

eQuester

Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training's Monthly Newsletter

USDF Instructor Program and the Dressage Development Seminars

By Megan McIsaac

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) has recently revamped the Instructor Program and introduced the Dressage Development Program—a new pathway designed to support all members in furthering their dressage education.

I'm based in Oregon, WI and have completed the USDF Instructor Certification through Fourth Level, which included two series of three workshops (Riding, Teaching and Lungeing), followed by rigorous testing and exams. I am fortunate to be part of a small group of dedicated professionals who believe deeply in education, personal growth and continued professional development. My next milestone: becoming an FEI-certified instructor.

The USDF seminars and certification program have been invaluable in my journey as a young professional. They have helped me become a more organized and thoughtful instructor, provided clear guidelines and standards to follow, and given me greater confidence in my teaching. As the only certification program of its kind in the United States, this credential carries true significance. The testing process is demanding—as it should be—and evaluates knowledge and application of the training pyramid, teaching methodology, student rapport, professionalism, and even safety practices. Thank you to USDF and its faculty for continuing to grow this program for myself and the next generation of instructors.

Hosting Educational Seminars

Now, I am honored to give back to the dressage community by hosting these educational seminars. While I had prior experience hosting events and participating in the earlier workshop format, organizing these new seminars as an individual has been eye-opening. Hosting



independently comes with pros and cons—without the support of a GMO, there is less financial backing and fewer volunteers, but there is also the freedom to make decisions quickly without committee constraints. My advice to anyone considering hosting: be prepared for more work than expected and stay very organized! Also, make sure you get to know USDF Education Director, Kathie Robertson, as she will be helping you organize your seminars!

Most recently, I hosted the USDF Riding Seminar, which—like all USDF seminars—is open to everyone, not just instructors. Day 1 began with classroom sessions led by Ann Guptil and Bailey Cook,

both USDF Certified Instructors and faculty members. Their presentations covered the training pyramid, the double bridle, lesson organization, and how to assess both horse and rider. Both ladies are approachable, encouraging and knowledgeable professionals!

We had roundtable discussions for smaller conversations and larger group exchanges, offering a chance to meet new people, reconnect with old friends and engage in thoughtful dialogue.

The afternoon featured live demonstrations with four horse-and-rider combinations (including myself). I do not recommend hosts also participate in the riding demos! My students and school horses, ranging from First to Fourth Level, rode in front of the faculty and audience.

For many of my students who do not compete, this was a unique chance to receive feedback from professionals other than myself and experience riding in a public setting. I was incredibly proud of how they rode, and I also valued the fresh perspective I received on my own riding and teaching.

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Day 2 was a closed session for instructors continuing on in the certification process. Each participant worked with two of my school horses, beginning with an initial assessment, followed by a training session and concluding with a final evaluation. This format created a supportive environment for professionals to learn, grow and collaborate. Discussions focused on applying the training pyramid, refining approaches when things weren't going well working, and developing future training plans for the horses. At the end of the day, each instructor received detailed evaluations from the faculty—a valuable tool for professional growth.

This event would not have been possible without the many people who supported me. My heartfelt thanks to USDF, Kathie Robertson, Ann Guptil, Bailey Cook, Lisa Lemke (for her amazing snacks and lunches), Derek Dembroski (for all of the AV work), Holly (for the deliveries), Anne, Karen, Mumsie, and AV (for preparation and cleanup), as well as the participating instructors who pushed themselves to grow, my students for their openness to being part of the learning process, and of course, our incredible horses.

Upcoming Seminars

Looking ahead, I am excited to host two more upcoming seminars:

October 11 – Teaching

November 8 – Lunging

Auditors are warmly welcome at both events. If you are an instructor, I strongly encourage you to join the program—it is an opportunity to help shape and elevate the standard for dressage instruction in the United States.

For more information on the program, visit:
usdf.org/education/instructor-trainer/

To sign up, visit:
usdf.org/.../applica.../certified-instructor.asp

To watch a video with more information, go to:
youtu.be/KcloLgqbiYE?si=LPktwhTK6t51JvXj

Please share and help get the word about this fabulous program we are really looking forward to hosting!



