

# KDA Year End Awards and Rules

Purpose: To provide recognition of KDA members at all levels of dressage, rewarding those working toward "excellence" at their level of competition.

General Rules: (Updated Jan. 2022)

A. Minimum number of rides per level:

Intro – Fourth Level (Open, AA, JR/YR) 5 rides

PSG – GP (Open, AA, JR/YR) 3 rides

Freestyle – all levels combined (Open, AA, Jr/Yr) – 3 rides

Western Dressage – all levels combined (Open, AA, JR/YR) 3 rides

The USEF Four, Five and Six Young Horse tests will be combined - 3 rides

Sport Horse Breed Show – 2 scores minimum (all scores will be averaged).

B. Horse/rider combinations showing at more than two (2) levels will only be eligible for the year end awards at the two (2) highest levels shown, plus freestyles at those levels.

C. Awards will be for Intro – GP and will be split into Open, AA and JR/YR Categories (except as defined above and JR/YR may be combined with AA if there are less than two (2) people per category.)

D. The top 5 scores at each level will determine the mean score. (minimum of 5 scores for Intro – Fourth and a minimum of 3 scores for PSG – GP and Freestyle and minimum of 2 scores for Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show Awards.) An individual 2% will be added to each score received at USEF recognized shows and 3% will be added to each score received at any Regional Championship, and 3% will be added to each score earned at the National Championship show. Breed show scores are averaged as is, no percentages will be added to these scores.

E. Horse/rider combinations will only be eligible for Open or AA year end awards– to be determined by their status with the USEF. They cannot be for both categories.

F. All award levels will be placed 1 – 6th place. (unless otherwise stated).

G. The following tests may be substituted:

- All FEI Pony Rider and FEI Children's tests are equivalent to 2nd. level
- All FEI Junior Rider tests are equivalent to 3rd. level.
- All FEI Young Rider tests are equivalent to PSG.
- The USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) test is equivalent to Intermediate 11
- Intermediate A/B is equivalent to Intermediate 11
- Cross entry in Eventing tests is permitted as follows:

Eventing Beginner Novice and Novice is equivalent to Training Level.

Eventing Training test is equivalent to First Level.

Eventing Preliminary test is equivalent to Second Level.

Eventing Intermediate test is equivalent to Third Level.

Eventing Advanced test is equivalent to Third Level.

- Cross entry in Para Equestrian tests is permitted as follows:

FEI PE Grade 1a is equivalent to Introductory Level.

FEI PE Grade 1b is equivalent to Training Level.

FEI PE Grade II is equivalent to First Level.

FEI PE Grade III is equivalent to Second Level.

FEI PE Grade IV is equivalent to Third Level.

H. Western Dressage will be awarded as follows: Open, AA, JR/YR will be combined for one award until entries increase and warrant the award. Rider must obtain a minimum of 3 scores at the following levels: WD Basic, WD level 1-3. All scores will be used in calculating the mean score. If rider has more than 3 scores, the lowest scores will be dropped. The scores will be calculated as is with no additional percentages added.

I. Minimum Scores to be counted: (Minimum score at each level that rider must achieve to be counted towards awards.)

Intro – AA 55%, Jr./YR – 55%, Open – 60%

Training – AA 55%, Jr./YR – 55%, Open – 60%

First - AA 55%, Jr./YR 55%, Open 60%

Second – AA 55%, Jr./YR 55%, Open 60%

Third – AA 55%, Jr./YR 55%, Open 58%

Fourth – AA 55%, Jr./YR 55%, Open 58%

PSG - 55%

Intermediate I, A/B & II - 55%

Grand Prix - 55%

Freestyle – 55%

Young Horse 4,5 & 6 Yr. Old – 55%

Western Dressage – 55%

J. Eligibility:

1. All USDF recognized shows or KDA sanctioned schooling shows from Oct.1 to the following Sept.30 (USDF Competition Calendar Year). Scores earned will count only if ridden by a KDA member in good standing. A KDA member in good standing is defined as a member that pays dues and has earned volunteer hours before Sept. 30 of the competition year.
2. Rider must complete 8 volunteer hours to be eligible for year end awards. (Volunteer hours can be earned between Sept. 30 through Oct.1 of the competition year.)

