

2012 DSDCTA YEAR END AWARDS PROGRAM

Members of DSDCTA and its chapters are eligible for Year-End Awards within the following guidelines:

- The award year runs from October 1st to September 30th.
- All levels will be awarded Champion through Sixth place.
- Dressage, Combined Training, Dressage Sport Horse Breeding and Handler awards will be offered in the following divisions:
 - Junior/Young Rider
 - Open to juniors and young riders who meet the USEF dressage definition of junior or young rider.
 - A competitor is a junior rider until the end of the calendar year in which he or she reaches age eighteen, and a young rider until the end of the calendar year in which he or she reaches age 21.
 - For the purpose of DSDCTA Year-End Awards, if the rider is a junior/young rider as of October 1st of the award year all scores earned during the DSDCTA award year will count towards junior/young rider awards.

At the beginning of the Awards year Adult Amateur riders must choose to ride Adult Amateur, Open or Masters Division. Simultaneous competition in multiple divisions is not allowed.

- Adult Amateur
 - Open to amateurs who meet the USEF dressage definition of adult. For competition purposes, in the Dressage division, competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22.
 - For the purpose of DSDCTA Year-End Awards if the rider is a USEF adult amateur as of October 1st of the award year, all scores earned during the DSDCTA award year will count towards adult amateur awards.
- Open
 - Open to all. There are no restrictions based on the horse (age, breed, sex, size, residence, or membership of owner) or rider (age, experience, qualifications, sex, residence, or membership).
- Masters (formerly Vintage).
 - Members must declare to DSDCTA Awards Chairperson before September 30 of the award year.

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- If a member is 50 years or older on October 1st and has declared to be eligible for the DSDCTA Masters Division awards, all scores earned during the competition year will count towards DSDCTA Masters Division awards.
 - Scores may be from open, adult amateur, USDF qualifying or championship classes and most restricted classes.
 - All members who declare eligibility for the DSDCTA Masters Division Awards will maintain eligibility until DSDCTA Awards Chairperson is otherwise notified.
 - Each horse/rider combination winning a Championship at any given level will not be eligible for further competition for awards at that level or below.
 - Scores must be accumulated in shows with a US Equestrian Federation recognized judge or a USDF “L” graduate judge.
 - A running tally will be published on the Association Website, DSDCTA.org.
 - Scores from any DSDCTA sponsored show will automatically be submitted to the Awards Chairperson by the show secretary. It is the member’s responsibility to check the website and ensure scores were received and posted accurately.
 - Scores from non-DSDCTA shows must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson within 45 days of being earned. After 45 days there will be a \$25 penalty fee per test to be eligible for current show year.
 - Two options for submitting scores:
 - Tests can be mailed, or scanned and emailed, to the DSDCTA Awards Chairperson:

Cindy Carpenter
3518 Yellow Jacket Ln
Southport, FL 32409
Email: awards@dsdcta.org
- The score sheets MUST include: name of show, date, horse’s name, rider name, score and signature of judge(s). Any age specific class needs date of birth information or approximate if not sure.
- Rather than sending copies of qualifying tests to the Awards Chairperson for USDF shows, riders may instead simply email the Awards Chairperson their and their horses’ USDF numbers.
- The Awards Chairperson will look up all scores earned during the competition year on the USDF website.
- All scores will be recorded, however only the highest scores will count towards Year End Awards.

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- All awards will be based on the median score. The median score is the score exactly between the highest and lowest scores. When there is an odd number of eligible scores, the median is the middle score. When there is an even number of scores, the median is the average of the two middle scores.
 - All eligible scores are recorded, however, only the top two scores from each individual judge will count towards the median score calculation. Each score will be recorded only once. Scores only to be used once.

The DSDCTA Board of Directors reserves the right to divide, combine, or create divisions or categories as it sees fit during the competition year.

