

A. NFDA YEAR END AWARDS

- 1) You must be a member of the NFDA at the time the scores are earned. The Awards Year runs from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2009.
- 2) Each horse and rider combination shall be considered as a team.
- 3) Scores must be earned in USDF Zone 3 (FL, GA, AL, MS, LA, TN, NC, or SC) with a USA Equestrian Recognized Judge or a USDF "L" Judge. **ONE score submitted must come from an NFDA sanctioned show.** (Schooling show or the DOFC show)
- 4) Horse and Rider Teams who have won a **Year End Award** at any given level and division **are eligible** to compete at the same level/division. It is not necessary to move up a level. **However, if a rider/horse combination wins a Year End Award in two consecutive years, they are no longer to be eligible to compete at that level or a lower level the following year. This rule also applies to any rider/horse combinations that are the only entry in a class or division. .**
- 5) Adult Amateur, Vintage, and Open Riders must have earned **2 volunteer credits** to qualify. Junior Riders only need to have **1 volunteer credit**.
- 6) There are 4 Divisions: **Junior Riders** 18 and under years of age, **Adult Amateur Riders** 18 to 49 years of age, **Vintage Riders** 50 years of age or older, and **Open Riders** are professionals or riders who choose to ride as an Open Rider.
- 7) All **LEVELS** will be awarded Champion through Sixth Place.
- 8) Introductory through Second Level need to submit 6 scores, including, one score from the highest test from that level. Example: Intro B, Training 4, First 4, Second 4. The highest and lowest scores are thrown out and the remaining 4 scores are added together and then are divided by 4 to reach the rider's mean/average score. Submitted scores must come from at least 4 different competitions, from 4 different judges. Rider must have a minimum mean/average score of at least 55% to be eligible for an award.
- 9) **Third and Fourth Level** need to submit 5 scores, including 1 score from the highest test of that level. High and low scores are thrown out and the remaining 3 scores are added and then divided to reach the rider's mean/average score. The 5 scores must come from a minimum of 3 different judges, 3 different competitions. A minimum mean/average score of **55%** is needed to be eligible for an award.
- 10) **FEI Levels** need to submit 3 scores with 1 score from the highest test in the level. All 3 scores are used to determine the mean/average score of the rider. Scores must come from 3 different judges, 3 different competitions. A minimum mean/average score of at least **52%** is needed to qualify for an award.
- 11) **Freestyles and Pas de Deux** need to submit 5 scores, from 3 different competitions, from 3 different judges. High and Low scores are thrown out, and the remaining 3 scores are added and then divided to reach the mean/average score. Minimum mean/average score needed to qualify for an award is **55%**. Freestyle awards are given with no discrimination as to age (Junior, Adult Amateur, Vintage) or division (Open or Amateur).
- 12) **Equitation** riders need to submit 5 scores from 3 different judges and 3 different competitions. The high and low scores are thrown out and the remaining 3 scores are added and then divided to reach the mean/average score. A minimum mean/average score of at least **55%** is needed to qualify for an award. No discrimination is given as to **specific levels** (Intro through FEI) or **status/division** (Open or Amateur). There is and Adult and a Junior Category.

How to submit scores:

For members using only NFDA Show Scores, the NFDA will keep track of member's scores. Members will only have to photocopy IF they wish to use a score/scores from a non- NFDA Event. In that case:

Scores must be submitted to the Awards Chairman by **1 December 2009**. Scores submitted with a postmark **after** 1 December 2009 cannot be considered. The **fronts** of the score sheets must be photocopied and the following information must be included on the fronts of the score sheets: horse's name, rider's name, date of competition, name of show, and the judge's signature.

B. NFDA MEDAL PROGRAM:

There are 3 categories of the Medal Program:

1) BRONZE MEDAL criteria:

- a) Six scores of 60% or higher
- b) Two tests from Introductory Level from 2 different judges, and four tests from Training Level from 4 different judges. One of the scores must be from the Training Level test 4.
- c) **OR:** Six scores from Training Level from 4 different judges. One of the scores must be from the Training Level test 4.

2) SILVER MEDAL criteria:

Four scores of 60% or higher

- a) Two scores from First Level from **2** different judges.
- b) Two scores from Second Level from **2** different judges.

3) GOLD MEDAL criteria:

Four scores of 60% or higher

- a) Two scores from Third Level from 2 different judges.
- b) Two scores from Fourth Level from 2 different judges

4) Requirements for earning and submitting scores:

- a) Scores may be used beginning with the 1997-1998 competition year.
- b) You must have been a member of NFDA when the scores were earned.
- c) To submit scores, **photocopy the fronts** of the score sheets and send to the current NFDA Awards Chairman.
- d) There is no time limit as to when the scores have to be earned.
- e) Scores **may be earned** on one or more horse.

ADDITIONAL YEAR END AWARDS

- 1) **NFDA Volunteer of the Year Award:** This award will be presented to the member who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer effort **and/or** has earned the most volunteer credits during the year.

