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eQuester

Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training's Monthly Newsletter



Photo by Diane Brault of two of her horses, Barbie, age 28, and her daughter, Nia, 21, enjoying the snow.

Welcome to All New Members!

By Caryn Vesperman

One month into the new year, and there's a lot for new members to learn about and take advantage of—and it's a good reminder for all past WDCTA members.

Scholarships—An Under-Utilized Member Benefit

First of all, something near and dear to my heart is our scholarship program. WDCTA has a scholarship to help members sharpen their riding skills, teaching skills and/or improve their understanding of the sport. Educational programs may have either a dressage or eventing focus and are to help members—and up to \$250 can be awarded for a member in a year! The scholarship can be used for a clinic, forum or other activity sponsored or endorsed by WDCTA, USEA, USDF, USEF, USET or other professional equine-related organizations.

Two grants a year will be awarded in each of these categories:

- Professional/Open
- Adult Amateur
- Junior/Young Rider (up to 21 years of age)

The good news for all new WDCTA members who were NEWDA members for the past two years, your membership with and volunteer work for NEWDA will count toward the requirements for this scholarship!

If you receive a scholarship, you have to do the following within six months to receive the funds:

- Write an article for our newsletter (*eQuester*), OR
- Make a presentation at a WDCTA chapter or state board meeting, AND
- Volunteer in some manner to forward the WDCTA mission (i.e., at a chapter-sponsored or state-sponsored clinic, show or other activity)

For more details and application form, go to the WDCTA website and look under Membership - Scholarships or click [here](#).

Discounts—Who Doesn't Like to Save \$\$\$

WDCTA offers savings on WDCTA-sponsored programs such as clinics, symposia, virtual schooling shows and some USDF-sponsored events.

Reduced Rates on Newsletter and Website Advertising

We want to support our members as much as we can, so we offer reduced rates on our already low advertising costs for the website and our monthly newsletter. See page 11 in this newsletter or go to our website and check the rates [here](#).

Stable-Instructor-Breeder-Business (SIBB) Listings

I get emails and texts from people looking for boarding options, and not having had to search for a boarding facility for many years, I can't recommend stables because I don't know all of them. All I can do is refer them to the listings in the newsletter and on our website. I also get questions about instructors in areas, and again all I can do is refer to the ones listed here. In addition, I get questions about business offerings from boots to breeders, trailering to tack. So help me out and advertise with WDCTA in our SIBB listings. Advertising with us is an inexpensive way to put your name in front of the audience who needs what you offer.

Awards!

WDCTA offers some of the best awards around—and I've looked! The cost to sign up for awards is not high, compared to what you could receive in prizes and recognition, so sign up! The awards program is primarily supported by those who sign up, so being primarily a self-funded program means the more who sign up, the more funds we have to spend for your recognition! Check out the pages at the end of this newsletter for the rules and forms or go to our website [here](#).

Helpful and Dedicated Members

If you need an answer and can't find it, don't hesitate to contact any board member. If they don't know the answer, they'll find it. You can find the list of board members [here](#). Don't hesitate to contact any of us!

Trainers/Clinicians:

How do you make the call about when a rider is ready to get back in the saddle after a fall? Even when there are no overt physical injuries or signs of concussion, there is more to it!

Riders:

How do you know when you're ready?

Parents and Others Who Witness the Fall:

What do you do and how does this affect you?

When Your Rider Falls

Immediate Response		After The Fall
	Concussion Screening	

EquiPT Online Trainer Event March 2nd, 2025 5-7pm \$30

Allie Baier, physical therapist and owner of EquiPT, based in Milwaukee, Wisc., is offering a class from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 2 that shares the full spectrum of her medical expertise as an equestrian physical therapist. Concepts covered are specific to falls off a horse—known as High Velocity Impact Falls.

