



2022-23 NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACING HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS VOTING RULES

RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

The Recommendations Panel comprises six representatives appointed by the NZTR Board, and the NZTR senior handicapper. This season's panel comprises Messrs Matthew Goodson, Tim Barton, Dennis Ryan, Tim Mills, Julie Walker and Craig Baker.

The functions of the Recommendations Panel are to:

- Confirm the Voting Panel comprising a broad range of racing persons, who have extensive knowledge of thoroughbred racing in NZ and reflect the wider racing community and its geographical spread to ensure a broad impartial vote;
- Select a list of finalists for categories 6-11 inclusive, 13 – 15 inclusive, 17 and 20, from which the Voting Panel must nominate one finalist for each award (full Voting Rules attached);
- Determine the information to be provided to the Voting Panel; and
- Communicate all of the above to the appointed members of the Voting Panel.

VOTING PANEL

The function of the Voting Panel is to nominate one person/horse each from the list of finalists for each award on the voting sheet, which is forwarded to an independent auditor, to determine the winners of these awards.

The Voting Panel is required to declare any conflict of interest regarding any award on which they are voting and to abstain from voting on the award(s), for which they have a conflict of interest, financial or family as defined in the '*Declaration of conflict of interests*' statement, subject to audit by Deloitte.

The decision of the Voting Panel is considered final, subject to audit by Deloitte.

VOTING RULES

In the event of more than one person/horse receiving equal highest votes then multiple winners will be declared.

The number of votes awarded to each finalist will be included on the result sheet by the auditor. A list of votes awarded for each finalist in each category will be made available on the NZTR website www.nztr.co.nz after the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

1. JOCKEY PREMIERSHIP AWARD*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

The jockey who has accumulated the highest number of race wins in NZ races during the season under review. The winner must have been licensed as a Jockey by NZTR for all or part of the season under review.

2. TRAINER PREMIERSHIP AWARD*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

The trainer who has accumulated the highest number of race wins in NZ during the season under review. The winner must have been licensed as a trainer by NZTR for all or part of the season under review.

A change to a training 'entity' brought about by the death of one training partner endures in the Premiership under the surviving partner's name except in the event the surviving partner enters into a new partnership within the same season at which time that is deemed a new partnership, that is, any change to a training partnership, except in the event of death, is deemed a new partnership.

3. OWNER PREMIERSHIP AWARD*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

The owner who has accumulated the highest number of points under the specified criteria during the season under review.

4. APPRENTICE JOCKEY PREMIERSHIP*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Winner:

The rider who has accumulated the most number of NZ wins as an Apprentice Jockey during the season under review. The winner must have been licensed as an Apprentice Jockey by NZTR for all or part of the season under review.

5. NEWCOMER TO TRAINING*

Managed by New Zealand Trainers' Association (NZTA)

Winner:

Performance based and awarded to a trainer who has had their licence less than 5 years and who has trained the highest number of individual winners in a season.

6. CHAMPION JUMPER*

7. CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD*

8. CHAMPION THREE-YEAR-OLD*

9. CHAMPION SPRINT-MILER (1000M – 1600M)*

10. CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE HORSE (1601-2200M)*

11. CHAMPION STAYER (2201M +)*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Finalists:

Finalists comprise the horses selected by the Recommendations Panel. Nominated horses must have been trained by a person holding a NZ licence for the season under review and must have been stabled in NZ with his/her trainer at any time in that season or have raced in New Zealand at least once in the season under review.

Selection of winners:

Each member of the Voting Panel nominates one horse for each award category from the list of finalists. The winner of each award category is the horse with the highest number of total votes submitted to the Auditor by the Voting Panel before the prescribed deadline (see Voting Paper).

12. LOVERACING.NZ AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO MEDIA, DIGITAL & CONTENT*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Board

Selection of winner: Decided by NZTR Panel

Criteria for the winner are to recognise a high and consistent quality of media work around the New Zealand thoroughbred racing industry in the season under review. This can include print, television, radio, video, social and digital platforms.

13. JOCKEY OF THE YEAR*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Finalists:

- a. The jockey whose mounts in the season under review have won most Group and Listed races in NZ
- b. The jockey whose mounts in the season under review have won most stake money in NZ
- c. The NZ Jockeys' Premiership winner in the season under review
- d. Not more than two nominees nominated by the NZJA from outside of the above finalists

Finalists must have been domiciled in New Zealand for more than half of the season under review.

Selection of winner:

Each member of the Voting Panel nominates one finalist. The winner is the Jockey with the highest number of total votes submitted to the Auditor by the Voting Panel before the prescribed deadline (see Voting Paper).