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- 2) **NFDA President's Award:** This award will be given annually to any NFDA member at the sole discretion of the President for going above and beyond the call of duty in service to the NFDA.
- 3) **The Jane Price Spirit Award:** This award is in memory of NFDA member Jane Price and will be presented to the NFDA member who has shown exceptional spirit and determination when met with difficult times.
- 4) **Sportsmanship Award:** The membership is entitled to submit names to be voted upon by the NFDA Board. This person is a "cheerleader" for our club, by encouraging participation in our shows and activities, in addition to encouraging others in the sport as a whole. The criteria for this award includes, but is not limited to, one who is enthusiastic, loyal, dependable and helpful spirit.
- 5) **Charles R. Dunn Junior Achievement Award:** This award is awarded to the Junior Member who not only has campaigned her horse throughout the year but has also demonstrated a high level of volunteerism.

C. NFDA SPRING AND FALL SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES

1. Spring Series 2009 & Fall Series 2009

To be eligible for a Spring Series award you **MUST** be a member of NFDA and:

- a) Ride in 2 of the 3 shows in the series.
- b) Need to have a minimum of 3 scores to submit. The top 3 scores will be averaged together to reach the mean/average score.
- c) One score must be from the **highest test** in the level ridden. EX: Intro B, Training 4, First 4, etc
- d) Spring Series Awards are presented at a Special Event. Fall Series Awards are presented at the Holiday Event.
- e) All levels will be awarded Champion through Sixth Place.

**D. NORTHEAST FLORIDA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

2009 Program and Qualifying Rules

1. The Northeast Florida Dressage Championship Show is organized by the NFDA, a Group Member Organization of the USDF.
2. The NFDA Championship Show will be held on November 21, 2009 at the Clay County Ag. Center.
3. Championship Classes will be offered at each level in 3 divisions: Open, Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Riders.
4. If there are not sufficient entries in the Upper Levels (Second, Third and Fourth Levels), the NFDA will offer a "Challenge Cup" for this group of riders. Riders participating in the Challenge Cup will ride the highest test of their respective level in the Challenge Cup Class and will compete against each other. Highest score will be awarded the Challenge Cup.
5. In order to qualify for the Championship Show, you **must**:
 - a. Be a member of the NFDA at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the Championship Show.
 - b. Qualifying scores are earned by receiving a minimum score of at least **60%** on the **highest test** in the level ridden.
 - c. Need to have 2 scores of 60% or higher from 2 different judges.
 - d. Riders must enter an Official NFDA Qualifying Class, at an NFDA Schooling Show. Scores from other shows will not be considered. The qualifying fee (\$5.00) must be paid to the show Secretary at the time entries are made and prior to riding in the Qualifying Class.
 - e. Each horse and rider shall be considered a team. Rider may qualify on multiple horses.
 - f. Whips and test callers **MAY BE USED** when qualifying.
 - g. Horse & rider teams which have won an NFDA Championship Title in the 2008 NFDA Championship Show **ARE still eligible** to compete for a 2009 Championship Title at the **same level and in the same division**. There is however, a **2 Year Limit for a Championship Title winner** to compete at the same level and division. If you win a Championship title in 2 consecutive years, you will no longer be eligible to compete at the same level/ division or a lower level the following year. This rule was changed to encourage participation by members in the Championship Show. The only exception is FEI Level.
6. All NFDA Championship Classes will be awarded **Champion** through **Sixth Place**.

NFDA CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The following rules apply to **the NFDA Championship Show**:

- 1.** Whips **MAY NOT** be carried in Championship Classes.
- 2.** Tests **MUST BE RIDDEN FROM MEMORY. NO TEST CALLERS ALLOWED.**
- 3.** At no time during the NFDA Championship competition may any horse entered in a Championship Class be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (exception: Grooms riding on a LOOSE REIN). Further, any horse entered in the Championship Show even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider.
- 4.** Formal Attire is mandatory for all competitors.
- 5.** Riders placing in a Championship Class **MUST** be present, mounted and in formal attire for the Awards Ceremonies. Failure to comply, without prior permission, from the Competition Manager, will eliminate the official score and placing and the next highest score will move up in placing in the Class.
- 6.** Championship Classes may not be split.
- 7.** In the event of a tie for Champion, and /or Reserve Champion, the collective marks will determine First, Second and Third Places. If the collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (2 first places will be awarded, next will be awarded 3rd place). Ties after 2nd place will remain unbroken. Note: In the case of a tie for Champion, prize money designated for Champion and Reserve Champion will be combined and divided equally between the two riders.
- 8.** The \$5.00 Qualifying Fee will be held in a Prize Money Fund. All money accumulated from these fees shall be divided as follows: 60% of the amount per class shall go to the Champion. The remaining 40% shall go to the Reserve Champion.
- 9.** Braiding of the horse is encouraged but not required.