The class will cover:

- Screening for medical stability and physical injury
- Supporting a rider through shock
- Concussion Screening
- Nervous system support to re-stabilize a safe return to the saddle
- The days after...the incubation period for fear
- How to screen for a completed fall response to prevent residual after-effects

WDCTA members may be familiar with Allie. She was one of the attendees at the past WDCTA symposium with Laura Graves and has been a presenter for the Eastern Chapter.

This is of HIGH VALUE for everyone who rides—all are welcome! WDCTA members can attend for \$25—that's more than a 15% discount off the already low price for this educational opportunity. Use the code: **WDCTA2025** when you register.

Sign Up Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-riders-half-halt-managing-a-rider-fall-registration-1088311532089?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

Questions? Contact: info@RideEquiPT.com

Take Advantage of WDCTA Offerings



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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WDCTA is in a good position for the future! With the merger of NEWDA with WDCTA, we are adding a group of individuals who are dedicated to the sport and enthusiastic about organizing events! This is a great addition to other WDCTA activities. In fact, WDCTA is co-sponsoring the Rider Fall PT seminar described on page 2. (WDCTA members get in for a reduced rate.) Watch for information about additional activities sponsored by WDCTA in 2025.

WDCTA Scholarships!

One of the things I'd like to promote to all members: WDCTA offers a scholarship! I've been a lucky—and grateful—recipient of this award more than once, which I've used to attend the Trainers Conference when I've been in Florida. The Trainers Conference has featured international trainers who help several riders improve their riding and training. Then I've written up what I hope is a helpful summary of the conference for WDCTA members to read and learn from. My point is: this is a scholarship you can apply for too! It's designed to help members improve their riding skills, teaching skills and/or their understanding of the sport. Educational programs may have either a dressage or eventing focus—and up to \$250 can be awarded for a member in a year. The scholarship can be used for a clinic, forum or other activity sponsored or endorsed by WDCTA, USEA, USDF, USEF, USET or other professional equine-related organizations. This has been a VERY under-utilized benefit offered by WDCTA, so go for it!

WDCTA Awards Program!

WDCTA also has a WDCTA has an awards program with some really good awards given to the champions and reserve champions. The awards in past years have included director chairs, saddle pads, leather halters, leather lead ropes, personalized stone coasters, fleece jackets, fleece vests, rain coats, Arthur Court silver trays, and more! Plus....you get the satisfaction of setting a goal and, whether you win or not, you've gone for it! Sign up today—or no less than one day prior to the first USEF/USDF-recognized show that you want to count!

WDCTA Awards Banquet!

It's not just for the awards winners—it's for their supporters, as well as those who want to hear from our featured speaker. So....hold the date, **Saturday, Mar. 29**, for the WDCTA annual meeting/awards banquet. Details are forthcoming!

Opportunity to Share!

First, thank you to Diane Brault for sharing her wonderful photos of two of her horses. Over the years, Diane has contributed several interesting photos and stories for this newsletter. This newsletter is open to all members to contribute stories, photos, barn and riding tips, etc. Just send to me via email.

Caryn

Save the Date!

The WDCTA Awards Banquet is Saturday, Mar. 29.
Details about location and guest speaker coming soon!

Some Veterinarian Updates From Rood & Riddle

By Caryn Vesperman

While I won't be able to go into the detail presented by the Rood & Riddle veterinarians at this seminar at the Wanderers Club in Wellington, FL, I'll present some highlights that may be of interest to you. They were to me!

Use of Serum Amyloid A for Real-Time Screening and Monitoring of Barn Health

Dr. Jacquelin Boggs, DVM, MS, discussed identifying the Serum Amyloid A (SAA), which is a biomarker for horses that identifies inflammation and early detection of the infectious process, and then its use monitoring response to treatment and screening for quarantine and biosecurity purposes.



Dr. Boggs works for Zoetis, the maker of Stablelab[®], which is the medical instrument needed for SAA testing. The Stablelab is about the size of a cell phone, only thicker, and is used anywhere, including in the barn. Basically it can catch problems in about 10 minutes with 95% accuracy and is 30 times more sensitive than a thermometer.

