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 is awarded to the highest point score rider/horse combination for the competition year at each EA level commencing Preparatory up to FEI level. There is only one category for this section, all horse, pony and AOR's are eligible.
2. ROTY categories are separated into four divisions, Juniors (17yrs and under), OC Open, OC AOR and CU/CR Rider.

Prizes for the HOTY and ROTY and Runner-Up winners are awarded at the AGM/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 combinations must gain a % test score in at least 3 NCEC competitions during the season for their points to be counted towards Annual Awards of the same level. If a rider/horse combination competes in a comp in another level, recognition of competing at that comp will be acknowledged.
- In the event NCEC only runs 3 comps in the season, due to weather or unexpected circumstances, the Awards will be calculated on riders who attended 2 of the 3 comps at the same level. If a rider/horse combination competes in a comp in another level, recognition of competing at that comp will be acknowledged.
- In the event NCEC only runs 2 comps in the season, due to weather or unexpected circumstances, the awards will be calculated on riders who attended both comps at the same level. If a rider/horse combination competes in a comp in another level, recognition of competing at that comp will be acknowledged.
- In the event of a tie the cumulative % of all tests contributing to the award will be used to calculate the ROTY/HOTY placings.
- Nil points awarded for training/protocol days.
- AOR/Open and Pony categories will not be split for the purpose of point allocation for HOTY or ROTY.
- Horse/rider combinations are only eligible to win one level in a point score year. If they are the highest point scorer in two levels they will be awarded the higher level.
- 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 categories. Note that ponies are eligible for HOTY in each category and will not be awarded separately.
- CR/CU Preparatory Horse of the Year
- CR/CU Preliminary Horse of the Year
- OC Preliminary Horse of the Year
- CR/CU Novice Horse of the Year
- OC Novice Horse of the Year
- OC Elementary Horse of the Year
- OC Medium Horse of the Year
- OC Advanced Horse of the Year
- OC FEI Horse of the Year

HOTY Rules

Points awarded to the horse/rider combination for the test level.

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 then only win HOTY at higher levels e.g. if a rider/horse combination wins the Elementary HOTY they cannot be awarded Elementary or lower HOTY in subsequent years.

HOTY – Accrual of points

Points are awarded as follows:
- 6 points for highest % in the test, down to 1 point for the 6th highest % in the test and with members not placing also receiving 1.
- In the event of a tie the cumulative % of all tests contributing to the award will be used to calculate the HOTY.

Rider of the Year (ROTY)

Rider of the Year and Runner-Up are awarded in the following three age divisions:
- OC Junior (17yrs and under)
- OC Open (18 years and over)
- OC AOR (horse and rider combination must meet AOR requirements)
- CU/CR Rider (18 years and over)

ROTY Rules

Points awarded to a rider/horse combination in each category.
ROTY must compete in the same category for the whole year (i.e. you cannot start off as junior, then upgrade to AOR part way through the year. Similarly, you cannot start off as open and switch to AOR. This will void eligibility for ROTY).

ROTY – Accrual of points

Points are awarded as follows:

- 6 points for highest % in the test, down to 1 point for the 6th highest % in the test and with members not placing also receiving 1.
- In the event of a tie the cumulative % of all tests contributing to the award will be used to calculate the HOTY

Questions in relation to the Annual Point Score Awards can be directed to NCEC Secretary: ncceccontact@gmail.com