



Equestrian South Australia Dressage Awards

FEI Dressage Horse & Rider of the Year

EA Dressage Horse & Rider of the Year

Adult Amateur Owner Rider & Horse of the Year

Dressage Young Rider of the Year

Dressage Pony of the Year

The Equestrian South Australia (ESA) Dressage South Australia (DSA) Committee makes an award each year to the most successful Horse/Pony and Rider Combinations.

The awards are announced and presented at The Equestrian South Australia Annual Awards Night held at the end of January or early February each year. The Young Rider of the Year receives a trophy and the winning horses and pony are awarded an embroidered rug.

These awards are an aggregate of the below nominated competitions held at South Australian dressage competitions over the course of the year, as well as the Australian Dressage Championships and Australian National Young Rider Championships held interstate. Please refer to the DSA Calendar of events for the nominated events on the ESA Website.

The annual awards are open to all ESA competitive members and registered horses that hold a current dressage license. The winner of each division will have the highest aggregate score from the selected competitions held during the year.

Riders are not required to nominate for annual awards. Results are taken from the nominated competitions official competitive results on the ESA result data base. However if at the end of the year you are winning more than 1 category you will be contacted by DSA to confirm which is your preferred.

Criteria for the awards listed above

- Riders must be current ESA Members.
- Horses/Ponies must be EA (SA registered) and have a current Dressage Competition Licence/Card.
- Points are awarded individually to each horse/pony and rider combination placing in official tests at the nominated events.
- Riders with more than one horse/pony will accrue separate points for each horse/rider combination in their nominated award category.
- Points are not awarded unless 58% or over is obtained, (60% for Preliminary and Novice levels).
- Participant, Closed Restricted, Closed Unrestricted, Freestyle, tests do not count.
- Pony dressage classes count for points.
- Young Rider age is from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns **10 years for horses and 8 years for ponies** to the end of the calendar year in which the rider turns **21**. This is a combined group, based on current EA Rules for Juniors and Young Riders.

Amateur Owner Rider of the Year

In order to qualify as an amateur owner rider, all riders must declare that they meet the following criteria:

- a) the rider must be a Competitive member of their state branch of Equestrian Australia
- b) the rider must not have competed in a FEI Sanctioned CDI (PSG- GP) or CDI-W in the prior 3 calendar years
- c) the horse must have a life registration with Equestrian Australia
- d) the horse/pony registration lodged with Equestrian Australia must reflect the name of the amateur owner rider as owner or part-owner of the horse. Leased horses are eligible if the amateur owner rider competitor is reflected as the lessee on the EA horse registration of that horse
- e) the rider's principle source of income must not be obtained from sponsorship, breeding, breaking, training, riding and/or coaching any horse or rider for the previous 2 years
- f) the rider must not have cash sponsorship per annum above the value of \$500
- g) the horse/pony must be primarily ridden and trained by the rider/owner with only periodic ridden assistance by person(s) other than the owner, specifically during the period 4 weeks prior to the event
- h) the rider must be aged 21 and over – can enter in the calendar year in which they turn 21

It is the amateur owner rider's responsibility to make sure they have made it clear on their entries to ride as an AOR and the draw clearly states AOR – this cannot be back dated, if not on draw as AOR a combination cannot accrue points for that specific competition – The onus is upon the rider to make this clear prior to the competition.

Results from the following competitions for 2019 will go towards the ESA Annual Awards

- SADA 3rd March 2019 – EA points awarded only no FEI points awarded
- SVDC 17th March 2019 – FEI points awarded only no EA points awarded
- SA Dressage Championships / MDCD Autumn Festival 25th- 26th May 2019
- Australian National Young Rider Championships SIEC 5th - 7th July 2019
- SVDC 15th September 2019
- MSED SA Country Championships 21st - 22nd September 2019
- AHDC Spring Festival 12th - 13th October 2019
- National Dressage Championships SIEC 17th- 20th October 2019
- MDCD 23rd Nov 2019
- DCSA 24th Nov 2019

Points are allocated as set out below

National Championships

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Points	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

SA State Championships

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Points	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1

Other Nominated Competitions

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Points	6	5	4	3	2	1