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ANNUAL AWARDS

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INTRODUCTION

Annual awards are an important recognition of the achievements of the VERA Inc. membership at the completion of each competition year. The VERA Inc. Annual Awards policy provides for appropriate recognition of the achievements of the members of this association and their horses.

PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to ensure that the VERA Inc. membership receive a consistent approach in the annual awards presented as well as ensuring a consistent approach is achieved in the delivery of annual achievement awards

POLICY

Consistency of approach to the awards and maintenance of standard of trophies are important aspects of the annual award process. These achievements are to be recognised via the awarding of trophies, rugs and other appropriate awards. This policy provides guidelines on the award form, cost and delivery.



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ANNUAL AWARDS - PROCEDURES

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RESPONSIBILITIES

The calculation of the end of year awards will be the responsibility of the Pointscore Registrar, who will use AERASPACE to collate horse and rider points and distance accumulated through the year.

The Pointscore Registrar will be responsible for the ordering of the ribbons for the distance and points awards (to 6th placing) and any lifetime awards applied for prior to the VERA Inc. AGM.

The VERA Inc. SMC will be responsible for the annual presentation trophies and engraving, the clothing, rugs and embroidery of 1st placing awards.

The VERA Inc SMC will be responsible for maintenance of perpetual trophies and the annual plaque engraved with the name of the winner and the year of the award.

PROCEDURES

- The VERA Inc. Annual Awards will be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of each year.
 - Annual awards will be calculated at the end of the riding calendar of each year by the Pointscore Registrar and posted on the VERA Inc. website by the end of December of each year.
 - The calculation of the end of year awards will be in accordance with the rules defined in the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc. Members Handbook.
 - Members of VERA Inc. can view their distance and points progress on AERASPACE.
 - VERA Inc. Rider and Horse Annual Distance and Points Awards will only be calculated for VERA Inc. affiliated rides.
 - VERA Inc. annual points and distance will not be awarded to riders/horses competing in FEI rides.
 - In the occurrence of a successful completion of an endurance distance with non elevation in a ride will be credited with the distance completed and attract 1 completion point for the horse and rider in any VERA Inc. affiliated event.
1. The VERA Inc. Annual Awards will consist of the following categories:
 - a. Points rider in each riding division down to and including 10th place.
 - b. Points horse in each riding division down to and including 10th place.
 - c. Distance rider in each riding division down to and including 10th place.
 - d. Distance horse in each riding division down to and including 10th place.
 - e. One horse/one rider award to first place only.

- f. Intro – Training Ride Challenge down to and including 10th place
 - g. Any other awards the SMC may wish to confer upon members or horses
- 2. Perpetual trophies will be presented to the winners of each competitive endurance category – heavyweight, middleweight, lightweight, junior.
 - a. Due to the age and fragility of the perpetual trophies, they will be retained by VERA Inc.
 - b. Perpetual Plaques with engraved plaque will be awarded to annual winners.
- 3. All other awardees will be presented with a ribbon printed/embossed with the placing, the category and the year of the award.
 - a. The Pointscore Registrar will be responsible for ordering of the ribbons for these awards.
- 4. In addition to the presentation of the perpetual & presentation trophies winners of rider categories will be presented with embroidered clothing to a **total value not exceeding \$100.**
 - a. Where a rider has won more than one category a single item of clothing only will be presented with the embroidery detailing the multiple awards won.
 - b. The embroidery will contain the VERA Inc. logo, the rider name and the award/s won with the year of the award.
- 5. Where the winner of a category is a horse a woolen embroidered rug, will be presented.
 - a. Where the horse has won more than one category a single rug only will be presented with the embroidery detailing the multiple awards won.
 - b. The embroidery will have
 - i. the VERA Inc. logo on the right/off side – size 300mm
 - ii. the horses name and the award/s won with the year of the award on the left/near side
- 6. The One Horse/One Rider award recognises the horse and rider combination, regardless of riding division, with the greatest distance accumulated in the calendar year.
 - a. Only first place in this category is awarded over all riding divisions
 - b. The awards presented to the winning rider/horse combination will include engraved plaque on perpetual trophy (retained by VERA), a presentation trophy and an embroidered rug.
- 7. Lifetime distance awards for horses may also be presented at the VERA Inc. Annual Awards.
 - a. These awards must be applied for by the owners/riders of horses on the application form.
 - b. Lifetime distance awards are presented on the achievement of 1600, 3000, 5000, 7500km.
 - c. Horses competing in FEI rides are entitled to accrue the distance of these rides towards their lifetime distance totals.

- d. Lifetime distance can be accrued in any riding division.
- e. The lifetime distance award will be a tri-coloured (blue, white and red) ribbon printed/embossed with the name of the horse, the lifetime distance achieved and the year of the award.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- VERA Inc. volunteer policy
- VERA Inc. constitution 2014
- AERA Rule Book 2014