- \* All 8 volunteer hours must be earned from a KDA run show, clinic or sponsored event.
- \* Recruit a new members (1 hr earned per new member) New member cannot have been a previous member for past 5 years or must be a brand new member.\
- \* Solicit sponsors for any KDA Shows or event totaling \$300. That does not include a free stall at the show earns 4 hrs. All sponsorship go to Keara Sonntag (KDA Treasurer) for approval – to avoid duplicating sponsor contracts.
- \* Write an article that gets published in The Impulsion Newsletter ( 2 hrs credit). The article must be approved by the President and be a minimum of 750 words. (Cannot use articles written for scholarships or educational grants.
- \* Design and conduct an educational seminar/workshop for KDA members. Credit given as follows: 1 hr. seminar = 1.5 hrs., 2hr seminar = 3 hrs credit, 3 or more hrs. seminar = 4 hrs credit.
- \* Active participation for a year on either the KDA Board or a KDA Committee. See KDA By Laws or and Policies and Procedures for other official committees. Participation on the KDA Board will earn 8 volunteer hrs. if a minimum of 8 meetings are attended.
- \* Two hrs. may be earned per \$75 of merchandise or services donated to a KDA fund raising effort (with a maximum of 4 hrs per year.) These must be approved by the KDA President.
- \*\* A maximum of 4 hrs may be donated by a KDA member to a rider for the purposes of year end awards.

K. Procedures: Year End Awards are based on membership for the competition year (must be a paid member by Sept. 30th of the competition year before scores will count for the year end awards.) Member must also have completed 8 volunteer hrs. Each member is responsible for sending in their award application paperwork and score report from USDFscores.com and copies of schooling show front page of test showing score and name of competition with judge's name. Incomplete Award Applications will not be processed. KDA Board can decide to combine divisions if there are fewer than 8 competing in the division.

For All Awards:

- Scores must be submitted by the rider (or owner in case of Breed Awards) using the KDA Year End Awards form (available on the KDA website) and if applicable, submit the official Score Report Form from the USDF website (usdfscores.com) for the USDF recognized shows. All scores at each level for a horse/rider combination should be highlighted (please use a different color for each level and don't cross out any scores.)

- For scores achieved at KDA sanctioned schooling shows, please provide a copy of the front page of the test sheet with the score, level, show name, rider and horse's name clearly legible.
- All paperwork for Year End Awards is due by Oct. 10th. (Received by, not postmarked by.)

L. Specialty Year End Awards:

- KDA Rider Achievement plates for Adult Amateurs, Jr/YR & Open.  
Plate is awarded to a KDA member who has satisfied their volunteer hours, achieved the following scores and submitted the KDA form by the deadline. (Oct. 10th)

All Levels:

AA, Jr./YR – 4 scores of 60% or higher from 4 different judges and 4 different rides.

Open – 4 scores of 65% or higher from 4 different judges and 4 different rides.

Western Dressage:

AA, Jr./YR – 3 scores of 55% or higher from 3 different judges and 3 different rides.

Open – 3 scores of 60% or higher from 3 different judges and 3 different rides.

The plates will be engraved with the rider's name, level of competition and year that they are received with the average score of the four eligible scores submitted. The scores need not be collected in one show season but may be submitted over time. This program is for AA, Open and Jr/YR. The scores need not be achieved on one horse. They may be achieved on multiple horses. The plates can be mounted on a perpetual plaque that can be purchased from KDA.

- KDA High Point Plates awarded for excellence at each level for AA, Open and JR./YR riders as follows:

Adult Amateurs and Jr./YR high scores:

Training Level – one score of 74% or higher

First Level – one score of 72% or higher

Second Level – one score of 70% or higher

Third Level – one score of 68% or higher

Fourth Level – one score of 65% or higher

PSG – one score of 63% or higher

Intermediate I – one score of 62% or higher

Intermediate II or A/B – one score of 61% or higher

Grand Prix – one score of 60% or higher

Freestyle – one score of 72% or higher

USEF Young Horse 4,5,6 yr old – one score of 72% or higher

Open High Scores:

Training Level – one score of 76% or higher

First Level - one score of 74% or higher

Second Level – one score of 72% or higher

Third Level – one score of 70% or higher

Fourth Level – one score of 67% or higher

PSG – one score of 65% or higher

Intermediate I – one score of 64% or higher

Intermediate II or A/B – one score of 63% or higher

Grand Prix – one score of 62% or higher

Freestyle – one score of 74% or higher

USEF Young Horse 4,5,6 yr old – one score of 74% or higher

Western Dressage High Score:

Basic Level – one score of 74% or higher

Level 1 – one score of 72% or higher

Level 2 – one score of 70% or higher

Level 3 – one score of 68% or higher

Each plate will be engraved with the rider and horse's name, level of Competition and year that the score was achieved. Scores must be submitted by the rider using the KDA Year End Award form and if applicable, submit the official Score Report Form from the USDF recognized shows (available on the USDF website). Please highlight the score that is to be counted.

