



Sovereign Awards Eligibility, Selection and Distribution Guidelines for 2015

1. Sovereign Awards will be presented in the following divisional categories:

- **Champion Two-Year-Old Male**
- **Champion Two Year-Old Filly**
- **Champion Three-Year-Old Male**
- **Champion Three-Year-Old Filly**
- **Champion Older Male on the Main Track**
- **Champion Older Female on the Main Track**
- **Champion Male Turf Horse**
- **Champion Female Turf Horse**
- **Champion Male Sprinter**
- **Champion Female Sprinter**

To be eligible to receive a Sovereign Award in these divisional categories a horse must race in Canada at least two times as a two year old and three times for all horses 3 year old and up, during the year in which the Award is earned. This rule applies to both Canadian-bred and foreign-bred horses.

2. *Daily Racing Form* past performance charts are generated and provided to the Jockey Club of Canada and are used to determine the most logical eligible contenders in each divisional category. Voters may vote for any horse whether or not a past performance chart has been provided and whether or not the horse appears on the ballot, provided the horse has made the required number of starts prior to the cutoff date.

3. Sovereign Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- **Outstanding Owner**
- **Outstanding Trainer**
- **Outstanding Breeder**
- **Outstanding Jockey**
- **Outstanding Apprentice Jockey**

To be eligible to receive a Sovereign Award in the above categories, a minimum of 10 starts in Canada must be made. Statistical profiles showing total number of starts, wins and earnings will be provided for the individuals or entities of the regional leaders based on total number of wins and total earnings. The Jockey Club of Canada will endeavor to provide accurate statistical information but cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of information contained within the statistical profiles. Voters may vote for any individual or entity whether or not a statistical profile has been included, provided the eligibility requirements have been met.

4. The finalists in all categories will be determined by a point system and is tabulated using an online balloting process. The names of the four finalists in each category will be announced in a press release and posted on The Jockey Club of Canada website.

5. The Jockey Club of Canada's Board of Stewards will select the recipient(s) of the:

- **E. P. Taylor Award of Merit**
- **Special Sovereign Award(s)**

The announcement of the recipient(s) of these awards may be made prior to the awards ceremony or during the ceremony. Both the E. P. Taylor Award of Merit and the Special Sovereign Award need not be presented annually.

6. Outstanding Broodmare is a lifetime achievement award. The mare must have a Canadian-bred Stakes horse (*by definition, the horse must have come 1st, 2nd, or 3rd*) in the current year and must also have produced a different Canadian-bred stakes horse in a previous year. Produce records on all logical contenders will be sent to voters. Voters will be free to vote for any broodmare that qualifies under the foregoing criteria, whether or not a statistical profile has been provided. Any mare that has been honoured with this lifetime achievement Sovereign Award is ineligible for future consideration.

Recipients of Outstanding Broodmare Sovereign Award from 1975 – Present

1975 – Reasonable Wife	1990 – Shy Spirit	2003 – Radiant Ring
1976 – Northern Minx	1991 – Classy 'N Smart	2004 – Annasan
1977 – Doris White	1992 – Ballade	2005 – Native Rights
1978 – Fanfreluche	1993 – Bold Debra	2006 – Dream Smartly
1979 – Fitz's Fancy	1994 – Rainbow	2007 – Lover's Talk
1980 – Hangin Round	Connection	2008 – Kathie's Colleen
1981 – Native Flower	1995 – Sea Regent	2009 – Pico Tenneriffe
1982 – Yonnie Girl	1996 – Amelia Bearhart	2010 – Destroy
1983 – Two Rings	1997 – Charming	2011 – Noble Strike
1984 – Friendly Ways	Sassafras	2012 – Misty Mission
1985 – No Class	1998 – Fleet Courage	2013 – Captivating
1986 – Loudrangle	1999 – Sharpening Up	2014 – Eye of the
1987 – Arctic Vixen	2000 – Primarily	Sphynx
1988 – Polite Lady	2001 – Dance Smartly	
1989 – Passing Mood	2002 – First Class Gal	

7. The privilege of voting for the Sovereign Awards is extended to individuals employed in or actively involved with industry associations and media recognized by The Jockey Club of Canada. If a voter has ownership or breeding interests in any of the categories they must not vote in that category.
8. Voters must cast their ballots online at www.jockeyclubcanada.com.
9. The winners of each award category will not be revealed until the time of presentation at the Sovereign Awards Ceremony. Voters' selections will not be disclosed however the point totals in all categories will be available on The Jockey Club of Canada website following the presentation.
10. Information on the four finalists in all categories will be made public before the awards ceremony and will also be included in the Sovereign Awards program distributed at the awards ceremony.
11. The annual Sovereign Awards presentation will be held in April at a major venue in the Toronto area unless otherwise stipulated by the Board of Stewards of the Jockey Club of Canada.

12. For the purposes of the awards, a partnership will be considered as a single interest and the name of the partnership will be noted on any citation. Individuals in partnerships may purchase additional trophies and gold sovereigns at a fixed cost determined by the Board of Stewards of the Jockey Club of Canada.
13. Only one Sovereign Award trophy is to be presented to an individual or partnership in his or her lifetime. Any subsequent awards are to be noted by the addition of a gold sovereign plus a brass plate which is intended to be affixed to the individual's or partnership's original trophy. Individual breeders or partnership breeders of a Sovereign Award winning horse will only receive one trophy in his or her lifetime. Breeders or breeding partnerships of subsequent award winners will receive a brass plate only which is intended to be affixed to the individual breeder or partnership breeder's original trophy.
14. Only one gold sovereign or trophy is to be awarded in any single year for the accomplishments of a horse, individual, or partnership. If a horse, individual or partnership is awarded in more than one category this is to be noted on individual brass plates intended to be affixed to the base of one trophy.
15. The trophy recipient of the divisional horse awards shall be the owner of the horse at the time of the awards presentation and, if the owner is not also the breeder; the breeder listed on the Jockey Club Certificate of Registration may receive a trophy as well.
16. The owner of the Outstanding Broodmare at the time of the awards presentation shall be the only recipient of that award trophy.
17. The name of the Horse of the Year, and the name of the recipient of the E. P. Taylor Award of Merit will be engraved on a brass plate to be permanently affixed to the base of the Sovereign Awards master trophy. The master trophy is permanently displayed in the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Ontario Canada.