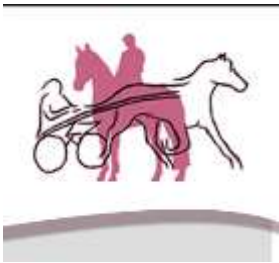


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Merit Award Criteria

1. Merit Award points are attributed to each SPPHAV registered horse, irrespective of their handler/rider. For example: if a registered horse is shown by one member and show jumped by another member, points accumulated by BOTH competitors will count towards the horse's Merit Award. A minimum of an SPPHAV Associate membership applies for non-owner competitors.
2. Only current SPPHAV members and SPPHAV registered horse combinations are eligible for the SPPHAV Merit Award.
3. Horses must be SPPHAV registered before the commencement of point's accumulation and each rider/handler must remain a financial SPPHAV member for the duration of point's accumulation.
4. Horses are required to accrue 500 points in order to be awarded the saddle cloth; 1000 points in order to be awarded the cotton rug and 2000 points in order to be awarded the final award.
5. Points will not be accepted unless they have been signed off by an event official, hosting club official or SPPHAV Committee Member. Back-dating of records is NOT permitted.
6. Merit Awards will only be awarded after the SPPHAV Merit Award Manager receives the correctly completed Points Collection Sheets and the SPPHAV Committee has verified all sheets submitted.
7. There is no time limit on the accumulation of Merit Award points; however each horse is eligible for only ONE 500 point award, ONE 1000 point award and ONE 2000 point award.
8. Participating SPPHAV members are responsible for the completion of all Points Collection Sheets.
9. Merit Award records must be PRINTED neatly; incomplete and / or illegible records will not be accepted.
10. Records must be hand written and will not be accepted with 'white out' corrections.
11. Please complete all event details on the Merit Awards Points Collection Sheet before presenting it to the event official to sign. Details are not to be filled in later.
12. If rider/competitor is UNPLACED at the event, please write UNPLACED in the placing section.
13. One class, or event should be listed in each record spacing (e.g. 2 dressage tests will use 2 event record spaces and 3 dressage tests, will use 3 spaces).
14. Events directly organised by SPPHAV, as well as State and National titles, in any equestrian discipline, will receive DOUBLE event attendance points.
15. Where an event is made up of more than one equestrian activity (e.g. dressage and combined training), only the whole event is eligible for points unless, for example, the dressage is a separate event, and there are final results for both dressage and combined training.
16. For dressage, each test placing can be counted. No extra points awarded for Jackpot placing.
17. In the discipline of showing, event points will be awarded for attendance, but placing points will only be counted for Supreme Exhibit, Champion, Reserve Champion and 1st – 4th placings.
18. The SPPHAV Committee reserve the right to refuse applicants and adjust criteria at any time.
19. The SPPHAV Committee reserve the right to award the Merit Award to a SPPHAV member who has shown remarkable persistence, patience and devotion to the SPPHAV.
20. Merit Award files will be maintained by the Merit Award Manager with membership aggregates published regularly on the SPPHAV website, in the newsletter and on social media.
21. The SPPHAV recommends members keep completed forms in a secure place, and copies should be made of ALL submitted records (either digital or hard copy).
22. Completed Points Collection Sheets that are lost, can NOT be reproduced. Members are welcome to submit copies of their completed forms to the Merit Award Manager as either an emailed .pdf document or securely posted paper copies. Originals will be required for Merit Award consideration at each level.
23. Additional Points Collection Sheets can be downloaded from the SPPHAV website or posted to you by contacting the Merit Award Manager.
24. If members are found to be falsely recording points, forging signatures and/or being deceitful about any information contained on their paperwork, they will be subjected to disciplinary action. This may include having their membership cancelled and/or being banned from participating for a Merit Award.



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Merit Award Points Scale

The purpose of the Merit Award is to encourage and recognise Standardbreds in life after racing and their owner/riders, in all forms of equestrian activity / competition. The award applies to all horses registered with the SPPHAV and is designed to encourage and reward SPPHAV members who own SPPHAV registered freeze branded Standardbreds, non-racing Standardbreds and Partbred Standardbreds to participate in a wide variety of equestrian activity.

The Standardbred is extremely versatile; members and their horses participate in a wide range of equestrian activities and the SPPHAV Committee believe these combinations should be recognised for their skills and achievements. Merit Awards will be conferred using a point system for all events attended, with extra points for placing in them. Double event attendance points will be awarded for those events directly run by the SPPHAV. Double event and placing points will also be awarded to combinations that compete at State and National level competition. **All Points Collection Sheets and their content will be verified by the SPPHAV Committee.**

If you are attending an event that is not listed below please contact the Merit Award Manager to negotiate the associated points.

- Once a horse accrues 500 POINTS it will be awarded with a personalised SPPHAV saddle cloth.
- Once a horse accrues 1000 POINTS it will be awarded with a personalised cotton rug.
- Once a horse accrues 2000 POINTS the owner will be awarded with an appropriate gift that is yet to be determined.

Please note: you and your horse only need to attend an event to get points. Placings get extra points. Just by turning up, with your SPPHAV registered horse, you are representing the breed, and will be rewarded.

The SPPHAV thank and acknowledge the CCSHA for the use of their award.

Activity or competition	Event Points	Placing Points					
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6 th
(**The entire event / activity must be completed to obtain event points.)							
Horse Trials	10 points	6	5	4	3	2	1
Dressage	10 points	6	5	4	3	2	1
Show Jumping	10 points	6	5	4	3	2	1
Combined Training	10 points	6	5	4	3	2	1
Navigation Ride **	10 points	-	-	-	-	-	-
Showing (SUpreme = 6 points, CHampion = 6 points, REServe champion = 5)	10 points	4	3	2	1	-	-
Endurance **	10 points	-	-	-	-	-	-
Novelties	10 points	6	5	4	3	2	1
Polo Cross **	10 points	-	-	-	-	-	-
Camp Drafting	10 points	6	5	4	3	2	1
Barrel Racing	10 points	6	5	4	3	2	1
Clinic **	10 points	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trail Ride (ATHRA affiliated only) **	10 points	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hunt Club Day **	10 points	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pony Club/HRCav rallies **	5 points	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteering at a SPPHAV event	10 points						
Other	(points to be negotiated with the committee)						