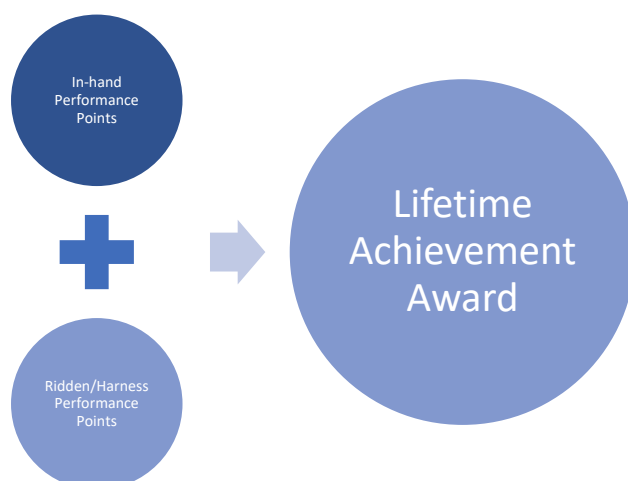


Lifetime Achievement Award

What is it?

A cumulative award that recognises performance in any in-hand, ridden and/or harness discipline throughout the horse's lifetime. Achievement certificates are awarded when the required number of points for a particular level are met (see Categories section below). The points earned by any registered horse during its lifetime belong to the horse so that all points earned by any individual horse will count in perpetuity. This allows points to accumulate over the horse's lifetime and move with the horse should the horse be sold.

Figure 1: Relationship between annual performance competitions and lifetime achievement award



Categories

There are five award levels to be achieved when the corresponding points are obtained:

Points	Lifetime Achievement Level
100	Bronze
200	Silver
300	Gold
500	Diamond
1000	Platinum

Who collects results?

The owner/rider of the horse submits competition results to the NZGCA for the In-hand Performance Award and Ridden/Harness Performance Awards annually. The NZGCA collates these points and keeps a perpetual record of 'lifetime achievement' points for the horse over its lifetime. Owners/riders can also submit historical results that have not been previously submitted as a "catch up" at any time.

How are points earned?

Points are earned as for the In-hand and Ridden/Harness Performance Awards. Points are awarded for placings in all in-hand and ridden/harness classes offered in show schedules or event programmes. There are no exclusions.

How are points calculated?

Points are calculated according to the discipline, number of competitors in the class and the placing achieved (see the *Performance Awards & Lifetime Achievement Point Score System tables* further down).

How do participants enter?

Owners/riders submit their results on the Results Record form found on the NZGCA Website.

How are Lifetime Achievement Levels determined?

Points from all in-hand, ridden and harness performance are added together to determine the total number of points gained by an individual horse over each season. These points are recorded and a running total for each horse is collated by NZGCA to determine the Lifetime Achievement Award level. To achieve Diamond Status, 150 of the 500 points must be from results under saddle/harness. After Diamond status has been achieved, all additional points must be earned from ridden/harness events. No further credit will be available for in hand points as the Platinum level is designed to recognise those outstanding individuals performing under saddle or in harness.

Points	Lifetime Achievement Level	Points earned from:
100	Bronze	Inhand + Ridden/Harness
200	Silver	Inhand + Ridden/Harness
300	Gold	Inhand + Ridden/Harness
500	Diamond	Inhand + Ridden/Harness*
1000	Platinum	Ridden/Harness**

*To achieve Diamond Status, 150 of the 500 points must be from results under saddle/harness.

** To achieve Platinum status, the additional 500 points from Diamond level must be from results under saddle/harness.

Previous results: Owners/riders may submit a portfolio of their horse's previous results to NZGCA at any time to 'catch up' to the current season. However, any points earned prior to the 2022-23 season must be calculated using the historical score system and consider the relevant class/event exclusions (this is available from the awards coordinator). Similarly, any Partbred Gypsy Cobs with 25%-50% Gypsy Cob blood may also submit points earned prior to the change in NZGCA registration rules in 2021-2022 season. Please contact the NZGCA Awards Administrator for more information on this process.

What do entrants receive?

On achieving a new level, the current owners of the horse will receive:

- Lifetime Achievement Certificate
- Acknowledgement on the Website and FB/Instagram page and in the NZGCA Newsletter