

RULES FOR ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARDS

The following system shall be used by the Board to determine award recipients:

a. Levels.

The applicable levels are listed below in the description for the Schooling and Breed-Restricted Division and the Open Licensed Division. Riders may submit scores for more than one level and/or division, but they must fulfill all requirements for each level entered. If the rider submits for two levels with the same horse, the levels must be successive. There will not be separate brackets for juniors and seniors.

b. Award Period.

The award period runs from December 1 to the following November 30.

c. Submission of Scores.

Scores must be submitted to the Chapter Awards Coordinator **within 30 days** of the date of a show. A different reporting scheme may be used for a particular awards year if it is agreed to in advance by the Board and publicized early in the competition year in the newsletter.

For the submission of scores, the applicant can submit the scores from a show to the awards director in an email. The email can either have an attached spreadsheet or the listing can be done in the email itself. The information **must** include name and date(s) of the show, horse and rider names, and information on the class(es) ridden including - test name and level, judge's name for each class, and the raw score and percentage score from the class. Alternatively, you can print out the results from the USEF or USDF website and attach a copy to your email. No score below 50% will be accepted. The Chapter reserves the right to ask for copies of the actual tests.

d. Volunteer Requirement

In order to be eligible for year-end awards, the rider must fulfill the volunteer requirement established for the Chapter. The annual volunteer requirement will be established by the Board at the November, December, or January meeting and published in the first newsletter published/posted after the requirements are established.

e. Schooling and Licensed Breed-Restricted Division:

1. Levels for which Awards may be Earned

Introductory through 4th Level

2. Required Number of Scores

Four scores from any dressage schooling shows sponsored or sanctioned by any VADA chapter or from any licensed breed-restricted show are required (such as a Morgan or Andalusian, or Arabian licensed show). The four scores must be **from at least two (2) different judges**. All scores must be from the same level (i.e., all from First Level), with the same rider and horse, but **must include scores from at least two different tests of that level**.

The four scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/level/division) will be averaged for the final score. For the Introductory Level, since no awards are given in the licensed division at this level, any

scores earned at the Introductory Level at an open or breed-restricted licensed show may be applied to the requisite scores needed for the schooling show Introductory level division awards. In addition, the scores from the Adult Amateur and Junior Team Championships, since they cannot be used for the licensed show division, may be used for the schooling/licensed breed-restricted division also.

The Board, at its discretion, may determine that due to unusual weather events or other unusual circumstances which resulted in multiple schooling show cancellations or postponements, a waiver of part of the requirements for an award in the schooling show program may be merited for a given awards year. Such determination shall be made by a majority vote of the Board.

f. Open Licensed Division:

1. Levels for which Awards may be Earned

Training Level through Grand Prix, USDF Freestyle, FEI Freestyle

2. Required Number of Scores

Scores can be from any licensed dressage show authorized by the USEF or USDF (excluding any shows that are breed-restricted, such as Arabian and part Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian, or Quarter Horse breed only.) All scores must be from the same level, with the same rider and horse. Scores from Championship classes will be accepted, with the scores of the multiple judges averaged and the average counting as one score.

For USDF levels (Training through Fourth), five (5) scores are required from at least **three different judges**, and at **least one of the scores must be from either the second-to-highest or the highest test of the level**. (Training 2 or 3, First 2 or 3, Second 2 or 3, Third 2 or 3, or Fourth 2 or 3.) If the rider and horse have not earned at least one of their scores at the highest or next-to-highest test of the level, they will not qualify for a year end award at that level.

For FEI levels, FEI freestyles, and USDF freestyles, three (3) scores **from at least two different judges** are required

3. How Score are Tabulated

For USDF levels (Training through Fourth Level), the five (5) scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/division) will be averaged for the final score.

For USDF freestyles, FEI levels and FEI freestyles, the three (3) scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/division) will be averaged for the final score.