

Show Horse Council of Victoria, Home-Produced Awards

The SHCV has introduced an opportunity to recognise home-produced horses exhibited by non-professional horse owners and riders. For the purpose of confirming who is eligible to nominate for these awards, we have defined what is considered a home-produced horse. This definition has been provided for this purpose only and should not be read in conjunction with any other document.

To be eligible for the SHCV Home-Produced Awards, the horse and rider combination must satisfy the Horse Rules and the Non-Professional Horse Owner and Rider rules:

1. Horse Rules

For a horse to be eligible for the Home-Produced awards,

- a) the horse is ridden by a non-professional
- b) the horse has either been stabled at home or in a 'do it yourself' stable complex for the previous 12 months
- c) the horse has not been stabled in a professional stable complex at any time during the previous 12 months
- d) the horse has not been shown or ridden or led at any Show Horse competition by a professional during the previous 12 months.
 - I. Example: To be eligible, a horse cannot be led in a Leading Rein class at a Show Horse competition by a professional during the previous 12 months
 - II. Show Horse competitions include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Show Horse Council of Australasia Grand National Championships and qualifying events
 - b. Royal Shows
 - c. Agricultural Shows
 - d. Equestrian Australia affiliated shows
- e) The 12-month period excludes a horse that has been bought from a professional or professional stable complex and re-registered with a new non-professional owner who has had the horse less than 12 months.
- f) During the course of competition at which a nominated exhibit is competing, a professional is not permitted to ride or work the exhibit at any time
 - I. Example: To remain eligible, a horse competing on Day 2 at the SHCV HOTY cannot be ridden by a professional at any time for the duration of the show.
- g) The rider of the horse need not be the owner of the horse

2. Professional Horse Owner and Rider Rules

For a horse to be eligible for these awards, the owner of the horse and the rider of the horse in the previous 12 months must not:

- h) own or manage a stable complex where any person pays a fee to stable a horse
- i) buy, sell, deal or hire horses in a commercial capacity
- j) receive financial remuneration for employment in connection with showing of horses, a professional stable complex or riding school (instruction at Pony Club and Adult Riding Club excepted).
 - I. This includes receiving financial remuneration for riding a horse at a Show Horse competition. A small gift is not considered remuneration.
 - i. Example: For the purposes of these Awards, a person who received a financial remuneration to ride a horse at an agricultural show in the previous 12 months is deemed a professional.
 - ii. Example: For the purposes of these Awards, a person who received a gift of a browband to ride a horse at an agricultural show in the previous 12 months is not deemed a professional
 - II. This rule does not include remuneration paid to the suppliers of ancillary services such as farriers and vets.
- k) Owned/part owned an equestrian establishment including but not limited to riding schools, events centres, stud or professional stable complex, in any capacity, or receive any form of remuneration for employment at an equestrian establishment. For avoidance of doubt for the purpose of this rule, immediate family members of an owner or part owner of equestrian establishment who work or are howsoever otherwise engaged or involved in any capacity, whether or not for remuneration at the equestrian establishment, will be treated as being an owner or part owner of that equestrian establishment
- l) Shown a horse owned or sponsored by a company or commercial firm, in ANY showing classes, SHC or otherwise. A small gift is not considered sponsorship.
- m) These rules do not exclude a horse owner or rider having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the horse remains stabled at home or in a 'do it yourself' stable complex