



ANWE NSW – Horse of the Year 2026

The terms applicable to ANWE NSW Horse of the Year 2026 are as follows:

- Riders must have a current rider's levy number with ANWEL and be a financial member of an ANWE NSW Club for the entire 2026 calendar year.
- A one-off entry fee of \$20.00 for each horse/rider combination to enter the 2026 ANWE NSW HOTY Competition. The fee is to be paid via Nominate to be eligible.
- Accumulation of HOTY points will only commence after the date of entry. I.e. No points will be awarded for events held and completed prior to rider entering the ANWE NSW 2026 HOTY.
- By paying the entry fee the horse/rider combination agree to the terms and conditions of the ANWE NSW HOTY.
- ANWE NSW Clubs who wish to participate in the ANWE NSW HOTY can nominate up to 2 ANWE NSW HOTY competitions to the ANWE NSW Secretary. Nominations are to be sent to - info@anwensw.org.au for inclusion in the 2026 ANWE NSW calendar. They will also be published on the ANWE NSW website and Facebook page.

- ANWE NSW Clubs must ensure all ANWE NSW HOTY competitions use current qualified EA dressage judges for the dressage phase of those competitions.
- Horse/rider combinations must compete at a minimum of 3 ANWE NSW HOTY competitions for points to be eligible to win or be placed. The combination can compete in as many ANWE NSW HOTY competitions as they choose. This encourages horse/rider combinations to travel and support other Clubs.
- The ANWE NSW State Championships 2026 will be included in the ANWE NSW HOTY competition.
- Horse/rider combinations will not receive any ANWE NSW HOTY points for any ANWE NSW HOTY competitions in which they are **eliminated or retire or are scratched** in **any** phase in that HOTY Competition. In the case of Introductory or Preparatory level if the combination receives a **pass** in EOH, the combination will not receive any ANWE NSW HOTY points.
- A separate ANWE NSW HOTY will be awarded for each of the Levels Introductory to Masters.
- HOTY is open to all riders. Child, Junior, Youth and Open riders' points are combined for one HOTY for each Level.
- HOTY points will be given from 1st to 5th for each Level:
1st = 6 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th = 1 point.
- In the event of equality of the final HOTY point score the horse/rider combination with the combined highest Dressage % score at the relevant HOTY Competitions will be the winner.
- Horse/rider combinations may only enter and compete in one Level in the 2026 ANWE NSW HOTY and complete the tests specified for that level in the ANWEL Rule Book 2026.
- The 2026 ANWE NSW HOTY Competition runs from 1 January 2026 to December 2026. Winners will be announced in late December 2026.

- Except for Masters' level, a horse/rider combination who wins ANWE NSW HOTY in 2026 or any prior year cannot win at subsequent ANWE NSW HOTY competitions at that same level.
- If a nominated ANWE NSW HOTY competition is cancelled the Club may promptly submit a new date to ANWE NSW for approval.
- Clubs must submit full* results for each phase of their approved ANWE NSW HOTY competition to the ANWE NSW Secretary - info@anwensw.org.au within 14 days of the competition and must have horse/rider combination names.

**Full results include scores for Dressage %, Ease of Handling % and Speed time. If a horse/rider combination receives a pass (this only applies to Introductory or Preparatory levels) or is eliminated, scratched, or retired in any phase this must be included in the results. Full results must also include details of the current qualified EA dressage judge(s) who judged the dressage phase.*