For example the Canberra Classic is counted as 1 competition.
2. All horses must be ridden by current financial members of the ACTDA at the time of competition to be eligible for point score. The ACTDA financial and membership year runs from 1 June to 31 May. To be eligible for the annual point score, riders need to be financial members for both membership years which overlap the point score competition year.
3. The owner of a horse must be a current financial member of the ACTDA for their horse to be eligible for Horse of the Year. The Rider must be a financial ACTDA member prior to the competition taking place to accrue points
4. At each competition the highest performance of a Horse at any one level will be recorded. At the end of the year all performances will be added together and the Horse with the highest combined performances will be awarded Horse of the Year.
5. Official Open and AOR tests from preliminary level and above are eligible for their respective point scores, test at members only competitions will not be included in the pointscore.
6. Unofficial Closed Unrestricted tests from Preliminary level and above are eligible for the unofficial point score, if a Horse competes in the official classes they are no longer eligible for the unofficial horse of the year.
7. Freestyle tests, FEI Young Horse, Junior, Young Rider, Grand Prix tests, Rider Limited classes and training days are excluded.
8. Hors Concours (HC) results are not eligible.
9. All tests must gain a minimum score of 50% to be eligible.
10. Horses can only gain ONE performance at each level on any one competition day.
11. At the Canberra Classic championships, each day of competition is treated separately so that horses and riders can earn scores toward the awards on each day of these competitions.
12. Riders must nominate at the time of entry if they wish to compete as an AOR for that competition.
13. In the event of equal performances at the end of the year a count-back will determine the Horse of the Year. In the event that performances are still tied, performances gained in the higher test will take precedence.

## ***Rider Awards***

The following guidelines are applied to the Rider Medals:

1. To be eligible for the point score riders and horses must compete in at least **3** ACTDA competitions held on different weekends during the membership year.
2. All financial members of ACTDA are eligible for rider medal achievements. Performances are included from the date a rider is a financial member of ACTDA.
3. Performances are awarded per Horse/Rider combination. Multiple performances from each competition are eligible.
4. Performances at official or unofficial levels will be included, member only days are not included.
5. The medals in principle are for riders, and it is up to the rider if they wish to pass on to the owner of the horse, if applicable.
6. Hors Concours (HC) results are not eligible.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### *Horse of the Year:*

1. The owner and rider of the horse must both be a financial ACTDA members prior to the competition taking place for the Horse to accrue points.

### *Amateur Owner Rider Horse of the Year*

1. The Rider must be a financial ACTDA member prior to the competition taking place to accrue points, and nominate to compete as an AOR at the time of entry.

ACTDA has adopted the [Equestrian Australia National Dressage Rules](#) definition of an Amateur Owner Rider (AOR), however for the purposes of the ACTDA point score, riders and horses do not need to be current members of their state branch of Equestrian Australia, only ACTDA.

In addition to the requirements for defined by Equestrian Australia to qualify as an AOR for the purposed of the Pointscore, the rider must not have competed in an FEI Sanctioned CDI (PSG- GP) or CDI-W in the prior 3 calendar years.

### *Pony of the Year*

1. The Rider must be a financial ACTDA member prior to the competition taking place to accrue points.
2. Points will be awarded where the rider is competing on a registered Pony.

### *Young Rider Horse of the Year*

1. The rider must be a financial member of ACTDA prior to the competition taking place, and nominate to compete as a Young Rider at the time of entry.
2. A Young Rider is eligible to compete in Young Rider competitions from the start of the year in which they turn 12 years of age (8 years for pony) to the end of the year they turn 21.

### *Unofficial Horse of the Year*

1. The rider must be a financial member of ACTDA prior to the competition taking place.
2. If a Horse competes in both official class and unofficial at the same competition, performances from the official class will be counted, you will no longer be in the running for the unofficial horse of the year.

### *Rider Medals*

All riders must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a financial ACTDA member prior to the competition taking place to accrue points.
2. Points can be accrued from Official or Closed Unrestricted competition.

*Note: Restricted competitions (such as rider limited classes) will count for the purposes of rider medals, but will not count for HOTY awards.*

## **OTHER AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### *Volunteer of the Year*

This award is for volunteers who help out at or prior to competitions by pencilling, gear stewarding, canteen duties, running, etc.

The Committee encourages nominations for Volunteer of the Year. Please submit nominations to [admin@actda.com.au](mailto:admin@actda.com.au).

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Awards are presented at the ACTDA Annual General Meeting and Awards Night, which is held annually. Winners of an award must be present at the awards night, or send a replacement in their place, or else they forfeit their award.

## **RESULTS**

Progressive results will be updated after each event and posted on the ACTDA Website.

## **ENQUIRIES**

Enquiries relating to the ACTDA Championship Point score can be directed to [admin@actda.com.au](mailto:admin@actda.com.au)  
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