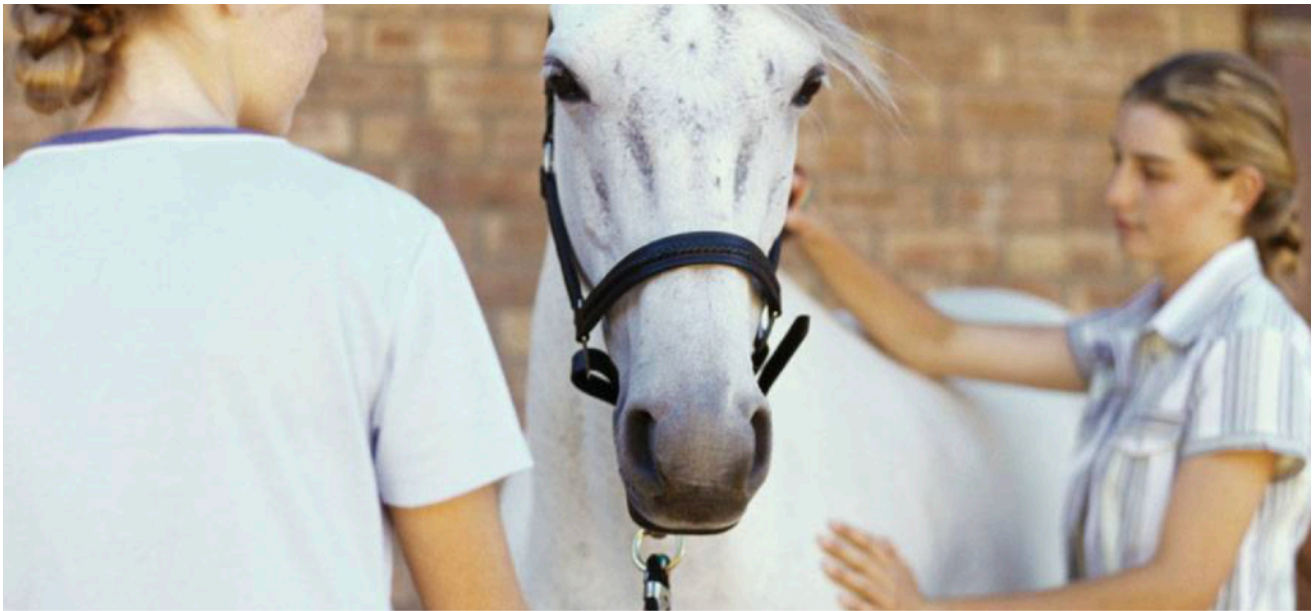
The Dressage Foundation Offers Grants

Following are group education grants that groups like the WDCTA can apply for as a GMO:

- Dancing Horse Fund: to host a musical freestyle clinic or purchase a sound system.
- Dreitzler International Clinician Fund: to host educational events with clinicians from countries outside of the United States.
- Edgar Hotz Judges Education Fund: for GMOs that are hosting USDF's Continuing Education for Judges and USDF 'L' Program Graduates events.
- Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund: to host Western Dressage educational events.
- Max Gahwyler Instructor Education Fund: to host educational events for dressage instructors.
- Michael Poulin Fund for Innovative Events and Programs: to host unique, innovative, collaborative events or programs that work toward advancing dressage.
- Sally Swift Fund for Centered Riding Clinics: grants to non-profit equestrian groups hosting a Centered Riding® Clinic.
- Violet Hopkins Fund for GMO Events: for GMOs hosting educational events for dressage riders at all levels.

Find information about all these grants at <https://bit.ly/47b0JoM>. If you have questions, please contact TDF at (402) 434-8585 or info@dressagefoundation.org.

Nearly Half of Owners Rate Their Horse's Weight as Normal When Obese



Assessing body weight and recognizing a healthy weight continues to be challenging, even among seasoned owners. “In one study, 37% of owners reported a horse was in moderate body weight, whereas researchers reported 45% of those same horses were not simply overweight, but obese. On the flip side, 28% of owners considered a horse overweight, while researchers reported those same horses as having a normal body weight,” explained Kathleen Crandell, Ph.D., a Kentucky Equine Research nutritionist.* “In other words, it is just as easy to miss an overweight horse as a thin horse and, importantly, both extremes have consequences.”

