

# DALLAS DRESSAGE CLUB AWARDS PROGRAM 2009

## 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1.1. The DDC Award year is December 1st through November 30th. The deadline for submitting scores to the awards chair is December 8th of the award year. [For example - award year runs December 01, 2008 through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Scores must reach award chair by December 8th, 2009]. It is the rider's responsibility to confirm receipt of any scores submitted via email or regular mail with the awards representative by the December 8, 2009 deadline.
- 1.2. Eligible scores must be 55% or higher and received at US Equestrian Federation recognized dressage shows or unrated dressage schooling shows per 2008 USDF awards guidelines. Scores must be from a USDF L program graduate or US Equestrian Federation rated dressage judge.
- 1.3. Scores must be from current USDF, US Equestrian Federation or F.E.I. dressage tests.
- 1.4. Only one score may be counted per ride. For rides that have 2 or more judges (i.e. FEI or championship classes), only the average (show) score may be submitted.
- 1.5. Riders are responsible for submitting scores to Dallas Dressage Club awards chair by the deadline listed in paragraph 1.1. Scores may be submitted in the following format:
  - 1.5.1 THE FRONT OF THE TEST SCORE SHEET. The front of the test score sheet must include rider name, horse name, show name, show US Equestrian Federation recognition number, date, test, score, and judge's name. Information must be legible for the score to count. If the score is from a non-DDC schooling show, the rider must also submit a copy of the prize list page with show name and date, and the show secretary's name and contact information.
  - 1.5.2 WEB PRINT OF SCORES FROM US DRESSAGE FEDERATION OR US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION WEBSITES. Print of USDF Score Check (<http://www.usdf.org/scorecheck/scorecheck.asp>) may be submitted for rider/horse scores from USDF website.
- 1.6. Dallas Dressage Club will maintain a database of scores for Dallas Dressage Club recognized and schooling shows.
- 1.7. DDC will accept scores from secretaries of Dallas Metroplex schooling shows if provided in an acceptable MS Excel format.
- 1.8. DDC's recognized and schooling show score data will be posted in the "SHOW" section of DDC's website throughout the year. Riders are responsible for reviewing scores and ensuring that data is correct. Corrections must be requested by submitting the front of the test score sheet to DDC's award representative prior to December 8th.
- 1.10 Awards computations will be made on/about January 1<sup>st</sup> after the award year. DDC awards representative will not publish or release information regarding horse/rider standings prior to the awards banquet. Riders may receive a notice of the fact of placing in general, prior to the banquet, to encourage attendance at the banquet. If the DDC awards representative chooses to notify riders, the method will be in writing (i.e. postcard) to all riders within the top six placings. Written notification will not reveal specific award or placing.

## YEAR END AWARDS

- 2.1 *Horse/Rider Awards.* These awards are designed to reward Dallas Dressage Club horse/rider combinations for their performance excellence during the award year at US Equestrian Federation Recognized and Schooling Shows.
  - 2.1.1 Recognized Shows - Scores received at US Equestrian Federation recognized shows at Training through Fourth Levels, FEI, Freestyle 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> levels, and FEI Freestyle.
  - 2.1.2 Schooling Shows - Scores received at unrated dressage schooling shows at Introductory through Fourth Levels, FEI, Freestyle 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Levels, and FEI Freestyle.
  - 2.1.3 Divisions - Awards as listed above for Junior/YR, Adult Amateur, and Open divisions.
  - 2.1.4 Eligibility -
    - 2.1.4.1 Rider - Must be a DDC member in good standing on the date of the ride.
    - 2.1.4.2 The horse and rider are considered a team for each level of competition.
  - 2.1.5 Qualifications -
    - 2.1.5.1 Introductory through Fourth Levels - The horse/rider team must submit four (4) scores from two (2) different competitions from two (2) different judges. At least one of the four scores used to calculate placing must be from a non-breed restricted dressage show or class.
    - 2.1.5.2 FEI and USDF Young Horse Tests. For the purpose of this awards program, USEF and FEI 4, 5, and 6 year old tests, FEI Junior Tests, and FEI Young Rider tests will be computed with the following equivalencies:
      - 2.1.5.2.1.1 USEF/FEI 4 YO Test - Equivalent to 1<sup>st</sup> Level
      - 2.1.5.2.1.2 FEI 5 YO Test - Equivalent to 1<sup>st</sup> Level
      - 2.1.5.2.1.3 FEI 6 YO Test - Equivalent to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level
      - 2.1.5.2.1.4 FEI Junior Tests - Equivalent to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level
      - 2.1.5.2.1.5 FEI Young Rider Tests - Equivalent to 4<sup>th</sup> Level
      - 2.1.5.2.1.6 FEI Young Rider Freestyle - Equivalent to FEI Freestyle

