



POLO DEL SOL

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HPA

Most Improved
Player

Award

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This award, set up with the kind support of the HPA, is designed to recognise what is widely regarded as the backbone of Polo in the United Kingdom and Republic Of Ireland; this is of course, the Amateur Player.

All HPA Affiliated Clubs are invited to nominate one amateur player who has, over the course of the season, been seen not only to have improved their skill at Polo but also has been a consistently good asset to the Club. The nominations from each club will then be pooled with the other nominations from the other clubs in that area, of which there are four.

The HPA will then pick, at random, one nominee from each area. These four players will then each be invited to put together a team of between 0 and 2 goals, with a maximum of only one Professional in each team who has a handicap no greater than 4 goals, and to come down to Polo Del Sol, near Jerez in Spain, all expenses paid* in October of this year.

These four teams will compete in a weekend-long, 'round robin' tournament against each other, and the winner of the tournament will be crowned the **Polo Del Sol – HPA Most Improved Player of 2009**, receiving their award, with their team, at the Audi Polo Awards in 2010. Player nominations must be lodged with the HPA by 31st August 2009 to qualify for the draw.

Below, there has been a list of criteria set out, which the nominee from each club must best follow:

- Most improved horsemanship
- Most improved skill
- Most improved understanding of the Rules
- Most improved tactical awareness
- A sustained high level of Sportsmanship on the field
- A continuing positive contribution to the club's environment

These are six of the most important areas of Polo, which span both on and off the Field. Clubs are implored to follow these criteria as best they can when picking their nominee.

The UK and ROI have been split into four separate areas, each consisting of a similar number of clubs, in order to create the fairest chance for each and every nominee. The following clubs are all HPA affiliated, and have been separated as follows:

*Flights not included, Players receive free horse hire, accommodation and food.

Area 1 – Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and the North of England - 16

- All Ireland Polo Club
- Beverley Polo Club
- Brannockstown Polo Club
- Bunclody Polo Club
- Curramore Polo Club
- Donaghadee Polo Club
- Dundee Polo Club
- Limerick Polo Club
- Moyne Polo Club
- Northern Ireland Polo Club
- Stewarton Polo Club
- Toulston Polo Club
- Vale of York Polo Club
- Waterford Polo Club
- White Rose Polo Club
- Wicklow Polo Club

Area 2: East Anglia, Midlands, North and Wales - 16

- Apsley End Polo Club
- Cambridge and Newmarket Polo Club
- Cheshire Polo Club
- Chester Polo Club
- Dedham Polo Club
- Haggis Farm Polo Club
- Kirtlington Polo Club
- Leadenham Polo Club
- Little Bentley Polo Club
- Offchurch Bury Polo Club
- Ranksboro Polo Club
- RLS Polo Club
- Rugby Polo Club
- Rutland Polo Club
- Stapleford Polo Club
- Suffolk Polo Club

Area 3: South and South West - 17

- Asthall Polo Club
- Beaufort Polo Club
- Cirencester Polo Club
- Cowdray Polo Club
- Druids Lodge Polo Club
- Edgworth Polo Club
- Inglesham Polo Club
- Lacey Green Polo Club
- Ladyswood Polo Club
- Longdole Polo Club
- New Forest Polo Club
- RMA Sandhurst Polo Club
- Taunton Polo Club
- Tidworth Polo Club
- Vaux Park Polo Club
- West Somerset Polo Club
- West Wycombe Polo Club

Area 4: South East - 16

- Ascot Park Polo Club
- Binfield Heath Polo Club
- Brightling Polo Club
- Burningfold Polo Club
- Coworth Polo Club
- Epsom Polo Club
- FHM Polo Club
- Fifield Polo Club
- Guards Polo Club
- Ham Polo Club
- Hurtwood Polo Club
- Knepp Castle Polo Club
- Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club
- Silver Leys Polo Club
- St. Albans Polo Club
- Sussex Polo Club

