
HALL OF FAME RULES 2022

The Hall of Fame is awarded to an entrant that has won the same category over 3 consecutive years. In the 2022 awards program the following rules will apply:

1. Entrants that would have been eligible for Hall of Fame in 2020 (having won Gold in their category in 2018 and 2019) were eligible for Hall of Fame in the 2021 awards program.
2. If an entrant was eligible for Hall of Fame in 2020 but was unable to enter into the 2021 awards program as the business was closed as a result of COVID-19, should they enter into the 2022 awards program they will be eligible for Hall of Fame.
 - a. The entrant must have sought written exemption from their state/territory awards manager during the 2021 nominations period for the 2021 program, providing eligibility for HOF in 2022.
 - b. Exemptions will only be provided to businesses who have not been able to open their business as a result of COVID-19 restrictions by the date of their state/territory awards nominations opening.
 - c. In 2022, this will result in one of two scenarios:
 - i. The entrant who had previously won in 2018 and 2019 but was exempt from the 2021 awards program take gold in their category for 2022 and receives hall of fame.
 - ii. The entrant who had not previously won in 2018 and 2019 but did enter and won Gold in the 2021 awards program takes the gold in their category in 2022 and would therefore be eligible for Hall of Fame in 2023.

Furthermore, the rules state:

- Entrants that are inducted into the National Hall of Fame are precluded from entering that specific category at the state/territory for a period of two years.
 - a. *In NSW if an entrant is inducted into the NSW Hall of Fame, and do not win Gold at the National Awards in the same year, then they are precluded from entering into that specific category at the state/territory awards for a period of two years.*
- For those that won Hall of Fame in the 2019 Australian Tourism Awards, this would mean they are excluded for 2020, and 2021.
- It is the intent that they would be eligible to enter in to the 2022 program as we will recognise 2020 as one of the excluded years.