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- 2.1.5.3 FEI Levels - the horse/rider team must submit three (3) scores earned at three (3) different competitions from three (3) different judges. Two awards will be given: one from I1 and Prix St. George and the second from I2 and Grand Prix.
- 2.1.5.4 Freestyle 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Levels and FEI Freestyle. The horse/rider team must submit three (3) scores earned at three (2) different competitions from three (3) different judges.
- 2.1.5.5 Computation - A rider's highest three or four eligible recorded scores will be used to compute the average percentage and rankings per level/division.

2.2 *Presentation*. All year-end awards will be presented at the Dallas Dressage Club Annual Banquet as follows:

- 2.2.1 Horse/Rider Performance awards:
  - 2.2.1.1 Champion & Reserve Champion horse/rider at each level/division
  - 2.2.1.2 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place horse/rider at each level/division

## RECOGNIZED SHOW AWARDS

- 3.1 Individual Classes. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in accordance with US Equestrian Federation rules.
- 3.2 Championship Awards. A Champion and Reserve will be designated at Training through Fourth level, FEI and Freestyle. Riders will compete for championship/reserve without regard to division (Open, AA, Junior), except at Training & First Level and Second Level, for which a separate Junior Division Champion and Reserve will be awarded. A minimum of three riders must compete at a level (regardless of division - Open, AA, Junior) before a championship award will be presented.
  - 3.2.1 Training through Fourth Level Champion/Reserve will be determined by averaging all scores by horse/rider combination at a particular level (Training through Fourth). Competitors must have at least two scores to qualify for designation as champion or reserve for Training through Third—only one score for Fourth. The average of all scores must be 55% or higher to be included in the calculation per 2008 USDF award guidelines.
  - 3.2.2 FEI Champion/Reserve will be determined by using a single score from a PSG, I1, I2, GP, FEI YR Individual or FEI YR Team Test ride. FEI Young horse rides will not count for FEI championship/reserve. Scores must be 55% or higher to be included in the calculation per 2008 USDF award guidelines.
  - 3.2.3 Freestyle Champion/Reserve will be determined by using scores from USDF 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> freestyle, FEI freestyles (I1, GP), and FEI YR freestyles. Freestyles from I1, GP, and FEI YR will be counted towards Freestyle championship, not FEI championship. Scores must be 55% or higher to be included in the calculation per 2008 USDF award guidelines.
- 3.3 DDC High Score Award. An overall high score award for each show weekend will be presented for the single highest score for a Training through 4<sup>th</sup> Level Test, and one for the single highest FEI Level score (PSG, I1, I2, or GP) by a DDC member. Scores must be 55% or higher per 2008 USDF award guidelines.
- 3.4 USDF Dover Medal. Requires prior coordination with USDF and announcement in recognized show prize-list for presentation. Per 2009 USDF award guidelines, the Dover Medal class is 2<sup>nd</sup> level, Test 3 - Adult Amateur.

## 3 SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS

- 4.1.1 Individual Classes. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in accordance with US Equestrian Federation rules.
- 4.1.2 A DDC High Point award will be given to the DDC member with the highest individual score at Intro, Training and First Level regardless of division. There are a total of 3 High Point awards given at each show.
- 4.1.3 Championship ribbons will be awarded to the highest scoring Junior, Amateur and Open rider at Intro, Training and First Level. There are a total of 9 Championship awards given at each show.