

2021 SAQ STATE HIGH POINT AWARDS

What are the SAQ State High Point Awards?

The SAQ State High Point Awards are designed to encourage members to compete with their Standardbreds in public competitions and exhibitions. These awards are designed to recognise those who help place Standardbreds before the public, as well as those who win awards with their Standardbreds.

Competitors accrue points towards End of Year awards. The majority of SAQ events are showing, and as such most of our awards are reflective of this, but even if you are not interested in the showing aspect, we still want to celebrate and congratulate you, by offering a variety of awards across all disciplines.

SAQ also recognises registered Partbred Standardbreds and encourages submission of Performance Cards for them as well.

SAQ introduced in the 2020-2021 Season a new system for point submission. Rather than submitting a point sheet for each show, or having to manually download and keep track of cards for each discipline, members now have the option to apply online for a personal Performance Card link to record results from the shows/events they attend with their Standardbred.

Performance cards are also available for download on the SAQ website.

There are 9 performance cards; Showing, Dressage, Harness, Show Jumping, Endurance, Pony Club, Eventing/Combined Training and Other Discipline, as well as Non-Competition to record attendance only.



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The following Awards are on offer for Members competing from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021:

SAQ Versatile Standardbred of the Year (Award – Embroidered Rug) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Competition Season (including All points from Show Jumping, Dressage, Pony Club, Endurance, Harness, Showing and other disciplines (if eligible). To be eligible for this award you must submit points in more than one discipline/card.

SAQ Show Standardbred of the Year (HOTY) (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest points from the 2020/2021 Show Season – includes Led, Ridden, Best Presented & Show Attendance Points.

SAQ Led Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest accumulation of Led Show points from the 2020/2021 Show Season – includes all Led and In Hand Hack and Breed Show Classes.

SAQ Ridden Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest accumulation of Ridden Class points from the 2020/2021 Show Season – includes all Ridden Hack, Hunter and Breed Show Classes.

SAQ Best Presented Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Show Season – All Best Presented, Smartest on Parade Classes, Turnout and Fashions on the Field Show Classes. (does not include novelty or fancy-dress classes).

SAQ Harness Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Show Season – includes all Harness classes/events including racing. Note: Harness Turnout and Period Turnout classes are eligible for the Best Presented Standardbred Award.

SAQ Dressage Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Competition Season - includes all Dressage Classes whether for Standardbreds only or Open/All Breeds including Attendance Points.

SAQ Show Jumping Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Competition Season – includes all Show Jumping Classes for Standardbreds only and/or Open/All Breeds including Attendance Points.

SAQ Eventing and Combined Training Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Competition Season – includes all Eventing and Combined Training competitions including Attendance Points. (Note: Eventing and CT competitions cannot be split and counted in Dressage/Show Jumping points as well as this award. Either one or the other.)

SAQ Pony Club Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points for all Pony Club events from the 2020/2021 Competition Season, where you are required to be a member of a Pony Club to participate, including Attendance Points. If an event is conducted by a Pony Club but open to anyone, these points do not apply, but are awarded in other categories.



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SAQ Endurance Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Standardbred with the highest combined points for all Endurance Events, including Attendance Points. This includes harness or driven endurance events.

SAQ Partbred Standardbred of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Partbred Standardbred with the highest points from the 2020/2021 Competition Season – for all equestrian events covered by the awards for purebred Standardbreds, including Attendance Points. Partbred Horses are horses that are a minimum of 25% Standardbred. Partbreds must be registered in Official HRA Stud Book to participate. Partbred Standardbreds have the same performance cards filled out as purebred Standardbreds but identify in the details as a Partbred.

SAQ Newcomer Show Exhibitor of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the competitor with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Competition Season – includes all Led and Ridden Classes. Newcomer exhibitor is defined as a **person** that has competed less than 4 times previously in Standardbred Classes in either led or ridden classes. Experienced exhibitors cannot enter this class even with a newcomer horse.

SAQ Newcomer Show Horse of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the Newcomer Horse with the highest combined points from the 2020/2021 Show Season – includes all Led and Ridden, and Best Presented Show classes. Newcomer horse is defined as a horse that has competed less than 4 times previously in Show Classes in either led or ridden classes. Newcomer Classes are generally for horses in their first calendar year or season (as applicable) of competition. This event cannot be contested with a horse that has previously competed more than four shows (even with previous owner). There are no restrictions on the exhibitors' experience.

Presidents Encouragement Award (Award – Trophy) Encouragement award chosen and awarded by the President of the SAQ.

Ambassador Award (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the member who the SAQ Committee feels has represented the breed to a high degree or calibre in open competition.

