

eQuester

Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training's Monthly Newsletter

International Judge Shares Training Tips

By Caryn Vesperman

As a member of the American Hanoverian Society, I was on the committee organizing its annual meeting this winter in Wellington, Florida. One of the events organized was a clinic with Cesar Torrente, 4* FEI and USDF "S" dressage judge from Colombia and now a full-time U.S. resident. I've scribed for Cesar numerous times at the Global Dressage Festival and found him to be fair and approachable, so I looked forward to hearing what he suggested to riders on young horses to FEI.



Cesar has been involved with horses since he was 14. He competed on the Colombian team at three Pan American Games, the Bolivian championships and the Central American championships (earning two team golds). On top of that, he has practiced law in Colombia for more than 30 years. He is known as a "rider's judge" because he knows what it is like to be in the judges box and the competition arena.

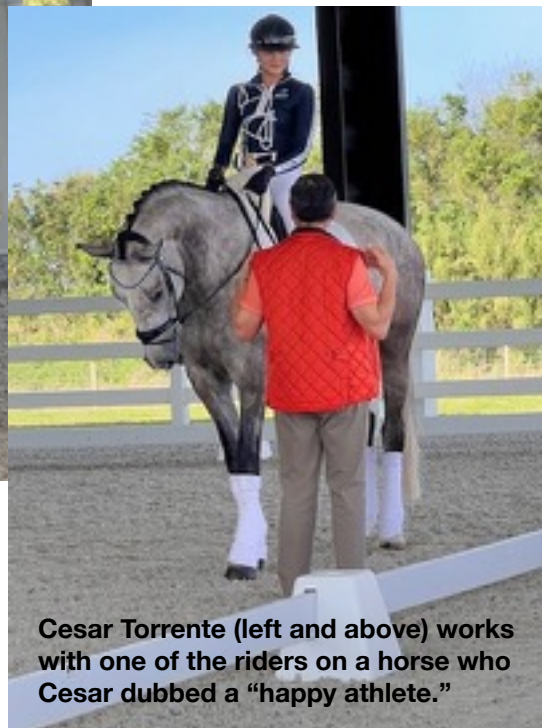
Young Horses

The first horse was a five-year-old gelding. Cesar emphasized suppleness, good contact and proper bend. Regarding contact, he explained how the rider needed to "give him space to go out to the bit," as the horse tended to curl. "Be careful to keep the horse in front of the vertical — stretch out, not behind." Cesar suggested doing a lot of walk-trot transitions with young horses: "The transition is the most important aspect because it leads to the more advanced movements."

Another important exercise is leg yields, making sure the horse is straight. "Otherwise you teach the horse to fall to the side," said Cesar.

FEI Levels

Another horse was working at Prix St. Georges. Cesar explained that the medium walk was not to be ridden like a collected walk, but must have overtrack and a longer neck.



Cesar Torrente (left and above) works with one of the riders on a horse who Cesar dubbed a "happy athlete."

In the walk pirouettes, Cesar said to maintain the energy and keep the proper body position by looking where you're going and "thinking you're turning while holding a tray of champagne glasses."

In the canter pirouettes, the preparation is the most important. In addition, the canter has to be adjustable. "If the horse's neck goes up and down, the rider needs to activate the horse's hindquarters." In

addition, Cesar said it's "important to control every stride" and that the rider doesn't have to do a half or full pirouette: "A few steps is fine. Maintain the quality."

Throughout the clinic, Cesar made some general comments that are apropos for riders at all levels:

"Think of making a correction, not a punishment."

"Teaching is difficult because you're teaching feel."

"Always finish on a good note. Stop when things are going well — don't get greedy!"

"Horses teach us a lot of things. The most important is patience."



Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association
Virtual Horse Show
(Traditional Dressage, Eventing Dressage, Western Dressage)

Nicole Trapp USDF "L" Judge Candidate with distinction
Working in "r" dressage judges program

The form and payment must be postmarked by June 14, 2024. Submit Video by June 24th.

The Virtual Horse Show will be conducted by videoing your dressage test and uploading on to YouTube. The judge will complete the score sheets of the test, which will be returned to the riders. Virtual show prizes will be ribbons.

