Equestrian South Australia Dressage Awards
2023

The Equestrian South Australia (ESA), Dressage South Australia Committee (DSA) makes an award each year to the most successful horse/pony and rider combinations.

The awards are announced and presented at the ESA Annual Awards night held at the end of January or early February each year. The winning combinations are awarded an embroidered rug.

The awards are an aggregate of the nominated competitions held at SA dressage competitions over the course of the calendar year, as well as the Australian Dressage Championships, Australian National Young Rider Championships and the AOR National Championships held interstate. Please refer to the DSA Competition Calendar on the ESA Website which lists the nominated events. https://www.sa.equestrian.org.au/dressage-sa

The annual awards are open to all ESA competitive members and registered horses that hold a current dressage licence. The winner of each division will have the highest aggregate score **from their best ten placed tests from** the nominated competitions held during the year. Results are taken from the competitive results on the EA data base.

Riders are required to nominate for the 2023 annual awards via Nominate, entries will open in mid-December 2022 and be advertised on the DSA Facebook page, there will be a rolling intake however **points will not be back dated if a rider enters after competing at a nominated event.**

HOTY Entry Types

There will be two types of entries:

1.   Standard HOTY –entry is free **(Riders must enter via Nominate)** **Entry:**

- will put the combination into the running for the Annual HOTY Awards that is presented at the ESA Awards night

2.   Gold HOTY – has a $22 GST inc. administration fee. **Entry:**

- will put the combination into the running for the Annual HOTY Awards that is presented at the ESA Awards night
- give riders with multiple horses free Gold HOTY entry for any additional horses.
- will provide early ticket sales on DSA run events
- will provide discounted entry to DSA run events
- will provide the opportunity to participate in HOTY training events on/off horse
- will provide communications from DSA about upcoming events/opportunities
- will provide riders a discount on entry to the State Dressage Championships
- will provide a review for possible automatic invitation to be selected for the Foundations for the Future Squad

One rider may enter the same award on multiple horses or may enter different horses for different awards but cannot nominate the same horse for multiple awards.

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Award Categories

FEI Dressage Horse & Rider of the Year aggregate of FEI results from the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over

EA Dressage Horse & Rider of the Year (for OPEN riders) aggregate of results Preliminary - Advanced from the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over

Adult Amateur Owner Rider & Horse of the Year aggregate of AOR results Elementary - Advanced from the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over

Foundation Horse & Rider of the Year aggregate of AOR results Preliminary - Novice from the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over

Youth Dressage Rider of the Year aggregate of results from all levels at the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over

Dressage Pony of the Year aggregate of results from all levels at the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over

Para Equestrian Horse & Rider of the Year aggregate of results from all grades level 2 tests and above at the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over

Criteria for the awards

1. Riders must be current ESA members
2. Horses/ponies must be EA (SA registered) and have a current Dressage Competition Licence
3. Points are awarded individually to each horse/pony and rider combination placing in official tests at the nominated events
4. Riders with more than one horse/pony will accrue separate points for each horse/rider combination in their nominated award category
5. Points are only awarded if 60% or over is obtained
6. Points are awarded for placing as per the tables below for the tests at each nominated competition. **There is no restriction to the amount of tests that can receive points on non-championship events that are run over 2 days maximum of 2 tests per day.** Participant, Closed Restricted, Closed Unrestricted and Freestyle tests do not count
7. Pony dressage classes count for points
8. Youth 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
9. To qualify as an Amateur Owner Rider (AOR), riders must declare that they meet the criteria as set out in the National Dressage Rules 4.6.1. It is the AOR's responsibility to ensure they have made it clear on their entries that they are entering as an AOR and to ensure that the draw clearly states they are competing as an AOR – this cannot be back dated. If the rider is not listed on the draw as an AOR combination, they cannot accrue points for that specific competition. The onus is on the rider to make it clear prior to the competition
10. Para equestrian riders must be classified (EA or FEI), members of ESA and have a current Dressage Competition Licence

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Points are allocated as set out below
Australian National Championships

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Points	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4

SA State Championships

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Points	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

Other Nominated Competitions

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