Many horse owners struggle to determine if their horse is the correct weight. Should you be able to feel your horse's ribs? What is the optimal amount of fat on a horse going into winter? The questions surrounding nutrition and healthy weight are endless. To make assessing body condition easier, Kentucky Equine Research has created the [Body Condition Resources Center](#). Horse owners can access in-depth information on a variety of topics such as body condition scoring, managing hard and easy keepers, ways to safely feed malnourished horses, tips on feeding for reproductive health, and more.

While the articles and videos in the [Body Condition Resources Center](#) are a great place for horse owners to begin, it's important to take the knowledge and apply it to their horses or herds at home. Understanding how to use body condition scoring will give horse owners the tools they need to ensure the nutritional requirements of their horses are being met through feed and forage.

“Owners will be most successful at designing optimal nutrition plans for their horses based on BCS if they work with an equine nutritionist, use online calculators to determine digestible energy, and consider having their feeds and forages analyzed. Knowing a horse's BCS will help the horse owner, veterinarian, or professional make informed energy management decisions for the horse,” advised Crandell.

*Catalano, D.N., R.J. Coleman, M.R. Hathaway, et al. 2019. [Estimation of actual and ideal bodyweight using morphometric measurements of miniature, saddle-type, and Thoroughbred Horses](#). *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*. 78:117-122.

Article from EquiNews, Kentucky Equine Research (KER). Sept. 8, 2025



Caryn Vesperman Editor

All advertisements, articles and photographs should be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, unless prior arrangements are made for additional time.

Calendar of events will appear in both the *eQuester* and on the WDCTA website.

Payment should be submitted via PayPal through the WDCTA website (wdcta.org) or mailed to the editor with a check made out to WDCTA.

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New Doors Opening

With my passing the baton to a new newsletter editor in the near future, I'll have more time for another adventures. One (barn) door opening is riding my newly backed three-year-old gelding, Frizzante (Fabregas/Foundation). I sent him to my long-time friend, Meg Williams who owns the breeding and training facility, Oakwood Farms, to be backed. It's been eight years since I rode a young horse and longer than that since I started one under saddle. Being I don't bounce like I use to, I thought I'd send him to Meg's for a good start. I got him back about a week ago and am enjoying riding him, but (and this is a big "but"), I've forgotten how much these youngsters don't know and how unbalanced they are. However, Fizzy was definitely bored and getting into mischief, so he needed a job. Now he appears happy with the attention and "baby" under saddle work, although these greenies do try to "test" you, as in "I'm done, the quarter is up, I don't want to go any more." Fortunately he doesn't put up much of a fuss, and gives in pretty quickly. We'll see how this winter progresses and whether he's ready for the show scene. He's gangly and will finish at around 17h, so I don't want to over-face or push him.



Other doors opening include the unveiling of WDCTA's updated name and new logo. Watch for that information, coming just in time for our new year.

Lastly, perhaps a door opening for you would be to get involved and help steer WDCTA in the future. The organization needs a new president, vice president, secretary and liaison with the Wisconsin Horse Council. Three of these are good "entry level" positions to get to know how WDCTA works. None of them are overly burdensome in terms of time. Give it some thought, and feel free to contact the individuals currently holding these positions to get the low-down on the requirements. You can also find very detailed descriptions of the positions in our [bylaws](#) and [policies](#).

Happy fall trails!

Caryn

We need you!

WDCTA is looking for volunteers to serve as president, vice president, secretary and the Wisconsin Horse Council representative. To see what the responsibilities for these roles are, go to our policies document (section J) on our [website](#), and if interested, then contact our current president [here](#).



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Calendar

WDCTA Events

DEADLINE: Scores for WDCTA awards must be submitted and postmarked by Sunday, Nov. 30.

