

Volunteer Awards

The Association of Irish Riding Clubs encourages all clubs and regions to ensure that members are recognised for their commitment to the Association, and are nominated for awards where appropriate

The Association also encourages the nomination of members for external awards or recognition e.g. County & National Volunteer Awards, People of the Year Awards or other Community Awards.

Categories of Awards:

There are two categories of awards presented within the Association of Irish Riding Clubs:

- Service Awards
- Lancelot Awards

Service Awards:

- 5 Year Bronze Service Award
- 10 Year Silver Service Award
- 15 Year Gold Service Award

All Service Awards are given for satisfactory and continuous service as an officer in any recognised riding club or region affiliated to the Association.

Nominations may be made, on behalf of a club or region, by their chairperson or secretary or by a member of the national committee. Nominees must be members of the Association and their Club must be in good standing with the Association.

All nominations for service awards are sent to the Executive Committee for consideration at a meeting held twice yearly.

Nominations must be sent to National Office on the official nomination form (F45/13) to arrive no later than 30th April and 30th October each year.

Awards approved are notified to the nominator and awards are sent to the regional secretary for presentation. These should be presented promptly thereafter.

A listed of service award recipients will be published on www.airc.ie.

Lancelot Awards:

The Lancelot awards are presented annually by the Association of Irish Riding Clubs. There are four categories of award on offer and include:

1. Club of the Year

The club of the year award will be awarded to a club that is pro-active in meeting the needs of its members; developing as a club and creative in its approach to maintain and increase its membership and activities; promotes the ethos of the Association and is pro-active in volunteering; and fits into its local community.

This award is open to clubs registered during the calendar year. Clubs may nominate themselves or another club within their region to the regional committee outlining the reasons for their nomination on the official nomination form.

Only one nomination will be accepted per riding club. Nominations must be presented to your regional committee, before 1st October each year. The region will then select a nomination to go forward to the Executive Committee for consideration.

2. Club Secretary of the Year

The club secretary of the year award will be awarded to a candidate that is pro-active in meeting the needs of the clubs membership; organised, informative and functional in informing the clubs membership of news and developments within the Association; displays leadership qualities in developing the club in conjunction with its committee; and shows a willingness to co-operate in aspects of club activities to promote the ethos of the Association and is pro-active in volunteering.

Open to club secretaries registered during the calendar year. Clubs may nominate their own club secretary to the regional committee outlining the reasons for their nomination on the official nomination form.

Only one nomination will be accepted per riding club. Nominations must be presented to your regional committee, before 1st October each year. The region will then select a nomination to go forward to the Executive Committee for consideration.

3. Club Member of the Year

The club member of the year award will be awarded to a candidate that is active within the club and all of its activities; displays sportsmanship, fairness and adheres to the ethos of the Association at all times; Is willing to assist the club officers with their plans whenever asked; and is pro-active in volunteering.

Open to members registered during the calendar year. Clubs may nominate one of their members to go forward to the regional committee outlining the reasons for their nomination on the official nomination form.

Only one nomination will be accepted per riding club. Nominations must be presented to your regional committee, before 1st October each year. The region will then select a nomination to go forward to the Executive Committee for consideration.

4. Person of the Year

The person of the year award will be awarded to a candidate that has made a remarkable achievement relating to their membership of the Association during the current year, be it in competition, administration or volunteering; and displays sportsmanship, fairness and adheres to the ethos of the Association at all times.

This award is open to members & non-members who have contributed their time and energy beyond the call of duty to riding clubs at any level (club/regional/national).

Nominations must be posted directly on the official nomination form to National Office to arrive no later than 1st November each year.

The Executive Committee will produce a shortlist which will go for further adjudication to determine the award recipients.

The Lancelot Award will be presented, occasionally, by the Executive Committee to a person or group who they deem to have contributed beyond the call of duty in their industry.

Please note the following important information:

- It is important that award categories and criteria are fully understood when making nominations. The appropriate forms must be used, and fully completed.
- The Executive Committee reserves the right to request further information before releasing an award for presentation.
- Nominations for service awards may be made at any time. Decisions will be made by the Executive Committee at the meeting following the next closing date for nominations.