

HARNES RACING AUSTRALIA AWARDS

HRA Horse of the Year Awards Criteria

The Harness Racing Australia Horse of the Year Awards commenced in 1976 and are awarded each year to the best horses in the racing or breeding areas for the preceding season.

The Awards are announced in late January due to the voting process for some categories.

The various categories include:

- Australian Harness Horse of the Year
- Lawn Derby Awards for Pacers
- Vancleve Awards for Trotters
- Globe Derby Awards for Sires and Broodmare Sires
- Winona Awards for Broodmares

The Awards criteria are as follows:

A sire or dam or their progeny shall not be eligible for any National Award unless it is named and registered in accordance with the Australian Harness Racing Rules.

Australian Harness Horse of the Year Award

The Australian Harness Horse of the Year Award is decided by a voting system where ten representatives from each of the six States vote for the horse they believe has performed best during the specified season. The ten representatives from each State are nominated by their State Controlling Body.

The criteria is strictly limited to

1. Any horse's Australian performances during the specific season regardless of where the horse is trained/owned/domiciled; and
2. The performances of Australian trained horses overseas during the specific season.

Pacers and Trotters are eligible for this Award.

Lawn Derby Awards for Pacers

The Lawn Derby Awards for Pacers are decided by a voting system where ten representatives from each of the six States vote for the pacers they believe have performed best during the

specified season. The ten representatives from each State are nominated by their State Controlling Body.

The criteria is strictly limited to

1. Any horse's Australian performances during the specific season regardless of where the horse is trained/owned/domiciled; and
2. The performances of Australian trained horses overseas during the specific season.

The categories for the Lawn Derby Awards for Pacers are:

- Pacer of the Year
- Aged Horse/Gelding Pacer of the Year
- Aged Pacing Mare of the Year
- 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year
- 2YO Pacing Colt/Gelding of the Year
- 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year
- 3YO Pacing Colt/Gelding of the Year

Vancleve Awards for Trotters

The Vancleve Awards for trotters are decided by a voting system where ten representatives from the five States which have trotters which excludes Tasmania who vote for the trotters they believe have performed best during the specified season. The ten representatives from these States are nominated by their State Controlling Body.

The criteria is strictly limited to

1. Any horse's Australian performances during the specific season regardless of where the horse is trained/owned/domiciled; and
2. The performances of Australian trained horses overseas during the specific season.

The categories for the Vancleve Awards for Trotters are:

- Trotter of the Year
- Aged Horse/Gelding Trotter of the Year
- Aged Trotting Mare of the Year
- 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year
- 2YO Trotting Colt/Gelding of the Year
- 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year
- 3YO Trotting Colt/Gelding of the Year

Globe Derby Awards - Sires and Broodmare Sires

The Globe Derby Awards for Sires are based on the leading sire in each Category, as per HRA's Top 20 Reports.

Leading Sire by Stake money is the Sire whose progeny (pacers and trotters) have won the most stake money in Australia during a specific season.

Leading Juvenile Sire by Stake money is the Sire whose 2 and 3 year old progeny (pacers and trotters) have won the most stake money in Australia during a specific season.

Leading Sire of Trotters by Stake money is the Sire whose trotting progeny have won the most stake money in Australia during a specific season.

Leading Sires by Winners and Broodmare Sires by Stake money & Winners during a specific season are also recognised in this category.

Winona Award - Broodmares

The category is open to all Australian based mares whose progeny have raced in Australia during the specific season.

The winner is decided on a voting system where a representative from each of the six State Controlling Bodies and a representative from each of the State Breeders Associations vote on a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice basis for the broodmares of their choice.

3 points is allocated for the 1st choice, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd and the once all votes are in the points are combined and the mare with the most number of points is declared the winner.