Other Events

Oct. 2-5

Region 4 Championships
National Equestrian Center
Lake St. Louis/St. Louis, MO

Oct. 1-4

Region 4 Championships
National Equestrian Center
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Oct. 30-Nov. 2

US Dressage Finals
New Location! World Equestrian Center
Wilmington, OH

Oct. 29-Nov. 1

US Dressage Finals
World Equestrian Center
Wilmington, OH

Dec. 3-7

USDF Annual Convention
Lexington, KY
More information go to:
usdf.org/convention.

2026

April 17-19

Midwest Horse Fair
Madison, WI



Mechanicals:

Ad size below. Photos should be submitted as jpegs. Or, mail to editor for scanning. Include self-addressed, stamped envelope for its return.

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All calendar submissions, ads and payment must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Make checks out to WDCTA.

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eQuester and Website Calendar of Events Submissions: *For WDCTA members only. (Up to 20 words).*

INCLUDE THIS: Date > Event > Location > Contact (Name/Phone/Email) > WDCTA-Sponsored Event (Yes/No)

WDCTA Event: Link to organizer's email and registration form, if applicable

NON-WDCTA-Sponsored Event: Link to organizer's email only.

Member-hosted private riding clinics cannot be advertised in the newsletter at this time.



DRESSAGE SCHOOLING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

I. Dressage Awards

- Divisions are defined as Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) and Adult Amateur
 - A Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) is anyone that has not reached his/her 22nd birthday by January 1st of the award year.
 - Adult Amateurs must have an US Equestrian Federation (USEF) Amateur card or sign a WDCTA amateur affidavit. The card or affidavit must be included with the entry.
- Applicants may only compete in one Division per competition season.
- The following levels are eligible to participate in the Schooling Championship:
 - Introductory
 - Training Level
 - First Level
 - Second Level
- Participants of the Schooling Championship are not eligible for other WDCTA annual awards, including:
 - Horse of the Year
 - Rider of the Year
 - Championship program for recognized shows

II. Categories

- A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition -- Introductory through Second Level.
- Maiden awards are only open to those HORSES in their first year of showing at Introductory (Intro) Level through Second Level. Maiden awards will be given at each level for both divisions combined.

III. Registration and Eligibility

- The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are earned.
- A horse and rider combination may win an award or championship at any given level more than once.
- Championship registration for each horse and rider combination must be postmarked at least 1 day prior to the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
- A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for each horse and rider combination to be eligible for championships.

- If competing for a Maiden award at any level, an additional fee of \$25 must be paid.
- Only one award is given for all divisions at that level for maiden even if there are two riders competing the horse.
- The Awards Chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
- All registrations are for the show year December 1 through November 30.

IV. Qualification for Dressage Championships

- The horse/rider combination must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different shows.
 - Scores must be at least “L” candidates from a USEF Program.
 - Scores must be: minimum of 60% and above.
 - Scores must be from USEF, FEI or USDF tests.
 - The scores will be averaged.
 - Scores must be earned at shows open to all breeds.
 - One test score must be from the highest test for the level (e.g. Training Level Test 3).
 - Scores for the Maiden award may be from any test for the level.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

V. Submitting Scores

- The rider must send to the Awards Chair 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 judge's signature.
 - Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- Scores must be postmarked on or before November 30. Scores may be submitted via email
 - A reply will be sent indicating your results were received.
 - Scores may also be sent through the U.S. Postal Service.
 - If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets.
- NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.



WDCTA DRESSAGE SCHOOLING CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Horse Information:	
Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____	
Rider Information: Name _____ Street Address _____ City/ST/Zip _____ Phone _____ eMail _____	Owner Information: Same as Rider ☐ Name _____ Street Address _____ City/ST/Zip _____ Phone _____ eMail _____
Award Information:	
Division (only one per rider) JR/Young Rider* Adult Amateur^	
Rider Division (circle all that apply) Intro Training First Second	
Maiden Intro Training First Second	
Application Fees:	
Levels @ \$25 each	\$ _____
Maiden [†] @ \$25	\$ _____
Total Payment (No refunds will be provided)	\$ _____
Submit Applications to: Celeste Pauli 840 Settlers Trail Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 Phone (920) 207-5301 Email celestempauli@gmail.com	Please enclose: Completed Application Check made payable to WDCTA WDCTA Amateur Affidavit (if applicable)

Note: To participate in the WDCTA Dressage Schooling Championship Program, you must be a current member of WDCTA in good standing.

