



ANNUAL AWARDS POLICY
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The annual Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) Awards are presented to recognise and reward the achievements of members of the EWA community. The Awards are presented at the EWA Awards Night as an opportunity for members and supporters to gather in celebration of outstanding achievement.

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

EWA encourages all committees, clubs and members to participate by considering *potential* nominations. Factors to consider when completing a nomination include:

- The award criteria
- The Nominee's achievements or contributions during the nomination period
- The level of the Nominee's achievements (i.e. regional, state, national or international)
- The significance of the Nominee's contributions to the sport
- Nominators/Nominees must be EWA Members with the exception of those voting for Volunteer and Club of the Year. However, for Club of the Year they must be a club member.

SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel may include:

- EWA Board Chairman
- One Director from the EWA Board
- One independent representative as appointed by the EWA Board
- EWA CEO (non-voting)
- EWA Membership Services Officer (non-voting)

The selection panel bases all decisions on the criteria requested and information presented as part of the nomination.

AWARDS PROCESS

Club of the Year | Coach of the Year | Event of the Year | Special Services to Sport | Official of the Year | Volunteer of the Year

- Nominations for the above categories will open on 16th September. All nominations must meet the criteria to be included for voting
- Nomination Closes 28 November 2021
- Member Voting opens – Monday 2 December. (Members will have 1 vote per category (members must have been a 2021 financial member to vote with the exception of Club and Volunteer of the Year categories)
- Member Voting Closes 20 December
- A winner from each of the Sports which include Jumping, Eventing, Show Horse, Dressage and Adult Riding with an Overall winner
- Members will receive confirmation of nomination
- In the event of tie the Selection Panel will decide the winner

Horse of the Year - Dressage | Pony Dressage | Eventing | Jumping | Show Horse

Sports Athlete of the Year - Dressage | Eventing | Jumping | Show Horse

Junior Sports Athlete | Dressage | Eventing | Jumping | Show Horse

Para Equestrian of the Year

- No nominations are required.
- Results at local, state, national and international events will be the Selection Panel's primary consideration for this award
- Level of competition will be taken into account.

All nominations will be reviewed by EWA Awards Panel.

The nominees will be released prior to the presentation dinner event and the winner will be announced and presented at the presentation evening.

AWARD CATEGORIES

SPORTS STAR – RIDER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an athlete over 18 years of age who has achieved exceptional performances in domestic or international competition during the nomination period. They demonstrate significant talent, dedication and commitment and are an ambassador for the sport. The athlete's results at local, state, national and international events will be the Selection Panel's primary consideration for this award.

SPORTS STAR – JUNIOR RIDER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an up-and-coming athlete aged 18 years and under who has achieved exceptional performances in domestic or international competition during the nomination period. They demonstrate significant talent, dedication and commitment to the sport and are an ambassador for the sport. The athlete's results at local, state, national and international events will be the Selection Panel's primary consideration for this award.

HORSE OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an EWA registered horse that has achieved exceptional performances in domestic or international competition during the nomination period.

The horse's results at local, state, national and international events will be the Selection Panel's primary consideration for this award.

There will be a winner in each Sport |. Eventing | Jumping | Show Horse – Horse (Over 14hh) | Show Horse – Pony (14h & under) | Dressage Horse | Dressage Pony with an Overall Horse of the Year Winner.

PARA-EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a classified or unclassified Para Equestrian athlete who has pursued their equestrian ambitions despite a disability. They have overcome significant adversity through courage, human spirit, perseverance and resilience to consistently achieve at a domestic or international level.

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an EA accredited official who has attained a level of excellence in the field of officiating (i.e., Course building / technical delegate / judging, measuring, and whose performance sets them apart from their peers. The official is a tremendous ambassador for the sport of equestrian and conducts themselves with a high degree of decorum and professionalism at all times.

COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an EA registered coach whose dedication and skill has positively influenced both human and equine athletes during 2021. The coach will have made a significant contribution to the success of individuals or teams to assist them in achieving outstanding results at the highest level of senior or junior competition.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the outstanding dedication and achievement of an individual who has given their skills and time to the running of an equestrian sport, clubs or events in Western Australia. Administrators, coaches and officials are not eligible to enter this category. Volunteers foster positive difference in the lives of others through support and encouragement, often with self-sacrifice and without personal gain.

CLUB OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an EWA affiliated club that contributes to increased/sustained participation at all levels of the sport. Including program development, coaching development, grass roots programs and community engagement. Level of service to members including communication and Member benefits. Number, Size and success of equestrian events conducted. Quality of governance, planning and management and shows strength in its club spirit and camaraderie,

A winner from each of the Sports which include Jumping, Eventing, Show Horse, Dressage and Adult Riding with an Overall winner.

EVENT OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an Competition or Special Event (live or virtual) held by an EWA affiliate that can truly be considered to have achieved a standard of excellence greater than that of other equestrian events. The nominated event may involve local, regional, state, national or international competitors, *single or multi-sport* but above all it has to set itself apart from other events through its high standard of organisation and its resounding success. A winner from each of the Sports which include Jumping, Eventing, Show Horse, Dressage and Special Events with an Overall winner

SPECIAL SERVICES TO THE SPORT

This award recognises an individual who has contributed the most to EWA or an equestrian sport over a lengthy specified period. EWA considers this award to be a significant honour. The recognition and acknowledgement of EWA indicates the individual's commendable contribution to the growth and success of equestrian sport in Western Australia.