Excellence in Achievement of the Year (Award – Trophy) Awarded to a SAQ member who has demonstrated success achieved outside of the above Ambassador Award criteria. Achievements do not necessarily need to be in competition. This award is only awarded if a member has been identified as deserving the acknowledgement of their efforts with Standardbreds within our membership base, this award, if given, will be voted by the full SAQ Committee.

Adoption Horse of the Year (Award – Trophy) this award is chosen by the SAQ Committee. Achievements do not necessarily need to be in competition. When submitting cards for the annual high point awards please identify if your Standardbred was/is part of the SAQ Adoption program.

Attendance Award – (Award – Trophy) Awarded to the SAQ Member with the highest combined Attendance Points across all disciplines. This includes all equestrian events even if not competitive.



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Standardbred Showing Performance Card

For all Showing events, including Ag Shows and SAQ State Hacking & Harness Championships. Points from shows will go towards Led, Ridden, Best Presented and Show and Versatile Standardbred of the Year Awards.

Standardbred Harness Performance Card

For all harness competitions.

Standardbred Dressage Performance Card

For all dressage competitions. Training days or clinics are eligible for attendance points.

Standardbred show jumping Performance Card

For all show jumping competitions. Training days or clinics are eligible for attendance points.

Standardbred Eventing and Combined Training Performance Card

For all Eventing and Combined Training competitions. Training days or clinics are eligible for attendance points.

Note: Eventing and CT competitions cannot be split and counted in Dressage/Show Jumping points as well as this award. Either one or the other.

Standardbred Endurance Performance Card

For all Endurance and competitive navigation rides. Points are given per kilometre completed, with additional points for passing vet check upon completion.

Standardbred Pony Club Performance Card

For all Pony Club events, including rallies, which are open to only Pony Club members (must also be SAQ Members) are to be put in the Pony Club Card. Non-Pony Club members who compete in a competition hosted by a Pony Club, which is not restricted to just members, are to put their results in that disciplines card. E.g. an open show jumping Day, attended by a Non-Member goes into the Show Jumping Card, but a Pony Club member who attends that show could put it in both the Pony Club card AND the show jumping card.

Standardbred Other Discipline(s) Performance Card

For disciplines that do not have a specific card. Disciplines placed in this card will most likely not have their own awards, but all points collected will go towards the Versatile HOTY, and may have a bearing on Achievement, and Ambassador awards. Training days, musters and clinics are eligible for attendance points only.



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How to Participate?

Participating in the SAQ State High Point Awards is now easier than ever before with the new online submission system. Simply take your Standardbred to any event, participate, and record your results and points in the applicable Performance Card from your phone or tablet.

You are not restricted to just SAQ events, any equestrian event is eligible for points.

The SAQ State High Points is FREE to all members.

Criteria

1. Participant must be a financial SAQ Member at the time of the individual competition entered onto the Performance card. Points cannot be backdated. If you submit points from July but did not join/renew your membership until August, points from show(s) prior to joining/re-joining will be stripped. Those found to be doing this intentionally, may find themselves banned entirely from that season's competition awards, and anyone found cheating and falsifying points will also have all their points stripped, and subsequent bans from participating in the future season(s).
2. The dates for events eligible for points, are 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021. If you compete your horse within these dates, then you are eligible to submit points. If you take your horse to non-competitive events such as clinics and musters please use the Non-Competition Event option online (or Standardbred Other Discipline(s) Performance Card) to record attendance points.
3. Only SAQ Performance Cards will be accepted as proof of attendance – no other form of correspondence will be accepted. Apply online at <https://saq.com.au/pca> to have a personal Performance Card link issued for online entry. Alternately, Performance Cards can be downloaded from our Web Site – www.saq.com.au under forms.
4. Performance Cards results can be updated online at any time, preferably on the day of the event. Alternatively, manual cards can be printed out, filled in and submitted to the Points Officer quarterly (by the end of December, March and June 2021) by email, to allow the Points Officer plenty of time to collate them. But the last Performance Cards eligible for the 2020/2021 competition must be either entered or received by email by COB (5pm) by last mail Friday 1st October 2021 – No Exceptions.
5. Only one horse to be entered per Performance Card.
6. Awards will be presented at our AGM and Awards night held in October/November 2020.

Point Calculation

1. Attendance Points; One day = one lot of attendance points, no matter how many classes, rings or disciplines you compete in on that day. A three-day event is only eligible for 1 set of attendance points, even if you compete over 3 separate days.
2. Different disciplines have different allocation of points for placings/completion etc. These point schedules are listed on each performance card.

Please ensure all Online Performance Cards are Completed by Friday 1st Oct, 2021.

If submitting manual Performance Cards they must be received by COB Friday 1st Oct, 2021

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