*A Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) is anyone that has not reached his/her 22nd birthday by January 1st of the award year.

^Adult Amateur riders must provide a completed WDCTA Adult Amateur Affidavit with application. (available on WDCTA Forms Page)

[†] Maiden is defined as the first year showing at this level (only one award per horse per level)



DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

I. Dressage Awards

- Divisions are defined as Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR), Open and Adult Amateur
- Applicants may only compete in one Division per competition season.
- A Horse of The Year award will be awarded one for each of the following divisions Training – First level; Second – Fourth level; FEI levels.
- Levels are defined as In-Hand, Musical Freestyle, Materiale, Young Horse Tests, Rider Tests and Intro through Grand Prix.
 - A. A Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) 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. The card or affidavit must be included with the entry. If you enter as an Amateur but do not include the necessary proof of amateur status, you will be entered in the Open division.
 - C. A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition -- Introductory through FEI.
 - D. Maiden awards are only open to those HORSES in their first year of showing at Introductory (Intro) Level through Grand Prix. Only one award will be given at each level for all divisions combined.
 - E. One Champion and one Reserve Champion Musical Freestyle award will be given for First through FEI levels combined.

II. 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.

III. Registration and Eligibility

- A. The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are earned.
- 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 1 day prior to the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
- E. A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for each horse and rider combination to be eligible for championships. If competing for a Maiden award at any level, an additional fee of \$25 must be paid. Only one award is given for all divisions at that level for maiden even if there are two riders competing the horse. There is no fee for the Horse of The Year award. (Note: if entering via PayPal, there is an additional cost.
- F. The Awards Chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
- G. All registrations are for the show year December 1 through November 30.
- H. Registration is not necessary for the Horse of The Year award. Winning horses will be chosen from the eligible entries. To qualify for the Horse of The Year award, **ALL SCORES MUST BE EARNED AT USDF/USEF-RECOGNIZED SHOWS.**

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

IV. Qualification for Dressage Championships

- A. The horse/rider combination must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different shows. At least two of the qualifying scores submitted must come from USEF/USDF-recognized competitions. Only one may be from a schooling show. Remember, scores from "L" candidates and "r" judges are accepted through 2nd level. Scores from "R" judges are accepted through 4th level, and scores from "S" judges are accepted through Grand Prix.
- B. Scores must be: minimum of 60% at Intro through 4th level and minimum of 58% at PSG and above.
- C. Scores must be from USEF, FEI or USDF tests. The scores will be averaged.
- D. Scores must be earned at USEF/USDF-recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a USEF/USDF-recognized show held in Wisconsin. One test score must be from the highest test for the level (e.g. Training Level 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 Awards Chair 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.
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- K. For the Horse of the Year award, all of the above qualifications must be met, PLUS ALL SCORES MUST BE EARNED AT USDF/USEF-RECOGNIZED SHOWS.

V. 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. Both judges must have an USEF Sport Horse Judge license.
- B. Scores must be earned from USEF/USDF-recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a 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 Awards Chair 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 show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judge's signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- E. **Postmark must be on or before November 30.** Email will also be accepted.
- F. Send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; Awards Chair will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.

NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.

Show managers: If you want your show listed on the WDCTA website and in its monthly newsletter, please send your show information (date, name of show, show location, judge's name, show secretary's name and contact information) to newsletter@wdcta.org.



WDCTA DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Championship registration open to WDCTA members in good standing.

FORM AND CHECK MUST BE POSTMARKED at least 1 DAY PRIOR TO START OF FIRST SHOW.

Please read WDCTA Dressage Championship Rules on the website, prior to competition year.

One form for each Horse and Rider combination. Please print neatly.

