

# **Rider Dressage**

## **Year-End Award Rules for GDCTA-RECOGNIZED SCHOOLING SHOWS**

1. All awards will be **based on a Rider only** meeting these eligibility requirements that does not own or lease a horse or pony.
  - A) To be eligible a Rider must have at least seven scores, two from the highest test of the level from two different judges at two different shows. Each score must be at least 55%.
  - B) Scores will be based on the official show results posted by each show. However, you must be a GDCTA member and have indicated that you wish to participate in the awards program **AT THE TIME THE SCORES ARE EARNED**. You may register your intent to participate by checking the appropriate box on the membership form when you join or by contacting the Membership Chairperson.
  - C) A list of members participating in the awards program will be kept on the website. It is the **competitor's responsibility** to check frequently to make sure that their name is on the list and to contact the Schooling Awards Chairperson if it is not.
  - D) A Rider qualifying at any given level in the USDF Recognized Show Program is not eligible.
  - E) A Rider that has WON a Year-End Championship for a particular level will no longer be eligible for awards at that level or below.
2. Awards will be presented to Juniors only.
3. Awards will be offered at USDF Introductory Level and USEF Training only.
4. Scores from all GDCTA Recognized events conducted in the continental United States will be eligible for inclusion in this Awards program. Please note that a Rider riding more than once in any class during any given show may only count the score of the first ride to count toward GDCTA year-end awards. All subsequent rides are not eligible for counting by GDCTA. Please note that only the first ride may be counted by GDCTA for year-end awards even if it has a higher score than subsequent rides in the same class at the same show.
5. **Restricted classes which are not open to all competitors, such as breed, pony and-championship are not eligible to count toward year-end awards.**
6. Dressage awards are based on percentage scores and not placing's in a class. Award results will be tabulated by taking the average of the top 5 scores.
7. The awards year will run from October 1st of the previous year to September 30th of the current competition year. Since the GDCTA membership year runs December 1st through November 30th, members are encouraged to rejoin early to avoid problems with eligibility.
8. No changes to the awards standings can be made after Oct. 31st of the current competition year.
9. The GDCTA Board of Directors reserves the right to divide or combine divisions or categories as it sees fit during the competition year.