

Guidelines

Sporting Horse Australia Horse of the Year Series

Age Groups/Sections:

Under 11 years
Under 15 years
Under 18 years
Open
OTT
HERO

Your age group is set by the age you are on the 1 September, i.e. Ben turns 15 on 3 October, so he will be in the under 15 age group. 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 available for each event. OTT and Hero events are not considered age group events; thus, eligible horses may also compete in these sections.

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

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

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

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

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 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.

Team events are not counted as part of the Horse of the Year 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. If a round is conducted, but the full program is not completed (i.e. due to bad weather, running out of time, surface is not safe for racing) the races that have been conducted will count for the HOTY series.

The committee will reserve the right to finalise or modify the rounds of the Horse of The Year Series as it see fit.