



Equestrian South Australia

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 Dressage Committee makes an award each year to the most successful Horse/Pony and Rider Combinations.

The awards are announced and presented at The Horseman's Night of the Year held at the end of January or early February each year. The Young Rider of the Year receives a trophy and the horses or ponies are awarded an embroidered rug.

Following is a summary of the criteria for the awards:.

FEI Horse and Rider Combination of the Year, EA Horse and Rider Combination of the Year, Adult Amateur Owner Rider & Horse Combination of the Year

- Separate awards are given to the EA, AOR and FEI Horse/Rider Combination of the Year
- Riders must be current ESA Members
- Horses must be EA (SA registered) and have a current Dressage Competition Licence.
- Points are awarded individually to each horse and rider placing in official tests at the events listed below.
- Riders with more than one horse will accrue separate points for each horse / rider combination.
- Points are not awarded unless 58% or over is obtained, (60% for Preliminary and Novice levels).
- Participant, Closed Restricted, Closed Unrestricted, Junior, Freestyle, Young Rider and Pony Dressage tests do not count.

Young Rider of the Year

- Young Rider age is from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 14 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.
- Riders must be current ESA Members
- Points are awarded to each Young Rider Combination placing in Junior & Young Rider tests at the events listed below.
- Riders with more than one horse or pony will accrue points for each horse separately.
- Points are not awarded unless the qualifying % is obtained.
- Participant, Closed Restricted, Closed Unrestricted junior, Freestyle, and Restricted Pony Dressage tests do not count.

Pony of the Year

- Ponies must be EA (SA registered) and have a current Dressage Performance Card.
- Riders must be current ESA Members
- Points are awarded to each Pony/Rider Combination placing in tests at the events listed below.
- Riders with more than one pony will accrue separate points for each pony / rider combination separately.
- Points are not awarded unless the qualifying % is obtained.
- Pony dressage classes count for points
- Participant, Closed Restricted, Closed Unrestricted, Associate, Junior, and Freestyle tests do not count.

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:

1. The rider must be a Competitive member of Equestrian South Australia
2. The rider must not have competed in an FEI Sanctioned CDI (PSG- GP) or CDI-W in the prior 3 calendar years
3. Horses must be EA (SA registered) and have a current Dressage Competition Licence
4. The horse/pony registration lodged with Equestrian Australia must reflect the name of the amateur owner rider as owner of the horse. Leased horse are only permitted if the registration papers reflect the lessee as the "owner"
5. An amateur owner rider must not have sponsorship, or remuneration (excluding prize money) above the value of \$500/annum for any services connected with the breaking, training and riding of any horse or pony in the last 3 years. This does not include instructing riders, provided that instructing is not the principle income (per rule 6)
6. An amateur owner rider's principle source of income is not obtained from sponsorship, breaking, training, riding or coaching any horse or rider
7. 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, the horse/pony must not have been ridden or trained by anyone, other than the owner, from the closing date of entries to the day of the event, for any event in which the rider wishes to compete as an amateur owner rider
8. The rider must be aged 21 and over – can enter in the calendar year in which they turn 21
9. 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 will go towards the ESA Annual Awards

- SVDC 15th January 2017
- SADA 5th March 2017
- SA Dressage Championships 11th & 12th March 2017
- MCDL Autumn Festival 27th & 28th May 2017
- MSED SA Country Championships 23rd & 24th September 2017
- AHDC Spring Championships 7th & 8th October 2017
- National Dressage Championships – 21st - 23rd Oct 2017
- MCDL 25th Nov 2017
- DCSA 26th Nov 2017

Points are allocated as set out below

National Championships

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
8 points	7 points	6 points	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point

SA State Championships

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
7 points	6 points	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	2 points	1 point

Club Championships and Other Selected Events

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
6 points	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 points