Please note the virtual horse show tests will not be included in the WDCTA Awards program.

RULES:

- 1. The video may be taken any time between now and June 24th. The video test must be submitted by June 24th.
2. All of the rules of riding a USEF test apply (except as noted below).
3. Riders may choose to submit a traditional dressage test, a Western dressage test or an eventing dressage test. Ribbons will be provided for winners from 1st to 3rd place for Open, Amateur or Jr/Young Rider divisions.
4. The video needs to be made by taking it from where the judge is normally located behind "C." The video needs to be located a distance back from "C," so the full horse and rider are seen. Zooming in and out is recommended.
5. The video cannot be edited. If edited, the video will not reviewed or placed.
6. The dressage letters need to be located in the arena, so the judge can see them in the video.
7. A helmet is required per USDF/USEF rules. However, the rider's clothes do not need to be per USEF/USDF requirements, but light-colored breeches are preferred. No boots and/or wraps should be on the horse.
8. Per USEF/USDF rules only the voice of reading the test is allowed.
9. The video must be posted on YouTube, and the link emailed to Melinda DeLuca (jjdmcd@gmail.com). Make sure the YouTube video is titled with the test being ridden and the YouTube posting is made public.
10. The video may only be used for this one virtual show with WDCTA.

REGISTRATION:

- 1. Mail the form and a check (made out to WDCTA) to Melinda DeLuca, S14W32743 Forest Hills Dr, Delafield, WI 53018.
2. The form and payment must be postmarked or hand delivered by June 14th.
3. Cost per test: WDCTA members \$30; non-members \$40.

Only Print information

RIDER'S NAME: PHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP:

EMAIL: HORSE OWNER'S NAME IF NOT RIDER:

CHOOSE ONE: TRADITIONAL DRESSAGE WESTERN DRESSAGE EVENTING

CHOOSE ONE: OPEN AMATEUR JR/YNG RIDER

TEST(S) RIDDEN:

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$

Member Input Needed

Change is A-coming

I hope all of you received the survey about WDCTA's name. The board wants your input on several options: (1) keeping our name but updating our current logo, (2) keeping our name but changing our logo, and (3) changing our name and creating a new logo.

This started because those who use our current logo are in need of better versions for print and electronic use. They are old, fuzzy and limited. Then the broader question was bandied about: if we're updating our logo, should we address our name, since the term, combined training, hasn't been used by the eventing community for more than two decades.

So that's it in a nutshell. If you didn't get the survey and want to participate, contact board member, Sandra Malott, at awards@wdcta.org. (She's doing double duty as the awards chair and name/logo survey member.)

An Active Summer

Clinics and shows are underway! WDCTA is also organizing another virtual show in June. Check it out.

As the summer goes by, I hope our paths cross at some point.

Happy trails and good luck coming down the centerline!

Caryn

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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Will teach through 2nd Level, earned USDF Brone medal, trained through 4th Level. Served in the past on U&SDF education committee, USEF steward. Will travel.

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FEI trainer, USDF-certified instructor through 4th Level, 2014 national champion with Kingsley, USDF Gold, Silver, Bronze medalist, all USDF bars. Competed four horses at GP. Competed successfully at Dressage at Devon and West Coast Festival. Year-end USDF/USEF and WDCTA awards. 16+ years teaching experience. Students competed through GP, earned riding awards and medals. Travel for lessons and clinics.

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USDF Gold, Silver, Bronze medalist. Continuing education includes scribing for international levels with U.S. and foreign judges (including World Cup in Omaha), accepted into the "R" judge program, and current two horses training at FEI levels—were unstarted and brought up the levels. Available for USEF/USDF-recognized dressage shows, eventing, schooling shows and ride-a-test/fix-a-tests.

Calendar

WDCTA Events

June 14-24

WDCTA Virtual Show

Judge: Nicole Trapp, L Candidate

Registration and Payment due June 14.

Videos due by June 24. See show flyer on page two of this newsletter for more details.