HORSE INFORMATION

Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

RIDER INFORMATION

Name _____

Street
Address _____

City/St/
Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

OWNER INFORMATION

Name _____

Street
Address _____

City/St/
Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

AWARD INFORMATION

Rider Division (circle appropriate division)

Senior Open Adult Amateur* JR/Young Rider: Birth Date _____

Award Level (circle all that apply)

Intro Tr 1st 2nd 3rd 4th PSG I-1 I-2 GP

Other Riding Awards (circle all that apply)

Musical Freestyle 3&4 Yr Old Materiale 4, 5, 6 YO FEI Young Horse Tests

Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country _____

In-Hand Awards (circle one)

Young Horse Mare Young Horse Colt/Gelding Mature Horse Mare
Mature Horse Stallion Amateur Handler

APPLICATION FEES:

# Levels / Rider Tests / Freestyle / Horse Div ____ @ \$25 each x ____ # Rider divisions	\$
Maiden (First year showing this level. <i>Only one award per horse per level.</i>) \$25	\$
In-Hand Award ____ @ \$25 each (if applicable)	\$
NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted. TOTAL	\$
PAYMENT	

Sizes for possible awards:

Horse: Blanket _____ Halter _____ Rider: Jacket _____ .t _____

Send for with payment to:

Sandra Malott

9625 W. Center Street

Milwaukee, WI 53222

Phone: (414) 687-4046

Email: awards@wdcta.org

Please enclose:

☒ Completed Dressage Awards Application

☒ Check made out to "WDCTA"

☒ Copy of USEF Amateur Card or WDCTA amateur affidavit

☒ Check that both rider AND owner are WDCTA members



WDCTA Dressage and In-Hand Score Report Form

One Level, One Horse and Rider Combination per Form.

All Scores must be postmarked no later than November 30.

Send good quality copies of your tests or a USDF/USEF score print-out along with this form.

Rider _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Horse's Name _____

Owner _____

RULES (Please read complete WDCTA Championship Rules on WDCTA website.)

1. Both owner and rider must be current WDCTA members at time scores are earned for awards. Exception: 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.
2. Dressage Awards: Three scores by three different judges from two different shows.
3. In-Hand Awards: Two scores from two different judges from two different shows.
4. Dressage Awards: At least two qualifying scores submitted must be from a USEF/USDF-recognized show.
5. Each score must be a minimum of 60% at Training - 4th level and a minimum of 58% at PSG and above.
6. Scores must be earned at shows, open to all breeds.
7. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from WDCTA- or USEF/USDF-recognized show held in Wisconsin.
8. One test score must be from the highest test from the level.
9. Maiden division awards may be from any test from the level.
10. WDCTA has a 70 Percent Club award for those members that have received a 70% or higher at a WDCTA-sanctioned schooling show or USDF/USEA-recognized show, during the awards year. WDCTA will award a certificate to the rider. There is no fee for the 70% Club.

Scores must be postmarked on or before November 30. Scores may be submitted via email; a reply will be sent indicating your results were received. Scores may also be sent through the U.S. Postal Service. If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets.

Circle Division: Open Adult Amateur Junior/Young Rider Maiden 70% Club (free)
Eligible for a Maiden Award at this level? (Circle one) Yes No

Show Name and Date	Level and Test	Judge(s)	Score %

Average Score _____ %

Mail or email *Score Report Form* and *copies of the tests or USDF/USEA* report to:

Sandra Malott
9625 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Phone: (414) 687-4046
Email: awards@wdcta.org



WDCTA Eventing Report Form

One Level, One Horse and Rider Combination per Form.
All Scores must be Postmarked no later than Nov. 30.

Send good quality copies of a USEA score print-out/rider profile along with this form, or a copy of the dressage test and the final standings (photograph of posted show standings is fine.) For mini events, send in a quality copy of the dressage test and a photograph of posted show standings, or online link if that is applicable.

Rider _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Horse's Name _____

Owner _____

RULES (Please read current WDCTA championship rules on the WDCTA website.)

1. Eventing Awards: Three scores from three different shows.
2. In-Hand Awards: Two scores from two different shows.
3. The 70% Club is also available to eventers.
4. Each score must be a minimum of 50 at Starter - Training or a maximum of 60 at Prelim and above.
5. Scores must be earned at **USEF/USEA-recognized show**, open to all breeds, or for **mini events**, at WDCTA- or IDCTA-recognized mini events.

