

GROUND STAFF AWARDS



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The Australian Jumps Racing Association, in collaboration with Country Racing Victoria, is proud to recognise the dedication and passion of participants by introducing an awards program honouring ground staff, and stable hands—key contributors to the Australian Jumps Racing Industry.

This initiative aims to inspire horse owners, trainers, clubs, office staff, and administrators within the jumps racing community to engage with a program the AJRA and Country Racing Victoria envision becoming a prominent and celebrated feature of the sport, highlighted annually at the jumps racing awards night.

Each award category has been thoughtfully designed to showcase outstanding achievements across various aspects of the industry.



Proudly Presented By

The Australian Jumps Racing Association, in partnership with Country Racing Victoria, is proud to present this awards program, recognising the invaluable contributions of individuals and teams within the Jumps Racing Industry.

Each award category has been carefully crafted to highlight outstanding achievements across various areas of the industry. This program aims to inspire participation from horse owners, trainers, clubs, office staff, and administrators, fostering greater engagement and collaboration.

By celebrating these accomplishments, the AJRA hopes to strengthen camaraderie within the sport. The awards are designed to become an annual tradition, with recipients honoured at the jumps racing awards night among their peers.

To be eligible, nominees must be employed by a trainer holding a registered jumps racing license in 2025.



HORSEMANSHIP

This award will be presented to a participant who has demonstrated exceptional horsemanship skills, whether on the ground or while riding trackwork.

The recipient will be recognised for their ability to work with horses, with a strong emphasis on their care and wellbeing. This award also highlights the staff member's connection with animals and their talent in horsemanship, both on and off the track.



EQUINE WELFARE

This award honours individuals who are dedicated to rehoming jumps racing horses after their racing careers have ended. The nominee's commitment to the well-being of these horses, both during their racing career and in their post-racing life, will be the key focus in selecting the recipient of this award.



EXCELLENCE IN PRESENTATION

This award highlights the presentation of both the horse and their strapper, with a focus on the horse's turnout on race day.

It recognises the consistent care in maintaining the horse's appearance, showcasing the dedication and attention to detail provided by the strapper. This award celebrates the important role of the strapper in ensuring the horse looks its best, both for track work and on race day, reflecting the professionalism involved in preparing the horse.



PRIZE POOL

The prize pool honours the exceptional contributions of individuals within the jumps racing industry across three categories. Each of the three winners will receive a \$1,000.00 cash prize, generously sponsored by Country Racing Victoria. Additionally, each winner will receive a 12-month full membership to the AJRA, valued at \$150.00.



Commonly Asked Questions

- ? When are nominations open?**
Nominations will be open from 2nd June and close on the 8th September 2025.
- ? Who can nominate for the awards?**
Nominations can be made by any participant in the jumps racing industry. We encourage owners, trainers, staff members, and nominees themselves to nominate for the awards. Nominees must provide one reference when submitting their nominations.



- ? Can nominees nominate themselves?**
Yes, nominees can nominate themselves. However, they must provide the details of one reference as part of their nomination.
- ? How can nominations be submitted?**
Nominations can be submitted online via the AJRA website.
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A dedicated judging panel from the AJRA and Country Racing Victoria will review the applications and the awards will be presented at the end of the Jumps Season.





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