

Eventing

Year-End Award Rules for USEF/USEA RECOGNIZED SHOWS

- All awards will be based on a horse/rider combination meeting these eligibility requirements.
 - To be eligible, a Horse/Rider Combination must complete at least three USEA Endorsed/Recognized competitions. ONE dressage score must be 43 or fewer penalty points. (Preliminary level and above need one dressage score of 45 or better) Through Training Level, TWO must have a Clear XC (no jump penalties). Preliminary and above must have ONE clear XC (no jump penalties). Horse and Rider must complete the event. No scores will be awarded if they are eliminated, retired, or withdrew.
 - Scores will be based on the official show and score results posted at useventing.com. However, you must be a GDCTA member and have indicated that you wish to participate in the awards program AT THE TIME 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 Chair. Riders must have been a member at the time scores were earned.
 - 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 Recognized Awards Chairperson if it is not.
 - At the beginning of the Awards year Adult Amateur riders must choose to compete for either Open or Adult Amateur. To be eligible for an Adult Amateur award you must qualify for the Amateur status under the US Equestrian Federation. You are not required to hold an Adult Amateur card. Junior riders compete under Junior classification.
 - A Horse/Rider Combination that has WON a year-end Championship in a Junior or Adult Amateur division will no longer be able to submit scores for that division. You may **submit scores in the OPEN Division in ANY future year**. However, compete for an Open division award in any future year. Once a Horse/Rider combination has WON an Open Recognized award, they are no longer eligible for an award at that level, or lower.
 - Once a Horse/Rider Combination has qualified for a Recognized Show Award, the Horse/Rider combination cannot qualify for a schooling show award at that level or any level below.
 - The awards year will run from October 1st through September 30th of the following year. **Shows starting on September 30th will count towards the current year's awards**. Since the GDCTA membership year runs from December 1st through November 30th, members are encouraged to rejoin early to avoid problems with eligibility.
- Awards will be offered at Starter, BN, N, T, M, P and I/A (Intermediate and/or Advanced). BN, N and T will be split into Adult Amateur, Junior Rider and Open Divisions. M and P will be split into Open and Junior Rider divisions. I/A will have only one Open Division.
- Scores from all USEA Recognized events conducted in the continental United States will be eligible for inclusion in this Awards program regardless of Area. ~~Only one score may be from a USEA CT.~~

Exceptions:

 - Area and National Championship (AEC) classes.
 - Restricted classes which are not open to all competitors, such as breed and pony and championship, are not eligible to count toward year-end awards.**
- Eventing awards are based on penalty points and not the placing in a class. Award results will be tabulated by taking the average of the 3 lowest total penalty points. All scores earned at a star competition will be counted as two scores at two separate competitions. **Area Championships will count as 1 score at 1 event and American Eventing Championship scores will count as 2 scores at 2 events.**
- No changes to the awards standings can be made after October 31st of the current competition year.**

6. The GDCTA Board of Directors reserves the right to divide or combine divisions or categories as it sees fit during the competition year.