



AWARD CATEGORIES

As a result of the nominee's contributions equestrian sport in Queensland will have benefited, and they will have achieved such standards of excellence to set themselves apart from their peers to warrant being the recipient of one of the following awards:

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution during the award criteria period to the administration of their equestrian sport or club.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- The level of contribution to the sport as an administrator (ie roles performed, time devoted, dedication to the role etc).
- Special achievements over the year and significance of these achievements (program development, impact on club, sport discipline, event or professional development).
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect](#).

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an EQ affiliated club who has fostered participation and engagement at all levels of the sport, showed innovation in administration, skills development, and personal growth for members and provided opportunities for a diverse range of participants.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Contribution to increased/sustained participation in the sport (including program development, coaching development, grass roots programs, community engagement).
- Level of service to members (including communication, member benefits etc)
- Number, size and success of equestrian events conducted.
- Quality of governance, planning and management (policies implemented, strategic plan etc).
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect](#).

OWNER OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises a owner/s (must be an EQ member) who has contributed to the success of equestrian sport by providing horses of the highest quality to riders within the various equestrian disciplines. These horses have generally competed to an exceptional level during the year either on the State, National, or International stage.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Successes and achievements the owner's horses have had in the past 12 months.
- Contribution to the development of the sport.
- A positive, encouraging attitude that has inspired, guided and influenced progression of their horses and support of riders.
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect](#).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an EA registered coach whose dedication and skill has positively influenced both human and equine athletes during the criteria period. The EA registered coach will have made a significant contribution to the success of individuals or teams to assist them in achieving outstanding results at the highest level of senior or junior competition.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Outstanding performances by coached athletes or teams during the year where the contribution of the coach is thought to be significant.
- Contribution to the development of equestrian athletes within and outside the sporting environment (eg professional development, mentoring, program development, community involvement).
- Contribution to the sport including safety of riders and welfare of the horse.
- Demonstration of a positive image of coaching and the role of the coach and aligns to the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect.](#)

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an EQ affiliated school that has set itself apart from other schools through its high standard of organisation, governance, community engagement and its resounding success. This school will have provided opportunities for riders, volunteers, administrators, and officials to develop within and outside the school environment.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Successes and achievements the school has had in the past 12 months to increase participation in school and community sport.
- Evidence of successes and achievements the school has had in the past 12 months at regional, State, National, or International level, proportionate to the size of the school and its equestrian team.
- Demonstrates to the team through good leadership the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect.](#)

BEST GROOM AWARD

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises those all-important, behind-the-scenes team members who work around the clock to ensure that our equine athletes get the best possible care and attention.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Special achievements over the year and significance of these achievements.
- Qualities that set this groom apart from his/her peers.
- Evidence of how this groom goes above and beyond for their rider and horses
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect.](#)

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an individual who has attained a level of excellence in the field of officiating (NOAS ie course building, technical delegate and/or judging).

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Significant achievements for the year.
- Demonstrated commitment to equestrian sport (ie roles held, level of officiating)
- Other contributions to officiating (rule review, professional development, program development, mentoring etc)
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect.](#)

AGAINST ALL ODDS AWARD

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an individual who has pursued their equestrian ambitions despite extremely difficult personal circumstances. The category is open to all athletes regardless of age, who have overcome significant adversity through courage, human spirit, perseverance and resilience to consistently achieve at a high level either at local, State, National or International level in the past year.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Significant achievements at local, State, National or International level.
- Demonstrated excellence in sportsmanship.
- Evidence of the barriers and/or limitations that have been overcome
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect.](#)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an individual who contributes to the running of equestrian sport and events in Queensland voluntarily. Administrators, coaches, and officials are not eligible to enter this category. Volunteers foster positive difference in the lives of others through support and encouragement, often with self-sacrifice and without personal gain.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Level of contribution to the sport as a volunteer (eg roles held, regular commitments, time devoted etc).
- Special achievements over the year and significance of these achievements.
- Evidence of dedication to the growth of equestrian sport (professional development, program development etc).
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect.](#)

SERVICE TO EQUESTRIAN SPORT

Award Criteria Period: Multiple Years of Service/Not restricted to the Award Criteria Period

This award recognises an individual who, over a number of years, has made an outstanding contribution and commitment to equestrian sport, or the industry as a whole. The recipient may be anyone who has contributed to the development and excellence of equestrian sports such as an administrator, a volunteer, a competitor, or a coach.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Successes and achievements to the development of equestrian sport over a number of years (eg encouraging people to participate and improve their skills, impact on the club/organisation eg membership, financial viability, new program).
- Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect](#).

EVENT OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an event conducted in Queensland during the award criteria period that has provided a significant impact on community values, awareness of the sport and/or significant economic benefits.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Conduct of a significant and successful event (including how the success of the event was measured).
- Significance of the event as a showcase of the sport to the public (eg promotion, communication, media exposure).
- The type of event including state/national, number of competitors, officials and spectators.
- How the event organiser upholds the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect](#).

HORSE OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises a horse owned by a Queensland member, who in the time period, has had exceptional performances either on the State, National, or International stage and gains recognition for the sport.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Successes and achievements the Queensland horse has had in the past 12 months at State, National, or International level.

JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises a Queensland athlete 18 years of age or less as at 31 December 2022 who has consistently achieved at a high level either at State, National, or International level in the past year. They will have displayed excellent sportsmanship, as well as putting something back into the sport.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Significant achievements at State, National or International level.
- Demonstration of positive qualities to both practice and competition.
- Qualities that makes this rider stand out against other junior equestrian athletes and who demonstrate the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect](#).

RISING STAR

(This award is NOT self-nominating and therefore not included on the nomination form as a category).

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises an athlete up to the age of 21 years of age as at 31 December 2022. Each of the Equestrian Queensland Sport Committees will nominate athletes that have met the following criteria.

In addition to the athlete demonstrating positive qualities to both practice and competition, the following performance criteria must be met:-

Driving – first year competing at FEI

Dressage – first year competing at FEI

Eventing – first year competing at 3* or above

Jumping – first year competing at 1.30m or above

Interschool – first year competing at Medium dressage, 1.10m jumping, 1* eventing, Show Horse must have finished in the top 5 placings at the Interschool State Championships

Show Horse – must have finished in the top 5 placings in height or rider classes at Show Horse Queensland events which include HOTY & Childs Show

Vaulting – competing at Intermediate at State/National and/or CVI

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria Period: December 2021 – October 2022

This award recognises a Queensland athlete who has consistently achieved at a high level either at State, National, or International level in the award criteria period. They will have displayed excellent sportsmanship, as well as putting something back into the sport.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Significant achievements at State, National or International level.
- Demonstration of positive qualities to both practice and competition.
- Qualities that make this athlete stand out against others from all disciplines Demonstrates the [EQ Values of Safety, Welfare of the Horse, Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Respect.](#)