

Dressage Tasmania Horse of the Year 2025-26

Horse, Young Rider, Off the Track Awards

Performance Period: 3rd March 2025 to 1st March 2026 (inclusive)

Selection criteria:

- Preliminary to Advanced - minimum 4 official tests at one level to be eligible for award.
- FEI – minimum 2 tests at small/medium/big tour to be eligible for award.
- All performances at official tests will automatically be eligible and collated by SDA with scores taken from Nominate – there will no longer be a need to nominate.
- Horse/rider combination must receive minimum 4 scores over 60% for preliminary to advanced (minimum 2 scores over 60% at FEI) to be eligible.
- If minimum performance criteria are met, then all performances for a horse/rider combination at the one level will be averaged across the performance period. If a combination does not have 4 scores over 60% then their scores will not be averaged.
- The award will go to the horse/rider combination with the highest average score at each level from across the performance period, provided all eligibility criteria are met.
- In the case of an equal, the award will go to the combination with the highest average score of the highest tests in that level (e.g. highest average percentage of the 2.3 tests).
- Riders with a current Dressage Tasmania membership for the 2025-26 season only are eligible.
- Results gained at Dressage Tasmania events, held in Tasmania within the performance period only, including state championships in 2026, are eligible.
- Horse and rider must reside in Tasmania.
- Horse/pony competing in official classes must be EA registered and hold a current EA dressage competition license.
- Off the Track – must be registered with the Australian Register of Racehorses.
- Combinations are eligible for more than one level.
- Official levels will be calculated for Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced, FEI Small Tour, FEI Medium Tour and FEI Big Tour.
- Unofficial Horse of the Year and Runner Up will be awarded at Preliminary and Novice levels. Unofficial riders must be members of Dressage Tasmania, but horses do not need to be EA registered or hold a current competition license.
- Pony of the Year will be awarded for Preliminary to Elementary combined (one Pony of the Year overall for the three levels combined, and one runner up award), and for Medium and above (one Pony of the Year award for all levels Medium and above, and one runner up award).

- Ponies are also eligible for the Horse of the Year Awards at Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced, FEI Small Tour, FEI Medium Tour and FEI Big Tour (i.e. if a pony has the highest average at Preliminary, they can win overall Preliminary Horse of the Year in addition to Pony of the Year in the combined grouping of Prelim, Novice and Elementary).
- If you ride a pony, you must provide a copy of its height certificate and registration or will not be eligible for a pony award.
- Young Rider scores must be at the one level and not cumulative across levels. The same minimum eligibility criteria and averaging system will apply, and this award is awarded to official scores only.
- There is an overall Off the Track Thoroughbred, Runner Up Off the Track Thoroughbred, Overall off the Track Standardbred, and Runner Up Off the Track Standardbred Award (sponsored by Tas Racing). The same minimum eligibility criteria and averaging system will apply, and this award is awarded to official scores only.