

ACT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL AWARDS

ACTDA's annual awards are open to all current financial members of the club. Members who place in the top six positions in ACTDA competitions (excluding Preparatory Tests) accumulate points toward the annual awards throughout the year.

Details of the point scores in each category will be updated throughout the year and can be found on the ACTDA website www.actdressageassociation.com

Annual Awards

1. *Horse of the Year*

Horse of the Year and **Runner-Up** are awarded in the following categories.

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

2. *Rider of the Year*

Senior Rider of the Year is awarded in the following categories:

- Division 1 Open Senior Rider
- Division 2 Amateur Owner Senior Rider
- Division 3 Waiwere Aimadero perpetual trophy for amateur owner rider over 45

Perpetual trophies are awarded in the following categories:

- ❖ **Young Rider** (see Note i.)
- ❖ **Pony Senior Rider**
- ❖ **Pony Young Rider** (see Note i.)

There are no Divisions for these categories.

DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

Division 1: Open Senior Rider

Riders must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a financial ACTDA member prior to the competition taking place to accrue points.

2. Points can be accrued for Official or Restricted competition, where the highest placing by the rider is recorded for the day.

Division 2: Amateur Owner Senior Rider

ACTDA has adopted the Dressage Australia definition of an AOR.

The following criteria must be met:

1. The rider must be a Competitive member of their state branch of Equestrian Australia
2. To qualify as an Amateur Owner/Rider the rider must not have competed in an FEI Sanctioned CDI (PSG- GP) or CDI-W in the prior 3 calendar years.
3. The horse must have a life registration with Equestrian Australia.
4. 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 horse are only permitted if the registration papers reflect the lessee as the "owner" . Leased horses are eligible as long as the amateur owner rider competitor is reflected as the lessee on the EA horse registration of that horse.
5. An amateur owner rider's principle source of income must not be obtained from sponsorship, breaking, training, riding or coaching any horse or rider over the last two years.
6. An amateur owner rider must not have sponsorship per annum above the value of \$500.
7. An amateur owner rider must not have remuneration (excluding prize money) above the value of \$ 500 per /annum for any services connected with the breaking, training or riding of any other person's horse or pony in the last 3 years. This does not include instructing riders, provided that instructing is not the principle income (per rule 5.)
8. 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.

Division 3: Waiwera Aimadero Perpetual Trophy:

The Waiwera Aimadero Perpetual Trophy is awarded for amateur owner riders who are aged 45 years and over and have not competed above elementary level. Members who are eligible for this award should nominate when completing their membership form.

IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEY MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE DIVISION THEY NOMINATE FOR PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION. (IF A DIVISION IS NOT NOMINATED RIDERS WILL BE CONSIDERED OPEN COMPETITIVE).

WE RELY ON THE INTEGRITY OF RIDERS TO ASSESS THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR EACH DIVISION.

AWARD CRITERIA

The following guidelines are applied to HOTY, pony and rider awards:

1. All horses must be ridden by current financial members of the ACTDA to be eligible for point score.
2. Only riders who were financial members of ACTDA at the time of the competition can gain points at that competition.
3. Points are awarded as follows:

1st	6 points
2nd	5 points
3rd	4 points
4th	3 points
5th	2 points
6th	1 point
When equal placing occurs, equal points are awarded to each horse/rider.	

4. Official Open and AOR and Restricted tests from Preliminary level and above are potentially eligible for the point score (Prep, Freestyle, Young Horse tests, training days, etc. are **excluded**).
5. Hors con Cours (HC) results are not eligible.
6. To be eligible for the point score riders and horses must compete in at least **two** ACTDA competitions held on different weekends during the membership year.
7. All tests must gain a minimum score of **58%** to be eligible.
8. Horses can only gain ONE score at each LEVEL on any one competition day.
9. Riders can only gain ONE score on any one competition day regardless of how many horses and tests they ride.
10. At the two-day Summer Series events and three day Canberra Classic, each day of competition is treated separately so that horses and riders can earn scores toward the awards on each day of these competitions.
11. In the event of equal points at the end of the year, (if there is a tie for Champion) a count-back will determine the Champion. Points gained in official tests will take precedence over points gained in Closed Restricted tests. The person who is not awarded Champion will be awarded

runner-up in that category. If the points are still even after the count back then both will be awarded champion.

12. Horse Awards are given to the horse or pony with the highest point score at the end of the competition year in each class.

13. Pony award is given to the pony with the highest points gained from pony classes only.

Notes

- i.) A Young Rider is eligible to compete in Young Rider competitions from the start of the year in which they turn 16 years of age to the end of the year they turn 21.
- ii.) The ACTDA financial and membership year runs from 1 June to 31 May.

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.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards are presented at the ACTDA Annual General Meeting and Awards Night held annually.

RESULTS

Progressive results will updated after each event.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries relating to the ACTDA Championship Point score can be directed to actdressage@hotmail.com