



2024 HORSE OF THE YEAR RULES

1. Both the owner and the rider(s) of the horse must be financial members of the club at the time of competing – tests results will not be considered retrospectively.
2. Competition runs through the HDC's Festival of Dressage (15th – 23rd June 2024).
3. The following HOTY's will be awarded:
 - Closed Unrestricted
 - Preliminary
 - Novice
 - Elementary
 - Medium
 - Advanced
 - FEI
 - Pony
 - OTT
 - Supreme
4. The Closed Unrestricted HOTY award will be a combination of both Preliminary and Novice.
5. All other levels will be awarded for combinations in Official Competitive classes.
6. Previous HOTY winners are not eligible to compete for HOTY at the same level in subsequent years (FEI and Ponies are an exception to this rule).
7. The 4 highest results for each horse will be used – including Freestyles.
8. Points are allocated based on the number of horses in the class, where the highest points attainable is equivalent to the number of tests completed.

For example, points for a class with 25 horses would be awarded as follows:

1st = 25 pts, 2nd = 24 pts, 3rd = 23 pts, 4th = 22 pts ...etc.... 25th = 1pt.

Whereas points for a class with 6 horses would be awarded as follows:

1st = 6 pts, 2nd = 5 pts, 3rd = 4 pts, 4th = 3 pts ...etc.... 6th = 1pt.

9. Points will be awarded for each division if the tests are divided.
10. Equal placings receive equal points.
11. If there are two horses on equal points at the end of the festival, the horse with the highest average score will receive the award.
12. Horses competing across two levels will only be permitted to receive one HOTY award (the higher of the two). The second highest point scorer in the lower level would then receive the award. *i.e. a top point scorer in both Preliminary and Novice will be awarded the Novice HOTY award only.*
13. Supreme HOTY is awarded to the horse or pony that has the most points from the top 4 highest scores across all OC levels (excl. Prep).
14. HOTY awards will be presented at the Hawkesbury Dressage Club's 2024 Annual General Meeting.
15. The committee's decision will be final when awarding HOTY winners.

*Any questions please contact the Horse of the Year Co-ordinator
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