Other Events

Sept. 12-15

Region 2 Championships

Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Oct. 10-13

Region 4 Championships

National Equestrian Center,

St. Louis, MO

**WISCONSIN DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION
2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

MEMBERSHIP TERM: December 1 – November 30



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LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MI _____

ADDRESS _____

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New members: Please tell us how you learned about WDCTA:
 ___ Clinic or Event
 ___ Midwest Horse Fair
 ___ USDF ___ USEF
 ___ USEA
 ___ Pony Club
 ___ Facebook
 ___ Current WDCTA member (name) _____
 ___ Web Search
 ___ Other _____

*** Would you like to receive other horse-related mailings that are not affiliated with WDCTA? **YES NO**

DISCIPLINES:

- ___ Dressage
- ___ Eventing
- ___ Breeder
- ___ OTHER

RIDER STATUS:

- ___ Professional
- ___ Adult Amateur
- ___ Young Rider (*age 18-21)
- ___ Junior Rider (*age 17 or less)

AFFILIATION:

- ___ General Membership
- ___ Upper Peninsula Chapter (Upper Michigan and northern WI)

* Age as of January 1

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND FEES

- \$164 BUSINESS Membership** – Includes one USDF Group membership; emailed newsletter; one voting privilege; recognition & business card ad in **eQuester**, listing & logo on WDCTA website. Also, **INCLUDES** Stable, Instructor, Breeder & Business listings (chose one or all four) in both eQuester & website.
- \$64 FAMILY Membership** - Includes one USDF group membership; emailed newsletter; two voting privileges. USDF requires that an additional USDF membership be purchased for each additional family member. Add \$10 for each additional family member.
- \$10** Add'l family member name _____ Birth date if age 21 or less _____
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- \$52 INDIVIDUAL Membership** (Age 18 & over) Includes one USDF group membership; emailed newsletter; one voting privilege.
- \$39 JUNIOR Membership -- Birth date** _____ (must be age 17 or less as of January 1st. Do not use in conjunction with a Family Membership. Includes one USDF group membership; emailed newsletter; one voting privilege.

As a member of WDCTA, I may choose to volunteer for Association responsibilities or activities. I expressly agree that my services are being provided as a volunteer and that I am not an employee of the Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association. I am neither entitled to nor expect any present or future salary, wages, or other benefits for these volunteer services. I agree to abide by the WDCTA Standard of Conduct: to act honestly, fairly, ethically and with integrity and treat all WDCTA members with respect and courtesy.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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- \$10 Stable listing
- \$10 Instructor listing
- \$10 Breeder listing
- \$10 Business listing
- \$35 for all four listings

Make check payable to WDCTA & mail to Diane Brault, 5184 County Road HH, Barneveld, WI 53507
membership@wdcta.org or 608-924-1808

Date Received	Check #	Amount \$
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Mechanicals:

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

Deadline:

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

WDCTA members receive special rate (in ORANGE). See calendar information at bottom of page.

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Description	1 x	6 x	12 x
Business Card 3.5 x 2": In eQuester newsletter with link to email OR website.	\$10 (S9)	\$50 (S45)	\$100 (S90)
Classified Ad Up to 50 words. In eQuester newsletter with link to email OR website.	\$5 (S4)	\$25 (S20)	\$50 (S45)
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Full Page 7.5 x 10": In eQuester newsletter with links to email AND website.	\$40 (S35)	\$150 (S175)	\$300 (S350)
Website Banner Ad 180x150 pixels, and can be a .jpg, .gif or .png	N/A	\$200 (S150)	\$400 (S300)

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 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.
- J. 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.
- 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	OWNER INFORMATION
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	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 2 nd 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 _____ Belt _____

Send for with payment to:

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 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.