Scores must be postmarked on or before Nov. 30. Scores may be submitted via email; a reply will be sent indicating your results were received. Scores may also be sent via the U.S. Postal Service. If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets.

Circle Division: Open Rider Junior

Eligible for Maiden Award at this level? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Eligible for 70% Club? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Show Name and Date	Level	Penalties

Average Score _____

Mail or email score report form, scores and *USEA Rider Profile* to the Award Chair:

Sandra Malott
9625 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Phone: (414) 687-4046
Email: awards@wdcta.org



WDCTA Western Dressage Score Report Form

One Level, One Horse and Rider Combination per Form.
All Scores must be Postmarked no later than November 30.
Send good quality copies of your tests with this form.

Rider _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Horse's Name _____

Owner _____

RULES (Please read full WDCTA Western Dressage Championship Rules on WDCTA website.)

1. NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.
2. Western Dressage Awards: Three scores by three different judges from two different shows. WDCTA will accept scores from WDAA -or USEF-recognized shows and from schooling shows, but judges must be USDF "L" Graduates, USEF Western dressage licensed judges, or USEF dressage "r" judges or higher.
3. Each score must be a minimum of 60% at WDAA Intro – Level 5.
4. Open, Adult Amateur and JR/YR will be combined into one division, defined as "Open." One freestyle champion, reserve champion and 3rd – 6th place will be awarded for all WDAA Freestyle levels combined (Intro – Level 4).
5. Scores must be from WDAA tests only. One test score must be from the highest test of the level. The scores will be averaged.
6. Scores must be earned at schooling shows, WDAA-recognized and/or USEF/WDAA-recognized shows. Classes must be open to all breeds. Scores for virtual shows will not be accepted. Both owner and rider must be current WDCTA members.
7. WDCTA has a 70 Percent Club award for members who have received a 70% or higher. WDCTA will award a certificate to the rider. There is no fee for the 70% Club.

Scores must be postmarked on or before Nov. 30. Scores may be submitted via email; a reply will be sent indicating your results were received. Scores may also be sent through the U.S. Postal Service. If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets.

Circle Division(s): **Open** **Freestyle** **70% Club (free)**

Show Name and Date	Level and Test	Judge(s)	Score %

Average Score _____ %

Mail or email *Score Report Form* and *copies of the tests* to:

Sandra Malott
9625 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Phone: (414) 687-4046
Email: awards@wdcta.org



EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

I. Awards

- A. There shall be a Champion and Reserve Champion for Junior, Rider, and Open divisions at the following levels for **USEF-recognized shows**: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary/Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced.
- B. There shall be a Champion and Reserve Champion for Junior, Rider, and Open divisions at the following levels for WDCTA- and IDCTA-recognized **mini events**: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice.
- C. The dressage scores from a combined test or three-phase event are eligible for the WDCTA 70% Club. WDCTA will award a certificate to the rider. Both owner and rider must be current WDCTA members. There is no fee for the 70% Club.

II. Registration and Eligibility

- A. Horse/Rider combinations must be registered with the Awards Chair, fees paid and postmarked at least 1 day before a competition for the scores to qualify for awards.
- B. There shall be a \$25 registration fee for each horse/rider combination per division for the award year for recognized events, and a \$20 registration fee for each horse/rider combination per mini event division. If applying via PayPal, additional fees will be applied.
- C. The rider of the horse must be a member in good standing of WDCTA and USEA at the time the scores are earned. (Beginner Novice, Mini-Event, and 70% Club participants may be exempt from USEA membership, but both rider and owner must still be members of WDCTA at the time the scores are earned.) The riders should submit proof of their membership to WDCTA and USEA. The owners should submit proof of their membership in WDCTA.
- D. The Awards Chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level or division later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
- E. The award year is December 1 through November 30.

III. Qualifications

- A. Only scores from USEA Events can be used to meet championship qualification (Mini-Event are exempt from this rule.) Send good quality copies of a USEA Score Print-Out/Rider Profile along with the eventing awards report form. Or send in a good quality copy of dressage test and the final standings (photograph of posted show standings is fine). For mini events, send in a quality copy of the dressage test and a photograph of posted show standings, or online link if that is applicable.