



HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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WHO IS HONORED AT THE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS?

Awards are presented to the owner of the HOTY Grand National Champions, National Champions, and National Reserve Champions. One free ticket will be provided to the horse owner. Please visit usef.org/annual-meeting/registration to claim your complimentary ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$100 until January 3rd. Tickets purchased on-site will be \$150. *Please note that owners of multiple horses will only receive one free ticket.*

WHERE IS THIS YEAR'S AWARDS DINNER BEING HELD?

The 2019 Horse of the Year Awards will take place on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Hilton West Palm Beach's Oceana Ballroom, 600 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL. A discounted room block is offered, but please book as soon as possible as there is limited availability. Call (561) 561-6000 or 1-800-HILTONS and reference **Conference Code: ZUSEF**. The cutoff date to receive this discounted rate is December 20.

An additional room block is offered at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, located at 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL. Attendees should call the hotel directly at (561) 684-9400 and reference code USEF to reserve a room.

IF I AM COMING TO THE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS, DO I ALSO NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE USEF ANNUAL MEETING?

No. Annual Meeting registration is only required for those who would like to attend the various meetings throughout the week. If you plan to attend just the HOTY Awards Dinner you only need to ensure you have a ticket for the evening's awards program.

AFTER ARRIVING AT THE HOTEL, DO I NEED TO CHECK IN TO ACCEPT MY AWARD(S)?

Yes. It is extremely important that you check in for the evening's awards program. This is the only way we will know who to include in the awards presentation. The check-in desk will be open Saturday, January 11, from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and is located in the Oceana Ballroom Foyer.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO THE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS?

Most attending the evening's awards program wear cocktail party attire. Some individuals enjoy the opportunity to dress more formally and wear tuxedos and gowns. The evening will begin with a reception from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the Oceana Ballroom Foyer. At 7 p.m. everyone will be welcomed into the ballroom to begin the evening's seated dinner and awards presentations. The after-party will follow from 9 p.m. – 11 p.m. with a live band and dancing.

WILL I HAVE AN ASSIGNED SEAT OR HOW DO I TRY AND MAKE SURE I AM SITTING NEAR FRIENDS?

Seating for the evening's dinner and program is open unless you've purchased an entire table (10 seats).

HOW DO I PURCHASE PHOTOS FROM THE EVENING?

A photographer will take photos and capture the memories of the evening. The week following the Horse of the Year awards, the photos will be available on the 2020 Annual Meeting page on usefnetwork.com. All of the photos are high-resolution and free to download.

WILL I GET A CHANCE TO TAKE PICTURES ON STAGE WITH MY AWARD?

The ballroom will be open during the reception before the awards dinner begins. You are welcome to go in and take photos on stage with all of the Horse of the Year trophies. When you are called up to accept your award, our photographer will be there to get a picture. The trophies will be cleared off the stage as they are awarded thus we encourage everyone to get photos early.

I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND AS THE HORSE OWNER; CAN I HAVE MY TRAINER OR A FRIEND ACCEPT MY AWARD ON MY BEHALF?

We would be happy to let your friend or trainer bring home your ribbon(s) if they are going to be in attendance. However, due to the number of awards presented in the evening's program, we will not be able to recognize them on stage. We will have a table toward the back of the room where they can pick up your ribbon to bring home.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN I WILL BE GOING ON STAGE?

We present awards in alphabetical order by horse name grouped by breed and discipline. Screens will display what breed or discipline is being acknowledged throughout the evening's program. When we are announcing the awards for your division, please be sure to listen so you do not miss your chance to come on stage.

MY HORSE WON REGIONAL AWARDS AND OTHER HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS. HOW WILL I RECEIVE THOSE?

At the Horse of the Year awards, we will present ribbons for the Grand National, National and Reserve Champion honors. National ribbons for third through sixth place, along with regional/zone awards, will be mailed to the horse's owner in the weeks following the awards dinner. After accepting your award on stage, if you would like us to mail your ribbon to you so you do not need to travel with it, please see the US Equestrian representatives at the back of the ballroom.