

Guidelines

Sporting Horse Australia Horse of the Year Series

Age Groups/Sections:

- U/11
- U/15
- U/18
- Open
- OTT
- HERO

Your age group is set by your age on 1 September. For example, Ben turns 15 on 3 October, so he will be in the under-15 age group, and Fred turns 15 on 30 August, so he will compete in the under-18 age group.

Junior riders may only ride in one age group above their specified age group for each event. OTT and Hero events are not considered age group events; thus, eligible horses may also compete in these sections.

Rules for HOTY Series

1. All riders riding any horse eligible for points in the series must be financial SHA members (excludes associate and day memberships).
2. A horse must compete at least five HOTY events to participate in the HOTY series.
3. The horse will only commence accumulating HOTY points once the rider's SHA membership has been paid in full.
4. All shows conducting a round of the series must run according to the current event rules of Sporting Horse Australia, with no exceptions. If a show chooses to run according to any other event rules, then the show can continue, but the points for the round will not be counted for the series. If a rule is changed in one event or age group but others are not affected, the points will only be disallowed for that particular event or age group. E.g. If the flag race were to be run to the old event rules and not the current event rules, then the points would be disallowed for the flag but not for the bending race. Any show not complying with the SHA event rules will be reviewed for the following year's series.
5. Team events are not counted as part of the Horse of the Year Series points.
6. If a round is unable to be conducted (due to fire, flood, insurance, etc.), it will be cancelled unless rescheduled to a later date. No further rounds will be added to the series in the event of a cancellation. If a round is conducted but the full program is not completed (i.e. due to bad weather, running out of time, or the surface being unsafe for racing), the races that have been conducted will count for the HOTY series.
7. The committee will reserve the right to finalise or modify the Horse of The Year Series rounds as it sees fit.

Prizes

For individual events:

Trophies awarded from 1st to 4th place in U/15, U/18, and Open for the following events: Bend, Stake, Flag & Barrel and Barrel Race.

Overall Age Group/Section:

Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded for each age group/section: under 11, under 15, under 18, Open, OTT and Hero.

Champion = Champion rug & trophy, Reserve Champion = Saddle pad & trophy, 3rd place trophy & 4th place trophy (OTT and Hero only)