Dressage Awards Program

- Scores must be earned at a minimum of two (2) shows, with two (2) different judges.
 - Introductory Level – Four (4) scores minimum
 - Training Level through Second Level – Five (5) scores minimum
 - Third and Fourth Level – Four (4) scores minimum
 - FEI Junior/Young Rider – Three (3) scores minimum
 - Prix St George through Grand Prix – Three (3) scores minimum
 - Musical Freestyle – Five (5) scores minimum – Three (3) Freestyle scores, two (2) non-freestyle scores from the highest test of that level OR any test of the next highest level.
 - FEI Young Horse 4-Year Olds – Five (5) scores minimum
 - FEI Young Horse 5-Year Olds – Five (5) scores minimum
- To be eligible for awards at Introductory through Second Level, one (1) score must be earned at the highest test for that level.
- To be eligible for awards at Third Level and higher, scores can be earned from any test in that level.

Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Awards Program (DSHB)

- Awards will be offered in the following age categories (date of birth is necessary):
 - Ponies 14.2 & Under
 - Current Year Yearling
 - Two Year Old
 - Three Year Old
 - Four Year Old and Older Maiden Mares/Yeld Not Bred and Broodmare's in foal as of January 1st.

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- Four Year Old and Older Geldings/Stallions
- Material Dressage Sport Horse Under Saddle
- Awards shall be offered for in-hand handlers responsible for showing the horses in hand at dressage sport horse breed shows. Handlers must be a member of the DSDCTA in order to be eligible for this award.
- Minimum of three (3) scores must be submitted. Earned at a minimum of two (2) shows, with two (2) different judges.
- The judge for the In Hand awards must have an USEF Sport Horse Judge license.

Combined Training Awards Program

- Awards shall be offered for both horse trials and combined tests.
- Scores must be earned at a minimum of two (2) shows, with two (2) different judges.
 - Amoeba Division - Intro A and cross rails – Three (3) scores minimum
 - Itty Bitty Division – Intro B and 18" jumps – Three (3) scores minimum
 - Tadpole Division – Intro C and 2" jumps – Three (3) scores minimum
 - Beginner Novice through Preliminary Division – Three (3) scores minimum
 - Intermediate/Advanced Division – Two (2) scores minimum

Service Awards

- **Volunteer of the Year** – The award will be presented to members who demonstrate outstanding volunteer efforts.
 - *Service Certification* – Member who volunteers between 15 and 29 hours per year.
 - *Bronze Award* – Member who volunteers between 30 and 44 hours per year.
 - *Silver Award* – Member who volunteers between 45 and 59 hours per year.
 - *Gold Award* – Member who volunteers over 60 hours per year

Board members are NOT eligible for these awards

- **Volunteers Lifetime Service Award** – The award will be presented to members who demonstrate outstanding volunteer efforts over multiple years.
 - *Platinum Award* – Member who volunteers 120 cumulative hours
 - *Emerald Award* – Member who volunteers 240 cumulative hours
 - *Diamond Award* – Member who volunteers 360 cumulative hours

Board members ARE eligible for Lifetime Service Awards

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Achievement Awards

- **Award of Excellence** – Member who participates in the most non-competitive events (i.e. horse camp, clinics, meetings, promoting club at equine related events, educational seminars, attending USDF convention). Each event is worth one point.
- **Foundation Award** – Member who recruits the most NEW members. Recruiters name must be listed on membership application.
- **Heart & Spirit Award** – This award is given to the member who epitomizes the sport. Nominations must be submitted in writing. When nominating, please consider the following qualities:
 - Kindness
 - Sportsmanship
 - Honesty
 - Integrity
 - Humane
 - Inspirational

Nominations must be submitted on the Heart & Spirit Nomination Form found on the DSDCTA website Awards page. The top three finalists will be selected by the DSDCTA Board of Directors. Members will then vote for the winner. Deadline for submission is September 1st.

Special Awards

- **The Elaine Williams Memorial Trophy** – This award is presented to the Training Level rider who has the three (3) highest scores (averaged) received at a DSDCTA sponsored show.
- **The Debbie Lillibridge Award** – This award will be presented to a Junior (21 years of age and under) combined training rider who has shown the greatest improvement over the course of the year.