



PARA-EQUESTRIAN  
AUSTRALIA  
South Australia

2024 Winners: Naomi Zirnsak & Kiahglenn Chorus



**The HOTY awards recognise South Australia's best performed HOTY combinations and are announced and presented with an embroidered rug at the ESA Annual Awards Night.**

#### Para Equestrian Horse & Rider of the Year

Aggregate of results from all grades (I to V) at the nominated competitions where scores are 60% or over, including EA Preliminary to FEI Grand Prix

The awards are based on the aggregate of 8 tests held at SA dressage competitions over the course of the calendar year, as well as the nominated Australian National Championships interstate event

Competitors should check the HOTY calendar for updates throughout the calendar year.

#### Point Allocation

The Para HOTY winner is based on the highest points from their best 8 tests in nominated competitions throughout the year, using results from current ESA competitive members. In case of a points tie, a count back on the marks gained in the collective marks

#### Nominations for the 2025 Annual Awards:

Riders are required to submit their nominations via Jotform. Enrolments will open in February 2025 and will be advertised. There will be a rolling intake; however, points will not be backdated if a rider enters after competing in a nominated event. Para Riders may nominate for the DSA HOTY awards on the same horse; however, they cannot use Para Tests to accumulate points and must ride the applicable standard non-para tests.

**Integrity, Teamwork, Inclusion, Excellence, Safety, Leadership**





# Para Dressage Awards 2025



**2024 Runner Up  
Kirsty Van Loon & Nero R**

## Criteria for Awards

1. Riders must be current ESA Competitive members.
2. Horses/ponies must be EA (SA registered) and have a Dressage Competition Licence.
3. Para equestrian riders must be classified (EA or FEI).
4. Points are awarded individually to each horse/pony and rider combination placing in official tests at the events.
5. Riders with more than one horse/pony will accrue separate points for each horse/rider combination.
6. Points are only awarded if 60% or over is obtained.
7. Points are awarded for placing as per the tables below for the tests at each competition.
8. There is no restriction to the amount of EA tests that can receive points on non-championship events that are run over two days - a maximum of 2 tests per day.
9. A maximum of 2 FEI tests can count toward FEI HOTY for championship and non-championship events run over two days.
10. Participant, Closed Restricted, H/C and Freestyle tests do not count.
11. The PARA Committee reserves the right to review if and when needed, and the decision is final.

**Table 1 – HOTY Point allocation- Placings**

Placings	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Australian Para National Championships	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SA State Championships	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SA HOTY Para/Events	6	5	4	3	2	1	-	-

**Table 2  
HOTY Additional  
Point Allocation\***

Scores	Points
Between 60% to 61.999%	= 1 point
Between 62% to 63.999%	= 2 Points
Between 64% to 65.999%	= 3 points
Between 66% to 67.999%	= 4 points
Between 68% to 69.999%	= 5 points
Between 70% to 71.999%	= 6 points
72% and over	= 7 Points

\*Table 2 points are an additional opportunity for riders to obtain more points. This is a second set of points based on the % score e.g. a first place at an SA Para event with 65% would get 6 points for the place and another 3 points for their score = 9 points in total