

TOP CLUB AWARDS

These awards are for the Top Clubs in a range of categories over the period 1st September to 31st August each year if sponsorship is retained. The aim of this award is to recognise those Clubs which promote interest in equestrian sport and train, coach and encourage their members.

The following categories shall be offered subject to ongoing sponsorship:

- a) Top Club
 - b) Top Regional Club
 - c) Top Small Club
- A regional club is defined as
 - a) Club grounds located 100km from Melbourne according to the VicRoads Directory Distance Guide, or
 - b) regular training days or rallies (min 6 per year) conducted at venues located 100km from Melbourne according to the VicRoads Directory Distance Guide.
 - A small Club is defined as a Club with less than 20 primary members on the final day of the Award period.

The award is performance points based with eligibility criteria.

- Performance points earned by members during the period 1st September to 31st August will be allocated to their primary Club (as at 31st August of the award period).
- A member's primary Club is the Club through which their HRC AV levy has been paid. Points are not transferrable to other Club/s.
- Only the best placing at an event will count towards the cumulative points for the Top Club, Top Regional Club and Top Small Club Awards.
- **In Showing, only the best placing on the day in either the Smartest on Parade or the Ridden Mount class will count towards the Awards.**
- The number of points any one rider may contribute to their Club's total is capped at 20.
- To be eligible for the Award Clubs must:
 - a) hold regular coaching or training rallies/clinics (minimum 6 per year) for their members and
 - b) conduct at least one HRC AV official event and/or host an official's training or exam day during the award period.

Clubs which co-host with another HRC AV Club shall satisfy this criteria.

Clubs are required to provide proof of meeting the eligibility criteria before the end of the award period.

- The Top Club Award winner shall be ineligible for the Top Regional Club and Top Small Club Awards. The Top Regional Club winner shall be ineligible for the Top Small Club Award.
- In the event of equal standings on points, the winner shall be the Club with the higher number of members contributing points to the Award total