- President's Cup – Award given to the single highest percentage ride by a KDA member in good standing at the KDA Annual May Show. (excluding Materiale, Equitation, Young Horse USEF/FEI classes and Freestyle) Degree of difficulty points will be added to the high score of qualifying rides as follows: Intro – 0, Training – +1, First – +2, Second – +3, Third – +4, Fourth – +5, PSG – +5.5, I1 – +5.75, I11 – + 6, GP – + 6.25.
- Merry Sunrise Award – Awarded by member vote at the Awards Banquet to recognize a Jr./YR who has contributed the most during the previous year in a non rider capacity (nominees cannot receive compensation from KDA)
- Merry Midnight Award – Awarded by member vote at Award's Banquet to recognize a member who has contributed to most in a non rider capacity (nominees cannot receive compensation from KDA)
- Vintage Rider – Awarded to the highest scoring (median score) rider over 50 years of age (excluding intro and freestyle). If more than one is shown, the highest scoring median score will count (only one entry per rider is allowed.) Placed 1-6. This award follows the Dressage Award Rules.

- KDA Dressage Pony Award – Awarded to the highest scoring (median score) pony (excluding Intro and Freestyle scores). To be eligible for this award, you must submit a copy of your USEF Pony Card, or a signed veterinary certificate showing an accurate measurement of your pony. A pony is defined as 148 cm with shoes. Champion and Reserve will be awarded. This award follows the Dressage Award Rules.
- Broadfields 121 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Perpetual High Score Award – this award will recognize the single highest scoring (average) of a horse shown at a dressage breed show in any of the below categories ( current year foals, young horse in hand, mature horse in hand, Materiale not eligible). This award will be a perpetual trophy, and a champion ribbon. Sponsored by Cara Kettenbach and her farm Broadfields 121.
- Rapunzel Memorial Perpetual Award – This trophy will be presented yearly at the KDA Awards Banquet to the highest scoring mare from a KDA USDF recognized show. The mare's highest individual score will be from a Training through Grand Prix test (Materiale, Young Horse and Freestyle classes are excluded). The rider must be a KDA Adult Amateur member in good standing and all KDA recognized shows counting for the current year end awards will be considered for the highest score. The trophy base will be engraved with the rider's name, horse's name, level shown and score. The winner will keep the perpetual trophy for one year and return before the next years banquet.
- Nancy Bassett Memorial Trophy - A perpetual trophy. The requirements would be for the high scoring Materiale horse regardless of sex/age group over the calendar year. This trophy was introduced in 2019 by Lauren Welch.

#### M. Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show Awards: (Horse/Owner Team Awards)

- Categories:
  1. Current year foal, colts and fillies
  2. Young Horse In-Hand – horses 1-3 years old, not current year foal.
    - a. Colts and geldings
    - b. Fillies
  3. Mature Horse In-Hand – Horses 4 years old and older
    - a. Stallions/geldings
    - b. Broodmare/yeld/maiden mares
  4. Materiale – horses of any age shown under saddle in Materiale class.
- Rules:
  1. Champion and Reserve only to be awarded.
  2. The owner must be a KDA member in good standing to be eligible.
  3. Awards are based on a percentage and not class placing. All scores submitted will be averaged to achieve year end placing in each category.
  4. A minimum of two scores is required to earn a breed award, but all scores will be averaged.

#### N. Definition of Classifications/Terms:

- \* Junior/Young Rider – a dressage competitor is a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 21.
- \* Adult Amateur – a Dressage competitor can compete as an adult from the beginning of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 22 as defined by USEF and remains an amateur per the regulations of the USEF.
- \* Vintage Rider – a dressage competitor who has reached the age of 50 during the competition calendar year.

(Show Divisions as they apply to Year End Awards)

Hors d'concours scores do not count. Results must be from the following classes:

- \* Open class – A class which is open to all. There are no restrictions based on the horse or rider. Scores count towards Open, Adult Amateur, Jr./YR and Vintage divisions.
- \* Adult Amateur class – A class which is open to Adult Amateurs who meet the USEF Dressage definition of Adult Amateur. Scores count towards Adult Amateur and Vintage divisions only.
- \* USDF Qualifying class – A class which has been designated USDF Qualifying. No other restrictions apply. Scores count towards Open, Adult Amateur, JR/YR and Vintage divisions.
- \* Percentage class – A class which combines tests from one or multiple levels when there are insufficient entries to warrant individual classes.
- \* Novice Horse class – A class which is open to horse which have never won three (3) blue ribbons in a KDA sanctioned show at the level being shown. Scores count towards Open, AA, JR/YR and Vintage divisions.
- \* Jr/YR class – A class which is open to Junior and Young Rider who meet the USDF Dressage definition of JR/YR. FEI Young Rider tests are counted as equivalents. FEI Young Rider Team Test counts for the 4th level. FEI Young Riders Individual Test counts for PSG. Scores count towards JR/YR divisions only.
- \* Freestyle class – A class in which a test is ridden to music under either the USDF or FEI rules depending upon the level. Scores count towards the Freestyle divisions only. A horse and rider combination must have scored a minimum of 63% in the highest level class in the level that the freestyle will be shown in. Proof is required with freestyle entry.

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