

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES
Effective January 1, 2007 (updated 3/13/11)

I. Dressage Awards

- Divisions include Junior/Young Rider, Open and Adult Amateur
- Levels are defined as In-Hand, Musical Freestyle and Intro through Grand Prix
 - A. A Junior/Young rider is anyone that has not reached his/her 22nd birthday by January 1st of the award year.
 - B. Adult Amateurs must have an US Equestrian Federation (USEF) Amateur card or sign a WDCTA amateur affidavit.
 - C. A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition -- Introductory through FEI.
 - D. Maiden award ribbons will be given in each division for horses in their first year of showing at Training Level through Grand Prix at any WDCTA or USDF/USEF recognized show.
 - E. One Champion and one Reserve Champion Musical Freestyle award will be given for First through FEI levels combined.
 - F. Certificates of merit will be given to all qualifying horse/rider combinations.

II. Special Awards

- A. *Greg Foran Memorial Trophy – retire beginning 2012*
Awarded to the horse with the highest Freestyle average. Must have signed-up for musical freestyle awards to qualify.
- B. *Nairobi Memorial Award - retired beginning 2011*
Awarded to the mare, ridden by her owner with the highest average score of all eligible horses shown training through FEI levels.
- C. *Jackie's Time Traveler Trophy – retired beginning 2011*
Awarded to the Junior/Young Rider with the single highest score from all levels.

III. In-Hand Sport Horse Breed Awards

- A. A young horse is filly, colt or gelding 3 years of age or younger.
- B. A mature horse is a mare or stallion 4 years of age or older.
- C. Amateur Handler Award
- D. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be named for Young Horse Filly, Young Horse Colt/Gelding, Amateur Handler, Mature Horse Mare and Mature Horse Stallion.

IV. Registration and Eligibility

- A. The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are obtained.
- B. For in-hand classes, the handler does not need to be a WDCTA member, nor is it necessary to have the same handler for each class in order to qualify for year-end awards.
- C. A horse and rider combination may win an award or championship at **any given level more than once**. For In-hand Sport Horse Awards, Mature Horse (Mare/Stallion) may win more than once.
- D. Championship registration for each horse and rider combination must be postmarked at least 7 days prior to the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
- E. A fee of \$20.00 for each level must be paid for each horse and rider combination to be eligible for championships. If the horse/rider combination competes in more than one rider division, an additional fee of \$20.00 for each level must be paid.

- F. The recorder must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level or division later in the year.
- G. All registrations are for the show year January 1 through October 31.

V. Qualification for Dressage Championships

- A. The horse rider combination must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different shows. When all three qualifying scores were earned at WDCTA recognized schooling shows or in Opportunity Classes at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions, the scores must be from three different judges from three different shows and at least one of the scores must be from a USEF licensed judge (“r” or higher).
- B. Each score must be a minimum of 60% at Training –4th level & a minimum of 58% at PSG & above.
- C. Scores must be from standard USEF, FEI or USDF tests. Tests designed specifically for gaited or western dressage are not eligible. The scores will be averaged.
- D. Scores must be earned at WDCTA and/or USEF/USDF recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a WDCTA or USEF/USDF recognized show held in Wisconsin. One test score must be from the highest test for the level (e.g. Training-Test 4).
- E. Scores for the Maiden award may be from any test for the level.
- F. If scores from a Regional Championship class are submitted, where more than one judge scored the ride, all scores must be averaged and will count as only one score.
- G. Scores from Junior or Young Rider Team Tests will be accepted as long as the Team Test exactly matches the level test for which the Team Test is being submitted.
- H. When a clinic is run in conjunction with a schooling show, using the show's judge as the clinician, the show must be held BEFORE the clinic in order for the rider's scores to qualify for year-end awards.
- I. The rider must send to the dressage recorder either the horse's USDF Score Sheet with their three chosen scores highlighted or a “GOOD QUALITY” photocopy of the original test for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- J. **Scores must be postmarked on or before October 31.**
- K. Send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; Recorder will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.

VI. Qualification For In Hand Sport Horse and Amateur Handler Championships

- A. The horse/handler must have two qualifying scores from two different judges, at two different shows. The judge for the In Hand awards must have an USEF Sport Horse Judge license.
- B. Scores must be earned from WDCTA and/or USEF/USDF recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a WDCTA or USEF/USDF recognized show held in Wisconsin.
- C. Scores may be from Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes and/or Breeding stock In-Hand classes. Scores will be averaged.
- D. The owner must send to the dressage recorder either the horse's USEF/USDF Score Sheet with their two chosen scores highlighted or a “GOOD QUALITY” photocopy of the original score sheet for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- E. **Postmark must be on or before October 31.**
- F. Send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; recorder will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.