

NOVICE HORSE AWARD

The Novice Horse Award is an award that recognises and rewards careful, steady and correct preparation, management and riding of the Novice Horse.

It is not an official VERA/AERA award but may be offered by the Ride Organiser at their discretion.

The award rewards a good heart rate and excellent metabolic and veterinary parameters, as assessed by the ride veterinarian. The award does not take into consideration rider weight or riding time.

All novice horses who have successfully completed the ride distance within the maximum ride time are eligible for the award.

The Novice Horse Award is calculated as follows:

- The five or six novice horses with the lowest final heart rates are selected.
- The logbooks or vet cards for those horses are then assessed for their metabolic and veterinary scores and are awarded the following penalty points for each veterinary parameter:
 - A – No penalty points
 - B – 5 penalty points
 - C – 10 penalty points
- These penalty points are added to the final heart rate score.
- The horse with the lowest score is the winner of the Novice Horse Award.

Ride Name: Date: Distance:

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