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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 Score report* to:

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Milwaukee, WI 53222

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



WDCTA Western Dressage Championship Awards

Dressage Awards:

- A. A champion, reserve champion and 3rd – 6th places will be awarded for each level.
- B. One freestyle champion, reserve champion and 3rd through 6th place will be awarded for all WDAA Freestyle test levels combined (Intro - Level 5).
- C. Open, Adult Amateur and JR/YR will be combined into one Division, defined as "Open."
- D. Levels are defined as Intro through Level 5, using the current Western Dressage Association of America tests found at <http://westerndressageassociation.org>.
- E. The horse/rider combination must have three qualifying scores from 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 or USEF "r" or higher.
- F. Scores must be a minimum of 60% at Intro through Level 5.
- G. Scores must be from WDAA tests only. The scores will be averaged.
- H. Scores must be earned at schooling shows, WDAA-recognized and/or USEF/WDAA-recognized shows. Classes ridden must be open to all breeds. WDCTA does not recognize virtual shows for this awards program.
- I. One test score must be from the highest test for the level.
- J. 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.
- K. The rider must send to the Awards Chair 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.
- L. Scores must be postmarked on or before Nov. 30. Email is accepted. No exceptions.
- M. If receipt confirmation of scores is desired, send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; Awards Committee will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.

Registration and Eligibility:

1. The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are obtained.
2. Championship registration for each horse and rider combination must be postmarked at least 1 day prior to the start of the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
3. A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for **each horse and rider combination** to be eligible for championships. If applying via PayPal, an additional fee will be charged.
4. The recorder/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.
5. All registrations are for the show year December 1 through November 30.
6. A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition.

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



WDCTA WESTERN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Western 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 Western 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	OWNER INFORMATION
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
AWARD INFORMATION	
Rider Division (circle appropriate division, or circle both) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Open Freestyle </div>	
WDA Award Level for Open Division (circle all that apply) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Intro Basic Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Level 5 </div>	
Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country _____	

APPLICATION FEES:

# Levels ____ @ \$25 each	\$
Freestyle Division @ \$25	
NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.	\$
PAYMENT	TOTAL

Sizes for possible awards:

Horse: Blanket _____ Halter _____ Rider: Jacket _____ Belt _____

Send form with payment to:

Sandra Malott
 9625 W. Center Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53222
 Phone: (414) 687-4046
 Email: awards@wdcta.org

Please enclose:

- Completed Western Dressage Awards Application
- Check made out to: "WDCTA"
- Check that both owner and rider are WDCTA member
- Copy of USEF Amateur Card or WDCTA amateur affidavit



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.)

- NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.
- 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.
- Each score must be a minimum of 60% at WDAA Intro – Level 5.
- 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).
- Scores must be from WDAA tests only. One test score must be from the highest test of the level. The scores will be averaged.
- 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.
- 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.

Eventing Rules (continued)

- B. The horse/rider combination must submit at least three qualifying scores from three different events to be eligible.
- C. A WDCTA report form with appropriate documentation (found on WDCTA website) must be forwarded to the Awards Chair. 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.
- D. The Awards Chair will average the three lowest penalty point scores, submitted by a rider, to determine the championship. NOTE: Each score must be a maximum of 50 at Starter through Training levels or a maximum of 60 at Preliminary and above.

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)'s name, show secretary's name and contact information) to newsletter@wdcta.org.*



WDCTA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Western 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 Eventing 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	OWNER INFORMATION
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
AWARD INFORMATION	
Rider Division (circle appropriate division, or circle both) Open Adult Amateur JR/YG Rider	
Eventing Award Level (circle all that apply): Starter Beginner Novice Novice Trainer Preliminary Intermediate Advanced Combined Training Test New Event Horse Test 4 & 5 YO Event Horse Test	
Mini Event Level (circle all that apply): Starter Beginner Novice Novice	
Future Event Horse: (circle all that apply): Young Horse Mare Young Horse Colt/Gelding Amateur Handler	
Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country _____	

APPLICATION FEES

# Levels ____ @ \$25 each	\$
Freestyle Division @ \$25	
NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.	\$
PAYMENT TOTAL	

Sizes for possible awards:

Horse: Blanket _____ Halter _____ Rider: Jacket _____ Belt _____

Send form with payment to:

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 Milwaukee, WI 53222
 Email: awards@wdcta.org
 Phone: (414) 687-4046

Please enclose:

- Completed Western Dressage Awards Application
- Check made out to: "WDCTA"
- Check that both owner and rider are WDCTA members
- Copy of USEF Amateur Card or WDCTA amateur affidavit



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