Dr. Boggs indicated that 10-15% of equine deaths due to respiratory disease, and 75% of those are caused by EH1 and EH4. With SAA testing, veterinarians can identify inflammation sooner and get the horse started on antibiotics or appropriate treatment plan.

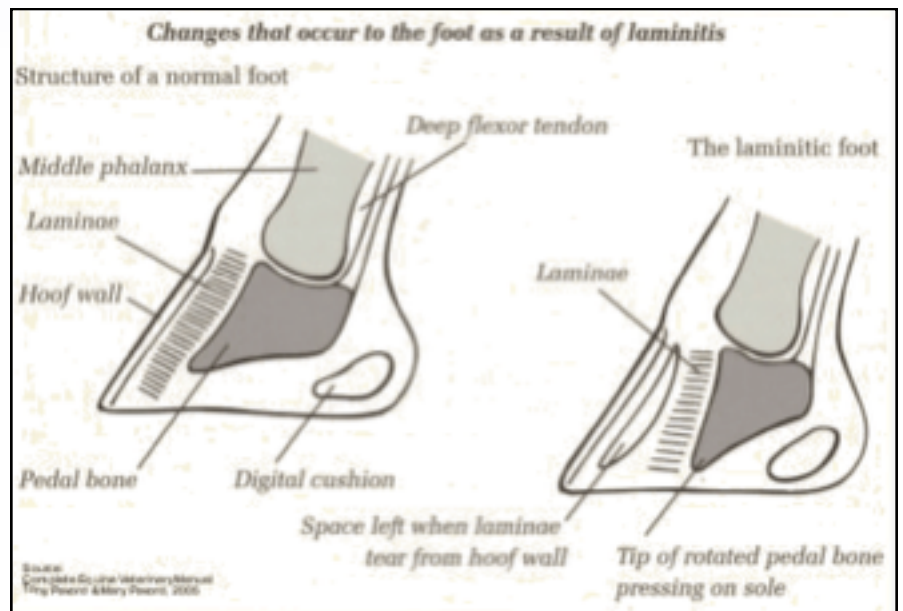
An Historical Perspective of Laminitis

Dr. Raul J. Bras, DVM, CJF, talked passionately about the history of laminitis. He started his presentation talking about how a beloved mare in his childhood was stricken with laminitis and how neither he nor the medical experts could help her. The pain and futility of what his horse went through made an indelible impression upon him, and led to his pursuit of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Bras said Aristotle back in 330 BC talked about grass founder, calling it "foot ill." Xenophon in 380 BC, mentioned the problem and the Romans in 27 BC would bleed the hoof when they felt the heat and sensitivity in horses' feet.

Dr. Bras said after all these centuries, we still don't have a great way to treat or prevent laminitis. While some progress has been made in earlier recognition, special shoeing and treatments, Dr. Bras said the No. 2 cause of equine death is still laminitis (colic is No. 1) and that is why we should never take a wait-and-see approach if we suspect laminitis.

Dr. Bras also indicated they've found 80% of horses suffering from laminitis have some form of metabolic syndrome. He said it is important to check the insulin levels of metabolic horses before getting joint injections because steroid injections (glucocorticoids) can cause a spike in insulin levels which can lead to insulin-induced laminitis.



