



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 ESA Dressage South Australia 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 winning horses and pony are awarded an embroidered rug.

These awards are an aggregate of eight nominated competitions held at South Australian dressage competitions over the course of the year, as well as the Australian Dressage Championships held interstate. Please refer to the DSA Calendar of events for the nominated events.

<http://www.sa.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2018%20SA%20Dressage%20Competition%20Calendar%20END.pdf>

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.

**** To be considered for these awards you must now nominate which award you wish to ride for during the course of the year.**

Each horse & rider combination can only nominate for one award each calendar year. *ie. If you nominate for AOR, you will not be considered for the EA Horse of the Year.*

Competitions will only be counted towards the awards after you have nominated. There will be no back dating of points.

A Rider can nominate as many individual Horse/Pony rider combinations for their chosen award.

Following is a summary of the criteria for the awards listed above:

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- 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.
 - 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.
 - Pony dressage classes count for points.

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 you have nominated for

- SADA 4th March 2018
- SA Dressage Championships 28th – 29th April 2018
- MDCD Autumn Festival 26-27 May 2018
- SVDC 16th September 2018
- MSED SA Country Championships 29th- 30th September 2018
- AHDC Spring Festival 13th-14th October 2018
- National Dressage Championships Boneo Park – 18th 21st October 2018
- MDCD 24th Nov 2018
- DCSA 25th Nov 2018

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

