



WDCTA PILOT SCHOOLING SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP – 2025 SHOW SEASON

Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association is excited to announce a pilot program for this show season to recognize riders who compete at the Schooling level.

If you are interested in participating, you must be a member of WDCTA in good standing. Please carefully review the program rules as it is the rider's responsibility to comply with all stated requirements. If you have already competed in an eligible show this year, you have until May 30, 2025 to contact the program administrator to complete the application and gain a waiver of the pre-show registration requirement.

During the pilot period (2025 show season), registration and implementation will be handled manually. If the pilot is successful, an automated program will roll out for future years.

With this being a pilot program, we ask both for your understanding if any challenges occur during the process and your feedback on how we can improve the program for future years.

Good luck & happy showing!



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:	Owner Information: Same as Rider <input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/ST/Zip _____	City/ST/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
eMail _____	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:	Please enclose:
Celeste Pauli	Completed Application
840 Settlers Trail	Check made payable to WDCTA
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085	WDCTA Amateur Affidavit (if applicable)
Phone (920) 207-5301	
Email celestempauli@gmail.com	

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)