

2008 Dressage Year-End Awards USDF/ USEF RECOGNIZED SHOWS

1. All awards will be based on a horse/rider combination meeting these eligibility requirements.

A) To be eligible a Horse/Rider Combination must submit **at least seven** USA Equestrian scores, **two from the highest test of the level from two different judges at two different shows**. Each score must be at least **55%**. To be eligible a FEI Horse/Rider Combination must submit **at least five** FEI scores. Each of these scores must be at least **58%**.

B) All scores submitted **must be postmarked within 20 days** of the close of each competition show date and **must be submitted on a current GDCTA Rider Report Form** found in the annual membership package and on the website. Scores **will not be accepted** if they do not meet these criteria.

C) A Horse/Rider combination showing at **more than two levels** during the competition year will only be eligible for awards at the **two highest** levels shown. If the minimum requirements as listed in 2(A) above are not met at the highest level, eligibility for the lowest level is still lost. For example, a Horse/Rider Combination competing at Training, First, and Second Level failing to meet the eligibility requirements for Second Level is still only eligible for First Level awards.

D) At the beginning of the Awards year Adult Amateur riders must choose to ride either Open or Adult Amateur. **To be eligible for an Adult Amateur award a copy of an official USA Equestrian Adult Amateur card must be submitted** along with the **first** scores submitted for the Awards Competition Year. Simultaneous competition in both divisions is not allowed. Adult Amateurs riding in Open classes will have those points counted in the Adult Amateur Award division only if Adult Amateur classes are not offered at that level and test.

E) A Horse/Rider Combination that has **WON** a year-end **Championship** for a particular level will **no longer be eligible for awards at that level or any lower level**. The exceptions to this rule are Grand Prix, Junior FEI and Young Rider FEI levels.

F) Riders must be current GDCTA members at the time the scores are **earned**.

2. Awards will be presented in the following categories: Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior/Young Rider.

3. Awards will be offered at USDF Introductory Level, USEF Training through Fourth Levels, Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Grand Prix, Junior FEI, Young Rider FEI, and new to 2008: Young Horse Division (see A below). As well as awards for FEI Musical Freestyles (Intermediate I and Grand Prix). USDF/USEF Freestyle and Pas De Deux awards will be offered as “test of choice” (i.e., riders can show training (for pdd only), first, second, third, or fourth level but will all compete for one award) in one “open” category.

A) ***NEW*** Young Horse Division Award for 4-5-6 year olds: To be eligible a Horse/Rider Combination must submit **at least five** scores; for 5 and 6 year-olds **two must be from the highest “Final” test of the level from two different judges at two different shows**. Minimum score of 6.0 or higher to qualify.

4. Scores from all USEF and USDF Recognized dressage events conducted in the continental United States will be eligible for inclusion in this Awards program regardless of region. The only exception to this is that **scores from Regional Championship classes will NOT be counted**.

5. Dressage Awards are based on percentage scores and not placings in a class. Awards results will be tabulated by **dropping the two lowest percentage scores** then finding an average for the remaining scores. For FEI there will be at least **three** remaining scores, and for non-FEI there will be at least **five** remaining scores.

6. Calculations for Freestyle and Pas de Deux (both FEI and the new USDF/USEF) awards are different from all other awards: You need only 3 scores of 63% or above to qualify. The best 3 scores submitted will be averaged to arrive at the percentage used to determine winners in each class.