



HI POINT PERFORMANCE AWARD & ROLL OF MERIT

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES - CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Information and Guidelines

The Hi Point Performance Award cards have a list of categories and disciplines available to enter. Some of the main considerations to keep in mind with the Hi Point Performance Award are that:

- Each competition you participate in attracts attendance/participation points – so it is not necessary to win or place at every competition you enter. Attendance points are only counted once per event (even if the event is spread over multiple days - ie Eventing) with the exception being events with multiple 'stand-alone' disciplines on different days – ie the Masters Games which has dressage on the first day, show jumping on the second day and show classes on another day. In that instance, the attendance points of each discipline are awarded. If the event has multiple disciplines on the same day – i.e. show jumping and a hack show, then the discipline with the highest number of attendance points is allocated evenly over the disciplines ridden.
- Points will only be awarded from the 'Valid From' date that is printed on your high point card. This 'valid from' date refers to when you renewed (or joined) and became a financial member or when your horse was registered or nominated for the awards. Example: if you renew your membership or nominate your horse in April, any events you compete in from January – March cannot be counted.
- Please be aware that the handler/rider must be a current financial member for points to be awarded, so if you have someone else compete on your FWB, please make sure they are financial before adding their points to your card.
- Please refer to this document and your Hi Point Performance card for a full breakdown of the allocation of points and for any exclusion, i.e. Any class that is based on presentation and turnout do not qualify for points. Rider and Handler classes do not qualify for points.
- Category 2 points for State Shows apply only to AFWHS run or affiliated State Shows/Championships. State Shows for other breeds/associations only accrue Category 3 points. In the event an AFWHS Inc State Show is combined with another Society, only the Friesian Warmblood classes will be eligible for Category 2 points.
- Online Competitions have been included for the Hi Point, effective from the 2022 year; with some guidelines in place-
 - Must be video and not photo competitions.
 - Attendance points do not apply for ANY online competitions.
 - One video cannot be used for multiple events; your video should be recorded specifically for the event/class you are entering.
 - Competitions MUST be based in Australia, with entry and results easily verifiable

Categories and Disciplines

Youngstock Award

This award category is for horses aged 3 years and under only. No ridden events are to be included. This award will be the sum of all events included on the Hi Point Performance Award card, regardless of discipline. Horses will still be eligible for the discipline categories.

Junior Award

This award is for members aged 17 years and under; competing under as a Junior under a Junior or Family membership. The horse can be registered with any other members under the Family membership or by lease agreement.

Participant Award

This award is for all horses attending any sanctioned event. This award aims to recognize members who are bringing their Friesian Warmbloods into the public eye; not necessarily in a competition environment.

Participant points do count towards the State and National awards; however points accrued are capped at 20 points per year for these awards.

Discipline Awards

Disciplines to be recognized are (a full break down for each discipline is included further in this document):

- Showing
- Dressage
- Harness
- Western
- Show Jumping
- Eventing
- Long Distance
- Working Equitation

State Awards

This award acknowledges the Overall Hi Point achiever in each state, offering a Winner and Runner-Up award. This will be calculated from the Discipline points. *In the event there are more than five (5) Hi Point Performance cards received for any state, then a 2nd Runner Up shall be awarded.*

National Hi Point Award

This award acknowledges the National Overall Hi Point Winner.

Disciplines on the Hi Point Card:

Showing-

- Showing covers most led and ridden classes that are eligible for points. These include breed shows, hacking/gymkhana, state shows, royal shows, official show horse/hunter, etc. Classes where the performance of the horse is judged may attract points. Owner-Rider, Childs, Ladies or Gents mount are considered eligible to attract points, as the horse is still be judged upon suitability for that particular rider.
- There are a few classes that do not count, and a quick rule to remember is that any class that judges the rider/handler or the turnout of the horse will not count. For example - 'Best Presented/Smartest on Parade', 'Handler/Rider' (any age/level), 'Best Mane & Tail', 'Prettiest Head', 'Fashions of the Field', etc will not attract placing points.

Dressage-

- Dressage is for any dressage event where an official EA/FEI test is ridden. Events would include all levels of dressage (under their relevant category) such as Competitor, Participant, Pony Dressage, Para, Adult Riders, etc. EA Official Dressage is for Competitor level entrants. All others fall under Category 2.
- This category also includes HRCav, Adult Riders competitions and Pony Club Australia.

Harness-

- Any competition attended where the horse is in harness can be included in this discipline; however the same competition/classes cannot also be used for other categories. i.e. endurance, dressage in harness, show classes, etc where the horse is in a harness can be considered for this discipline.
- Long reining classes are also considered Harness for the purpose of the Hi Point competition.
- As with other categories, classes that judge on presentation/turnout, 'prettiness', etc, such as 'best presented' classes, cannot attract placing points.

Western-

- The Western discipline includes events such as Reining, Cutting, Team Penning, Roping, Trail and similar. An event to be considered western is generally run by Societies that typically register western breeds and any event where a pattern is ridden; this includes Western Dressage.
- Halter classes at Western Shows should be recorded as the showing discipline, as they are still in-hand/led show classes.

Show Jumping-

- Show Jumping points can be allocated from all official jumping classes including HRCV, Pony Club, EA (and all equivalents). These can include Best Time and Optimal Time events.
- Should a show jumping round be included at another event, where show jumping is included as part of the event eg Eventing, then these results should be listed in the Eventing discipline or Combined Training- results would be listed in the Working Equitation/Combined Training discipline.
- EA Official Show Jumping is for Competitor level entrants. All others fall under Category 2.

Eventing-

- Eventing points can be allocated for true three phase events, including events over one day or multiple days. You will need to have completed a dressage test, a show jumping round and a cross country course for eventing points to be allocated.
- All levels of eventing attract points. EA Official Eventing is for Competitor level entrants. All others fall under Category 2.

Long Distance-

- Long Distance riding includes events such as endurance and navigation rides – This is for true endurance events and navigation rides, sanctioned by EA, PCAWA or registered breed or association, etc.
- Trail rides and fund-raising rides do not count as they do not include horse/rider health checks and are not considered to be of a competitive nature.

Working Equitation/Combined Training-

- Any two-phase competitions such as Working Equitation and Combined Training can be considered for this discipline category.
- Points can be allocated for any legitimate two phase event. This may include Working Equitation (with both a dressage phase and obstacle course), a Combined Training Day (ie dressage and show jumping) and a Derby Day (show jumping and cross country)

If you participate in any other discipline, then there will not be a discipline award for you. However, please refer to Category 3 on your Hi Point Performance card for any relevant points that can still be considered toward the National, State, Young Stock, Junior and Participant awards.

The front of your high point card refers proof/supporting evidence of your results. You can send in a photo or printout of the official results list from a competition, photos showing you & your horse at an event in the ring (with ribbons if applicable), as well as verification from a committee member if they happened to be there. You can also have the show organiser/steward or judge sign the card and provide name and contact details so that the results can be verified if needed. Ultimately, the Hi Point award is about getting out and having fun with your Friesian Warmblood.

Roll of Merit

The AFWHS Roll of Merit (ROM) is an open ended cumulative award that started in 2015, based on performances listed on your annual High Point card.

The ROMs will be awarded in each discipline and as it is a cumulative award, only your four best performances of the year will be recorded in the ROM register.

There are four levels of the ROM as below:

- Bronze – 150 points
- Silver – 300 points
- Gold – 500 points
- Platinum – 1000 points

So even if you don't place in your events, you can still achieve an award over time for participation. Every member who sends in a completed High Point Card will automatically have points added to the ROM register, so there is nothing extra that you need to do.