

National Capital Equestrian Club (NCEC)

Point Score Awards and Eligibility

NCEC recognises its members via an annual (1 July – 30 June) point score system which awards Horse of the Year (HOTY) and Rider of the Year (ROTY).

1. HOTY are awarded to the highest point score rider/horse combination for the competition year at each EA level commencing Preparatory and include 3 more categories: Veteran Horse of the Year, Restricted Horse of the Year and Pony of the Year.
2. ROTY categories are separated into several age group divisions from Juniors (U18 years) through to Masters (55+ years).

Prizes for the HOTY and ROTY and Runner-Up winners are awarded at the Annual Awards Night each year, following the final comp of the season.

AWARDS Eligibility

- Riders must be current financial members of NCEC.
- Points are awarded from the date of membership/renewal.
- Horse/rider combination must gain a % test score in at least 3 out of the 4 NCEC competitions during the season for their points to be counted towards Annual Awards.
- In the event of a tie the cumulative % of all tests contributing to the award will be used to calculate the ROTY/HOTY placings.
- In the event NCEC only runs 3 comps in the season, due to weather, the Awards will be calculated on riders who attended the 3 comps.
- In the event NCEC only runs 2 comps in the season, due to weather, the Awards will be calculated on riders who attended the 2 comps
- Nil points awards for training/protocol days.
- HOTY – points awarded to the horse/rider combination for the test level.
- ROTY – Points awarded to a rider/horse combination.
- AR/Open and Pony categories will not be split for the purpose of point allocation, except for the Pony HOTY.
- Points will be awarded as follows: 6 for 1st place down to 1 for 6th place with 1st place being the highest % in a test and so forth down to 6th place.
- Where a class (or category within the class) contain 6 competitors or less points will be awarded according to number of place getters. Example 1: Four riders will accrue 1st – 4 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points and 4th 1 point. Example 2: Two riders will accrue 1st – 2 points and 2nd 1 point.
- In the event of a tie the cumulative % of all tests contributing to the award will be used to calculate the ROTY and HOTY.
- ROTY categories will be from the riders age as at 1 Jul of the start of the membership year.

Horse of the Year (HOTY)

Horse of the Year and Runner-Up are awarded in the following two divisions:

Division 1

- Preparatory Horse of the Year
- Preliminary Horse of the Year
- Elementary Horse of the Year
- Medium Horse of the Year
- Advanced Horse of the Year
- FEI Horse of the Year

Division 2

- Restricted Horse of the Year
- Veteran Horse of the Year
- Pony of the Year

HOTY Rules

Division 1:

NCEC encourage a rider/horse combination to progress through the levels, as such a horse can only be awarded HOTY for a level once and can then only won HOTY at higher levels e.g. if a horse wins the Elementary HOTY it cannot be awarded Elementary or lower HOTY in subsequent years.

Division 2:

NCEC recognises additional categories that are outside of the competition levels. As these are separate categories a rider/horse combination is eligible to win one of these awards alongside a Dressage Level HOTY and these awards can be won each year.

- **Restricted Horse of the Year** - points awarded from restricted and closed restricted classes including preparatory.
- **Veteran Horse of the Year** – horse must be 18 years and over and be identified to the committee prior to an NCEC event.
- **Pony of the Year** - points can be accumulated in unofficial and official classes. Ponies must be identified by a bridle number to be counted. Ponies competing in Official classes must have a current height certificate. NCEC Committee reserve the right to request a height certificate for pony competitors. Where the Pony category is not split for the test results, the points will be awarded in line with the overall class placings.

Should a rider/horse combination compete in 3 classes at a competition (e.g. 2 preliminary tests and one novice test or 3 preliminary tests etc) points will be awarded against HOTY point score for the highest placings in 2 tests only, not all tests ridden.

HOTY – Accrual of points

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- When equal % placing occurs, equal points are awarded to each horse/rider combination.

Rider of the Year (ROTY)

Rider of the Year and Runner-Up are awarded in the following five age divisions:

- Junior (Under 18 years)
- 18 – 30 years
- 31 – 43 years
- 44 – 55 years
- Masters (55+ years)

ROTY Rules

ROTY age divisions are calculated from the age of the rider at 1 July of the membership year.

Should a rider/horse combination compete in 3 classes at a competition (e.g. 2 preliminary tests and one novice test or 3 preliminary tests etc) points will be awarded against ROTY point score for the highest placings in 2 tests only, not all tests ridden.

ROTY – Accrual of points

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- Where a class (or category within the class) contain 6 competitors or less points will be awarded according to number of place getters. Example 1: Four riders will accrue 1st – 4 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points and 4th 1 point. Example 2: Two riders will accrue 1st – 2 points and 2nd 1 point.
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