

## **Guidelines For The Sporting Horse Australia 2017/18 Mini Series Horse of the Year.**

The series will be run with age groups of under 15 years, under 18 years and open. Your age group is set by the age you are on the 1 September 2017.

E.g. Ben turns 15 on 3 October 2017 so he will be in the under 15 age group. Fred turns 15 on 30 August 2017 so he will be competing in the Under 18 age group.

Under 18 riders must adhere to the age rule of the SHA. They may only ride in one age group above their specified age group available on the day for each event.

All riders riding any horse eligible for points in the series must be financial SHA member.

A rider must nominate which series he or she would like to be in, HOTY Series (previously known as the Pro Series) or Mini Series. E.g. Ben only goes to a couple of shows a year so he nominated to be in the Mini Series which means his points will not be eligible for the HOTY Series and vice versa. Nominations must be emailed to [zoe@sportinghorseaustralia.org](mailto:zoe@sportinghorseaustralia.org) before you attend your first HOTY event (see website for all HOTY events). If you don't nominate before your first HOTY event, you will be automatically placed into the HOTY Series for your relevant age group(s).

Prizes to 4th place in under 15, under 18 and open

1st prize = woollen rug & trophy, 2nd prize = cotton rug & trophy, 3rd prize = SHA saddle blanket & trophy, 4th prize = trophy. Points awarded 1st - 4 points 2nd - 3 points 3rd - 2 point 4th - 1 point

All shows conducting a round of the series must run to the current event rules of the Sporting Horse Australia, no exceptions. If a show chooses to run 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.

The series will be conducted over 4 rounds of your choice. You can compete in as many shows as you wish but your points will only count for the 4 highest point scoring shows. Only well organized shows with adequate entries expected will be considered for the series.

You are only allowed to collect a maximum of 16 points per day. This makes it fair if one show only has 4 events compared to another with 6 events on the program.

Team events are not counted as part of the Horse of the Years Series points.

In the event a round is unable to be conducted (fire, flood, insurance etc.) then the round of the series will be cancelled unless rescheduled to a later date. No further rounds will be added to the series in the event of a cancellation.

Breaches of the SHA Code of Conduct shall be dealt with in accordance with the SHA Rules & Regulations.