

Pony Club Australia Awards 2017



PONY CLUB
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The Pony Club Australia Awards reward our riders, coaches, officials and volunteers for achievements and contributions to the development of Pony Club.



Overview

Pony Club Australia (PCA) is committed to educating young riders in a safe and friendly environment. PCA offers a diverse range of disciplines and supports members to reach their full potential. In so doing we rely on the capabilities and contributions of all our coaches, officials and supporters. Recognising and rewarding achievements of our riders and coaches, and expressing gratitude to our volunteers is an essential part of our culture.

The key elements of success for our organisation are reflected in the following awards:

1. Best achievement by a rider under 17 years
2. Best achievement by a rider aged 17 -25 years
3. Pony Club alumnus
4. Coach of the year
5. Volunteer of the year
6. Club of the year

There will be one award for each category annually. However, the judging panel may decline to make an award for any category if it determines there is not a submission of sufficient merit to be given an award.

Nomination Process

Each nomination must be accompanied with information on why the nominee/s should be considered for the award. Each of the assessment criteria are equally weighted. Nominations must be submitted electronically (via email) to info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au

- **Nominations are expected to be around one page in total.**
- **Please address the Key Selection Criteria for the award.**
- **Nominations should focus on the nominee's activities in the preceding 12-18 months.**

Selection Process

The nominations will be considered by a judging panel of six people, made up of representatives of PCA and Member States.

The judging panel may decline to make an award for any category if it determines there is not a submission of sufficient merit to be given an award.

Prize

The winner/s of each award will receive an inscribed medallion or trophy and prize.

Award Ceremony

The awards will be presented at the National Championships Dinner in Toowoomba in September 2017.

Key Contact

If you require any further information regarding the program, or assistance in preparing a nomination, please contact: info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au

Nominations for the 2017 awards close on Friday 30th June 2017

Best achievement by a rider under 17 years

Selection criteria

1. Participation in Pony Club rallies and activities
2. Improvement in riding and leadership skills through diligence and effort
3. Club citizenship (eg. helpful to others)

Best achievement by a rider aged 17 – 25 years

Selection criteria

1. Participation in Pony Club rallies and activities
2. Improvement in riding and leadership skills through diligence and effort
3. Contribution to club or zone management and programs

The Gillian Rolton award (Pony Club alumnus)

This award is for a current or ex-Pony Club member over 25 years old who has gone on to be an active participant in the horse industry as a rider, leader or professional serving the horse industry (eg educator, journalist, vet). The nominee has taken inspiration from their time at Pony Club and been an ambassador for the organisation.

Selection criteria

1. Career achievements and profile
2. Contribution to the horse industry
3. Links to Pony Club, past and present.

The Kay Irving Award (Coach of the year)

Selection criteria

1. Contribution to development of the contemporary coaching program at Pony Club
2. Commitment to coaching excellence and personal professional development
3. Personal passion and resilience, including feedback from students and peers

Volunteer of the year

Open to Helper, Administrator, Club Office holder, Official.

Selection criteria

1. Displays Pony Club values
2. Contribution to development of their Pony Club for the benefit of members
3. Commitment to good governance and professionalism

Club of the year

Selection criteria

1. Implementation of initiatives to attract and retain members, inclusive and responsive to the needs of members
2. Good governance processes at club level - including completion of "Club Health Check", advocate of "Play by the Rules", safety program, succession planning
3. Innovation in club management, such as sponsorship programs, financial management, use of *MyPonyClub* database for management of memberships and events
4. Delivery of coaching syllabus, demonstrated achievements by members and coaches (eg certificates attained, NCAS coach accreditation)