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& Farm Owners, Tour Farms, Learn
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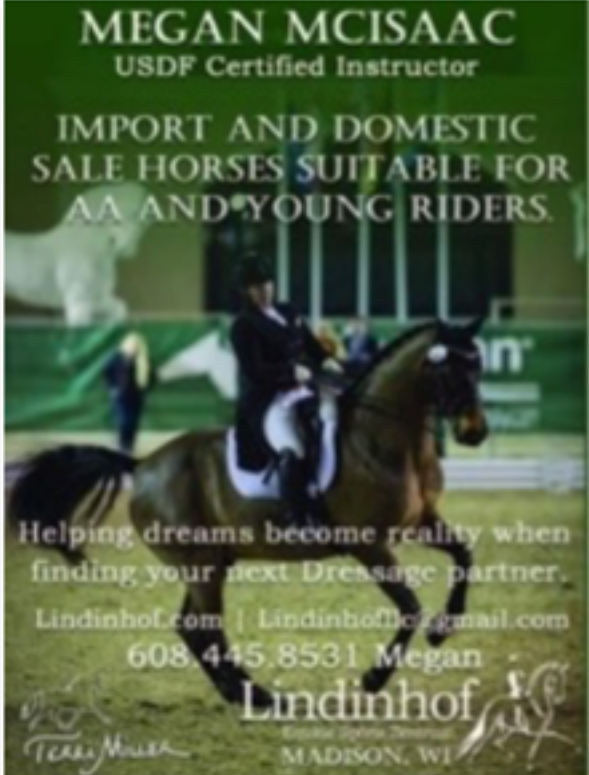


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Teaches all levels with 30 years of experience. USEF "r" dressage judge, USDF Bronze and Silver medalist on self-trained horses. Will travel.

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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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Stephanie and Megan have created Barn Besties to build an online community. They provide videos on running and managing horse farms. Videos include building a facility, fencing, arena footing, equipment, barn tours and much more. Check out their YouTube channel!

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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 and schooling shows.

Calendar

WDCTA Events

Mar. 2

Dealing with a Rider's Fall

Online seminar with PT Allie Baier and co-sponsored by WDCTA. WDCTA members attend at reduced rate. Sign Up [Here](#)

Other Events

Feb. 8

WI Horse Council Fun Day

Burnett, WI (See flyer on following page)

April 11-13, 2025

Midwest Horse Fair

Madison, WI

Sept. 10-14

Region 2 Championships
Waterloo Hunt Club, MI

Oct. 2-5

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

Oct. 30-Nov. 2

US Dressage Finals

New Location! World Equestrian Center
Wilmington, OH

2026

Oct. 29-Nov. 1

US Dressage Finals

World Equestrian Center
Wilmington, OH



The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation (WSHCEF) was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. Our mission is to support equine priorities identified and supported by Wisconsin equine owners and organizations.

The WSHCEF is a tax exempt, non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, and as such allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to support Wisconsin equine projects.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the WSHCEF. **Thank you!**

Donations can be made payable and sent to: **WSHCEF, P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925**

SAVE THE DATE!

Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

Presents their annual

"Winter Fun Day"

February 8, 2025

at

**Springbrook Events
N8400 County Road I
Burnett, WI 53922**

- ♦ Model Horse Show
 - ♦ Vendors
 - ♦ Dog Sled Demos
- ♦ Sleigh Driving Exhibition
 - ♦ Bobsled Rides
 - ♦ Skijoring
 - ♦ Kids' Activities

Sleigh Bell Café - Breakfast & Lunch

Admission is Free!



**WISCONSIN DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION
2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

MEMBERSHIP TERM: December 1 – November 30



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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)

* Age as of January 1

AFFILIATION:

- ___ Eastern Chapter (Plans to start in 2025)
- ___ Upper Peninsula Chapter (Upper Michigan and northern WI)
- ___ General Membership

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 _____
 - \$10** Add'l family member name _____ Birth date if age 21 or less _____
- \$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 _____

WDCTA STABLE, INSTRUCTOR, BREEDER, BUSINESS LISTINGS -- Listings on website & eQuester. **Must fill out listing form available on WDCTA website and include payment.** (These listings are free when purchasing a Business Membership.)

- \$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)
Quarter Page 3.5 x 5": In eQuester newsletter with links to email OR website.	\$15 (S12)	\$85 (S70)	\$150 (S135)
Half Page 7.5 x 5" or 3.75 x 10": In eQuester newsletter with links to email AND website.	\$20 (S15)	\$100 (S90)	\$195 (S175)
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:

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 Score report* to:

Sandra Malott
9625 W. Center Street
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 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



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