



Member Recognition and Awards

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Introduction

Equestrian Australia (EA) provides for the recognition of individual and organisational achievement in, or contribution towards Equestrian sport with the following award system:

EA Sport Achievement Awards

These awards may be given to members, individuals and/or horses, to recognise an outstanding achievement in, or contribution to, the organisation or equestrian sport during the year before the close of nominations.

The following awards are to be nominated by the State Branches from their own Awards Nights, or through a nomination process as determined by the State, who will become finalist in the EA National Awards:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Event of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Owner of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Groom of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

One nomination for each category from each State branch may be received for the above awards. These will be given to the EA Awards Selection Panel for consideration as well as sent to all members electronically (based on email details provided at the time of registration) to participate in a “web poll”. Both elements will constitute a 50/50 split of votes, with the collective score determining the national winner. Should there be a tie for the winner after public and panel voting, the winner will be determined by the member, individual or horse who received the highest number of public votes. Finalists from each State branch will be notified of their inclusion for national recognition, with winners being announced either online or at an Awards night.

The following categories will be nominated by the EA High Performance Director, in consultation with the National Discipline Selectors and National Discipline Committees, based on performances from the previous year:

- Domestic Athlete of the Year
- International Athlete of the Year
- Domestic Horse of the Year
- International Horse of the Year
- Young Athlete of the Year

Only one nomination from each official EA Discipline Committee can be received. These will be given to the EA Awards Selection Panel for consideration, as well as sent to all members electronically (based on email details provided at the time of registration) to

participate in a “web poll”. Both elements will constitute a 50/50 split of votes, with the collective score determining the national winner. Should there be a tie for the winner after public and panel voting, the winner will be chosen by the Chair of the EA Awards Selection Panel. Finalists will be notified of their inclusion for national recognition, with winners being announced either online or at an Awards night.

The EA Awards Selection Panel will be made up of:

- EA Board Chair,
- EA Chief Executive Officer,
- An Athlete Representative
- An Independent Representative and
- A Media Representative

The Chair of the EA Selection Panel will be the Independent Representative.

Hall of Fame

The EA Hall of Fame provides our sport with the opportunity to recognise the lifetime achievements and efforts of its members in equestrian sport. Australia's success in the international sporting arena has earned the country a reputation as one of the top equestrian nations in the world. This reputation is due to extraordinary achievements and dedication by EA members over the years and honours EA's greatest achievers.

Current members of the EA Hall of Fame and the general EA membership are offered the opportunity to put forward individuals and horses to be considered for induction (with permission of the nominee or his/her family). The categories are:

- Individual Achievement
- Team Achievement
- Outstanding Horse
- Service to Sport

Voting will consist of a 50/50 split from both the current inductees and the EA Awards Selection Panel. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the EA Awards Selection Panel will have the casting vote.