14. JUMPS JOCKEY OF THE YEAR*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Finalists:

- a. The Jumps Jockey whose mounts in the season under review have won most Prestige jumps races in NZ
- b. The Jumps Jockey whose mounts in the season under review have won most stake money in NZ
- c. The NZ Jumps Jockey Premiership winner in the season under review
- d. Not more than two nominees nominated by the NZ Jumps Inc from outside of the above finalists

Selection of winner:

Each member of the Voting Panel nominates one finalist. The winner is the Jumps Jockey with the highest number of total votes submitted to the Auditor by the Voting Panel before the prescribed deadline (see Voting Paper).

15. TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Finalists:

- a. The NZ domiciled trainer with most Group and Listed wins
- b. The NZ domiciled trainer with most stake money won
- c. The NZ domiciled NZ Trainers' Premiership Winner
- d. Not more than two nominees nominated by the NZTA from outside of the above finalists

(TBC) Finalists in category (a) and (b) must have won these races and earned the stake money with horses trained by a person holding a NZ licence for the season under review and must have been stabled in NZ with his/her trainer at any time in that season or have raced in New Zealand at least once in the season under review. Licensed trainers, Permit-to-train licence holders and Owner-trainer licence holders are eligible for nomination.

Selection of winner:

Each member of the Voting Panel nominates one finalist. The winner is the Trainer with the highest number of total votes submitted to the Auditor by the Voting Panel before the prescribed deadline (see Voting Paper).

16. NEW ZEALAND STABLEHAND OF THE YEAR AWARD*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Finalists:

Northern region
Central region
Southern region

Selection of winner: NZTR Panel

The aim of this award is to acknowledge some of the most hard-working stable staff, who don't often get the recognition for the long hours and dedication they pour into the industry.

The Award was designed to maintain or raise awareness of the jobs worth, offer an incentive to attract and retain good people and provide recognition with a meaningful reward.

17. OWNER OF THE YEAR*

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Finalists:

Finalists comprise owners, whose New Zealand-based horses, which are sole, partnership, company or registered syndicate-owned, have earned the highest points in all races in New Zealand and Pattern Races anywhere else in the world determined by the points system. The number of finalists for Owner of the Year is at the discretion of the Recommendations Panel.

Definition of Owner:

1. An Owner must be registered on NZTR's database of Owners and an active Owner for the season under review
2. A Trainer must hold an NZ Trainer's Licence in the season under review.
3. A Syndicate Manager(s) is included as part of each individually named syndicate.
4. In the event that ownership of a horse changes during the season under review that horse will score points for each respective owner while under their ownership.

Points are allocated as follows:

| | First | Second | Third |
|-------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Group One | 12 | 8 | 6 |
| Group Two | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Group Three | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| Listed | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| PJR | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| Open Hdcp | 6 | | |
| R85 | 4 | | |
| R75 | 3 | | |
| R65 | 2 | | |
| Maiden | 1 | | |

Where NZTR has details of an owner's percentage ownership in each syndicate, all these percentages are added together.

Selection of winner:

Each member of the Voting Panel nominates one finalist. The winner is the Owner with the highest number of total votes submitted to the Auditor by the Voting Panel before the prescribed deadline (see Voting Paper).

18. NZTR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO RACING

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

This Award is conferred on those who have made significant and positive long-term contributions to New Zealand Thoroughbred racing at a local, regional or national level either in one or in a number of roles in Thoroughbred racing including but not exclusive to training, breeding and riding, administration and regulation, health, welfare and research, education and development, and media and promotion of Thoroughbred racing, as determined in its absolute discretion by the NZTR Board.

Selection of winner:

NZTR Chairman

19. NZTR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO RACING

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

This Award is conferred on those who have made significant and positive long-term contributions to New Zealand Thoroughbred racing at an international level either in one or in a number of roles in Thoroughbred racing including but not exclusive to training, breeding and riding, administration and regulation, health, welfare and research, education and development, and media and promotion of Thoroughbred racing, as determined in its absolute discretion by the NZTR Board. It may be awarded to only one recipient each year. It may not be awarded every year.

Selection of winner:

NZTR Chairman

20. HORSE OF THE YEAR

Managed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

Finalists:

Finalists comprise all horses selected by the Recommendations Panel as finalists in all the above horses-in-training categories.

Winner:

The Horse of the Year is the horse, which receives the most votes from the Voting Panel for Horse of the Year but does not necessarily have to be a category winner.

Selection of winner:

Most number of votes received by Voting Panel