



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

Awards for each level Introductory through 4th, plus a single Freestyle award for all levels of Freestyle

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) for the Introductory through Fourth Level individual levels. 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.

For the combined Freestyle award, three (3) scores from at least two different judges are required.



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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 as scores for the schooling/licensed breed-restricted division.

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 and published in the newsletter.

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.



2017 END-Of-YEAR AWARDS RULES IN BRIEF

1 - Must perform 4 hours of volunteer work separate from the Scholarship volunteer hours or have hours donated from another member. List of volunteer options is in the full rules on line.

2 - Scores must be submitted to the Chapter Awards Coordinator (currently Lee Scott) within 30 days of the date of a show. You can email the scores to the Awards Coordinator. Show name and date of show, horse and rider names and tests ridden, judge's names, and raw and percentage scores for each class. No scores below 50% are used.

3 – The Schooling show division is now the Schooling Show and Breed-Restricted Licensed show division and it includes separate awards for levels Introductory through 4th level and a Freestyle award for all levels for Freestyle. We permit the use of scores from breed-restricted licensed shows to be used for awards in this category. So scores from licensed breed-restricted shows such as Andalusian, Morgan, or Arabian licensed shows will be counted for awards in this division.

The Licensed Show division is now the Open Licensed Show Division. Scores from Training level through Grand Prix and USDF and FEI Freestyles count toward awards in this Division.

4 - For schooling level, 4 scores must be submitted from at least two different judges and 2 different tests of the level (i.e., Tests 1 and 3 from Training level) from any VADA chapter schooling show or the schooling shows of CDCTA or VHT shows which are considered VADA sanctioned shows for award purposes, as well as the scores from any licensed breed-restricted dressage show. For the Freestyle award 3 scores from at least 2 different judges are required.

5 - For licensed shows, 5 scores must be submitted from at least 3 different judges with at least one score from the highest test or next to highest test of the level. For Championship shows with multiple judges, only the average of the score is used. For Freestyles tests, 3 scores from at least 2 different judges are required.

6 - The same horse and rider must be paired for all scores at a level and the same horse and rider can be submitted for more than one level, but the levels must be successive.



Virginia Dressage Association Charlottesville Chapter
<http://www.vadach.org/>

Registered Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian 2017 Year End Award

VADA-CH members who own and ride a registered Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian and who have current registration papers for their horse with the Arabian Horse Association, Half Arabian Horse Association, or Anglo Arabian Horse Association, have the opportunity to receive a Year End Award from VADA-CH, specifically for Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Champion and Reserve Champion. This award is sponsored by current VAHA-CH members.

- Scores must be earned from the current competition year (December 1st through November 30th of the respective year))
- A minimum of four (4) volunteer hours with VADA-CH. See the web site for a list of activities that can qualify
- Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given to the rider and horse combination with the highest average score at any level. (Intro and Freestyle scores shall not be included in the scores average.) Scores from Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior are COMBINED as are schooling and Licensed shows
- One (1) score must be from a VADA-CH organized Show or if the member volunteers for 4 or more hours at a VADA-CH organized show rather than riding, then the ride score requirement from a VADA-CH show is waived. See <http://www.vadach.org/> for the available shows. Tests must be judged by a USEF recognized judge "L" graduate or above. Five (5) scores must be submitted, one (1) of which must be from the highest test of that level, and one (1) of which must be from a VADA-CH schooling or rated show unless the above described waiver applies. Scores from both schooling shows and licensed shows will count in the average. The average of the 5 scores will be used to determine the final score placing.

Send completed packet by December 8 to Sherri Booye. A complete packet includes:

1. Copy of VAHA-CH membership card for both owner/rider
2. USDF printout or copies of the tests (5 scores)
3. Completed volunteer form (4 hours-VAHA-CH and if requesting waiver from VADA-CH ride requirement a volunteer form for a VADA-CH organized show)
4. Registration papers (AHA, IAHA, Anglo)

Send to: Sherri Booye, 721 Lake Rd, Troy, VA 22974 nizra@earthlink.net

You will receive verification that your completed awards packet has been received.