

IDCTA DRESSAGE ANNUAL AWARDS

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OVERVIEW:

IDCTA shall present first through sixth place high point annual awards, as entries warrant, in each of the following:

- Horse and rider combinations having the best average for the top five (5) rides of those submitted for each level from Green as Grass/Introductory through Fourth Level.
- Horse and rider combinations having the best average for the top four (4) rides of those submitted for each of the FEI levels from PSG through Grand Prix.
- Horse and rider combinations having the best average for the top three (3) rides of those submitted for Musical Freestyle at each USDF and FEI recognized level.

High point awards will be awarded for Open, Adult Amateur and Junior(Jr)/Young Rider divisions. Final divisions for each level are at the discretion of the Dressage Committee as entries warrant.

Rides will be counted at the level they are ridden (e.g. training, second). The rider must select which division they wish to compete in (Jr./Young Rider, Adult Amateur, or Open) as per their USEF classification e.g. professional rider (Open), adult amateur, etc. If the rider is an Adult Amateur or Jr./Young Rider and has the required number of tests for example at Adult Amateur and Open at that level (10 unique tests total for USDF level or 8 unique tests for FEI level or 6 unique tests for Freestyle), they may compete in both divisions. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have the required number of rides at each level within the division.

SCORE REPORT FORMS:

IDCTA has a Score Report Form available for use by its Regular, Junior, Family, and Life members. The Score Report Form is available from the WEB site, can be photocopied from the newsletter when published, or requested from the VP of Dressage, or any Board Member. This form is used per level and division and requires a copy of each test that clearly indicates the name and location of the show, name of the judge, name of the horse, name of the rider, the date of the show and is signed by the judge. Alternatively, a score report from the USDF WEB site can be attached to the form after indicating which rides are selected for USDF/USEF recognized shows.

RULES GOVERNING AWARDS:

Section 1 - In order to qualify for any awards, the owner and the rider of each horse must be a Regular, Young, Family, and/or Life member of IDCTA **at the time the scores are earned or in the year a Journey award is applied for.**

Section 2 – It is each owner or riders responsibility to report his/her own scores. All mailed Score Report forms with proof of scores and a Volunteer hour form completed must be postmarked no later than October 31. If that date falls on a Sunday or mail holiday, awards must be postmarked by the next day. It is each owner/rider responsibility to send a copy of the tests or a score report from USDF attached to IDCTA's Score Report Form to the awards chairperson. If any part of the test or score sheet is illegible or not completed, then the score will not be counted. It is the owner/rider responsibility to see that the test or score sheet includes the name of the rider, name of the horse, name of the show, date of the show, class number, level, test number, division, score, percentage, and judge's name and signature.

Section 3 – Only shows open to all competitors will be counted.

Section 4 –

- For each of the award levels Green as Grass/Introductory through Fourth Level one must have a minimum of five (5) rides, a minimum of three (3) shows, and a minimum of three (3) different USDF/USEF recognized judges. In the case of two judges for a class, the pair shall be considered one (1) judge (an average of the two scores will be taken). Only one of the five (5) rides may be from a schooling show up to and including Second level. Of the 5 scores submitted for year end awards, one score must be from the highest level of the test.
- For each of the FEI award divisions Prix St. Georges through Grand Prix, one must have a minimum of four (4) rides, a minimum of two (2) shows, and a minimum of two (2) different USDF/USEF recognized judges. In the case of two judges for a class, the pair shall be considered one (1) judge (an average of the two scores will be taken). Schooling show scores cannot be used for FEI levels.
- For each Freestyle level one must have a minimum of three (3) rides under two (2) different USDF/USEF recognized judges from 2 different shows. One schooling show score is allowed for First or Second levels only.

Section 5 – A horse of the year award will be presented to the horse/rider combination at the discretion of the Dressage Committee and is an optional award for any award year.

Section 6 – The show year begins on November 1 (or that weekend) of one year and ends on October 31 (or that weekend) of the following year.

Section 7– All members who wish to be eligible for year-end awards must volunteer a minimum of five (5) hours per calendar year at one or more IDCTA sanctioned shows or activities. The hours will be recorded by the member and forwarded to the applicable awards chairperson by October, 31st of that competition year. To enable members to comply with this requirement, a volunteer hours recording form will be published in the Scribe and made available on the IDCTA WEB site. The horse owner OR rider must meet this requirement. The Board of Directors shall identify sanctioned shows and activities and make them known to the membership through the Scribe and the WEB site.

Section 8 – Journey Award (in place 2006 forward):

- A horse and rider combination that has achieved 60% or higher for two of the highest tests from two different judges of each level for First, Second, Third and Fourth levels (Junior tests equivalents) will be recognized as an IDCTA USDF Level Journey Award.
- A horse and rider combination that has achieved 60% or higher for two tests from two different judges for each level PSG, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, and Grand Prix levels will be recognized as an IDCTA FEI Level Journey Award.

Scores earned during or after the 2000 show year will be accepted with copies of score sheets or USDF score sheet printout with the scores circled. Scores are earned over multiple years and submitted once all required scores are earned for an award in that submission year. A separate form is available to be downloaded from the WEB site, can be photocopied from the newsletter when published, or requested from the VP of Dressage or any Board member.

DRESSAGE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:

A Certificate of merit shall be awarded to each horse and rider combination that achieves three (3) scores of sixty percent (60%) or better under three (3) different USDF/USEF recognized judges within the award year and will be derived from the Score Report form submitted. Certificates of Merit will be awarded at each of the levels Green as Grass/Introductory through USDF First level to individuals placed 7th or below.

A certificate of merit shall be awarded to each horse and rider combination that achieves a Champion or Reserve Champion placing at the IDCTA Dressage schooling show championships.

Recipients of a certificate of merit need to pick-up their certificate at the annual Banquet or make arrangements otherwise and the recipients will be listed in the IDCTA banquet program if space permits.