

2017 Equestrians Institute Driving Year-End Awards

Overview

With the increased number of EI Driving events and growing interest among EI members in driving, the year-end awards for EI driving were enhanced starting in 2013 and again in 2015. This document provides the details for the 2017 awards.

The traditional perpetual trophies awarded to highest-ranked EI drivers for VSE, Pony, Horse, and Multiples (for all equine sizes) continue. Besides the honor of the winners being able to display the trophy in their homes for a year, a keepsake memento of a fancy ribbon is also awarded. All EI driving competitions, as well as all Northwest CDEs and Driving Trials which have significant EI driver participation, count toward accumulating points for these awards.

In addition to the traditional perpetual trophies, a new set of awards was added in 2013 to recognize achievement in combined driving. The combined driving awards are bestowed on the best EI drivers for each of the combined driving levels of advanced, intermediate, preliminary, and training. Starting in 2015, awards are being given for both the champion and the reserve champion for each level. Northwest CDEs and Driving Trials count toward points for these for awards.

Perpetual Trophies – VSE, Pony, Horse, Multiples

A perpetual trophy and a keepsake memento will be awarded to the top driver for VSE, Pony, Horse, and Multiples.

Rules/Scoring for Perpetual Trophy Awards:

- 1) Must be an EI member and compete in at least one EI event to be eligible.
- 2) Points are given for placing and are adjusted for class size – larger classes will result in more points. If a driver competes more than once with the same turnout in a qualifying event, his/her best score, i.e. the one which yields the most points, will count toward the award calculations.
- 3) The trophies are awarded to the drivers with highest number of points accumulated.
- 4) The same equine does not have to be used for all competitions.

5) If during the course of the year a driver competes different sizes of equines or both single and multiples, points will be tallied separately for each of the awards. If a driver scores highest for more than one perpetual trophy award, he/she will be asked which one they want to receive and the other(s) will be awarded to the next-highest-placing driver.

6) The Multiple award is for any size of equine and any multiple hitch, e.g. pair, tandem, fours, or unicorn.

7) See the list of qualifying events to find out which events count toward this award.

Qualifying Events for Perpetual Trophy Awards:

- EI "Kitchen Sink" Pleasure Classes
- EI "Kitchen Sink" Dressage Festival
- EI "Kitchen Sink" Driving Trial
- Treasure Valley Drive In the Park
- Inavale CDE
- EI CDE
- EI Driving Trials Back-to-Back (counts as one event – best score is counted)

Combined Driving Awards

An award will be given to the top two EI drivers for each of the combined driving levels of Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced. The highest-placing driver for each level will receive the champion award and the second-highest-placing driver for each level will receive the reserve champion award.

Rules/Scoring for Combined Driving Awards:

- 1) Driver must be an EI member and compete in at least one EI event to be eligible.
- 2) A minimum of two qualifying events is required to be eligible for the award. A qualifying event is one in which the driver completes the event and receives a score. Eliminations and withdrawals do not count as qualifying events. If a driver competes in more than two qualifying events, his/her best two scores added together will be used to determine placings for this award with the lowest combined scoring being in first place.

3) If a driver competes at multiple levels during the course of the year, his/her scores for each level will be calculated. If a driver is the highest-placed driver for more than one level, he/she will receive only the higher-level award.

4) All classes for a level are eligible -- equine sizes of VSE, Pony, and Horse as either singles or multiples.

Combined Driving Awards Qualifying Events:

- EI "Kitchen Sink" Driving Trial
- Inavale CDE
- EI CDE
- EI Driving Trials Back-to-Back (counted as one event - the best score of the two days will be used)
- Treasure Valley Drive In the Park DT (not CT)