



# 2023 NEWDA Dressage Championship Rules for the Year-End Awards Program

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## **Purpose:**

Promote the advancement of dressage in the state of Wisconsin, and to further the art of dressage through education. To foster a high standard of horsemanship by sponsoring and promoting equestrian activities that encourage the use of classical dressage techniques.

## **Objective:**

- To recognize outstanding performance in dressage competition by horses ridden and owned by NEWDA members.
- To encourage NEWDA members to take part in the learning experience of dressage competition.
- To augment and parallel the awards programs of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), while making allowances for local conditions.

## **Dressage Awards:**

- A. Divisions include Junior/Young Rider, Open, and Adult Amateur.
- B. Levels are defined as In-Hand Young Horse, In-Hand Mature Horse, In-Hand Amateur Handler, Musical, Western Dressage, and Introductory through FEI Grand Prix, and Other Dressage.
- C. Definition Junior/Young Rider: As per USEF rule DR119.3, for purposes of competition in the Dressage Division:
  - Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.
  - Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22.
- D. Definition Adult Amateur: As per USEF rule DR119.3, GR1306 and GR1307, Individuals possessing current amateur certification are only eligible as Adult Amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. Adult Amateurs must have a current United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) amateur card or verify status on the NEWDA Year-End Awards Application.
- E. Definition of Other Dressage: The following will be included in Other Dressage – USEF Rider Test, USEF Eventing Dressage Tests, USEA Young Horse Dressage Test, 3 & 4 Materiale, FEI Dressage Tests for 4,5,6 and 7 Year Olds, Driving Dressage, Gaited Dressage, Groundwork Dressage, Working Equitation Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage. Other tests as approved by the Awards Committee. Due to the number and variety of tests possible in the level, if not listed above, the Awards Chairman should be contacted and provided a copy of the test for review before signing up for the Other Dressage level.
- F. A champion and a reserve champion will be named for each division – Open, Junior/Young Rider, and Adult Amateur -- at each level of competition -- Introductory through FEI Grand Prix.
- G. Definition Maiden: Maiden awards are only open to those horses in their first year of showing at Introductory Level through FEI, Musical or Western at any NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling show or USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage show. The Maiden section on the Year-end Awards Application must be completed for the horse to be considered for this award. One award will be given for each division at each level for Introductory through Fourth. FEI levels will be combined into one award – FEI Maiden. There will be one Maiden award for Musical and one for Western. There will not be a Maiden award for In Hand Young Horse, In Hand Mature Horse, In Hand Amateur Handler, or Other Dressage. Ribbons or plaques only will be awarded at this division.
- H. One champion and a reserve champion musical award will be given. I.E. this is a combined award for all levels (Training through 4<sup>th</sup>, FEI, and Western Freestyles, Quadrilles, and Pas De Deux) and divisions (Junior/Young Rider, Open, Adult Amateur).
- I. One champion and a reserve champion Western Dressage award will be given. I.E. this is a combined award for all tests (Intro, Basic, and Level 1 through Level 3) and divisions (Junior/Young Rider, Open, Adult Amateur).
- J. One champion and a reserve champion Other Dressage award will be given. I.E. this is a combined award for all tests (see E above for a list of the tests) and divisions (Junior/Young Rider, Open, Adult Amateur).

## **In-Hand Sport Horse Breed Awards:**

- A. Definition Young Horse: As per USEF rule DR203.8, for purposes of Dressage Sport Horse Breeding only, a filly, colt or gelding three years old or under. Three years old or under equals less than 4 years old.
- B. Definition Mature Horse: As per USEF rule DR203.9, for purposes of NEWDA Year-end awards for In Hand, Mature Horse will be defined as a mare, stallion or gelding four years old or older.

- C. A champion and a reserve champion will be named for Young Horse (Under 4) which will include mares, geldings, and colts/stallions, a champion and a reserve champion will be named for Mature Horse (4 and Over) which will include mares, geldings, and stallions, and a champion and reserve champion will be named for Amateur/Junior Young Rider Handler. There will not be Maiden awards for In Hand Young Horse, In Hand Mature Horse, or In Hand Amateur Handler.

#### **Registration And Eligibility:**

- A. The rider or owner of the horse must be members in good standing of NEWDA at the time scores are submitted. If a horse is leased under a signed lease agreement, the lessee is considered owner for purposes of showing.
- B. For in-hand classes, the handler does not need to be a NEWDA member, nor is it necessary to have the same handler for each class in order to qualify for year-end awards.
- C. In the Amateur Handler class, the handler does not need to use the same horse in each class to qualify for NEWDA year-end awards.
- D. A horse and rider combination may not win a championship at any given level more than once (i.e., can win Reserve Champion more than once) except for In-Hand Young Horse, In-Hand Mature Horse, In Hand Amateur Handler, Musical, Western, Other Dressage, and FEI Levels (Prix St George, Intermediare I, Intermediare II, and Grand Prix).
- E. A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for each horse and rider combination to be eligible for championships.
- F. Cross-entering divisions is not allowed (i.e., cannot enter Open and AA.). For the purposes of year-end awards, a rider will only be eligible for one division. Scores can be earned in any type of class, but for year-end awards, scores will only count towards the division chosen and paid for.
- G. The recorder must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level or division later in the year.
- H. All registrations are for the current show year January 1st through October 31st.

#### **Qualification For Dressage Championships:**

- A. The horse and rider combination must have three qualifying scores from two different judges from two different NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling show. Only one score can be from a virtual show.
- B. Scores must be a minimum of 55% at Introductory through FEI, Musical, Western, and Other Dressage.
- C. For Other Dressage, three scores from the same type of test must be submitted. For example, three USEF Rider Tests or three FEI Dressage Tests for 5 Year Olds, etc.
- D. Scores must be from current USEF, FEI or USDF tests or for Other Dressage as noted above. The scores will be averaged.
- E. Scores must be earned from judges that are eligible to judge at that particular level.
  - a. USDF "L" Program Graduate = USDF Introductory thru USEF 2<sup>nd</sup> Level
  - b. USEF "r" Recorded Dressage Judge = USDF Introductory thru USEF 2<sup>nd</sup> Level
  - c. USEF "R" Registered Dressage Judge = USDF Introductory thru USEF 4<sup>th</sup> Level
  - d. USEF "S" Senior Dressage Judge = All classes, including USEF Level tests and FEI Level tests
- F. Scores must be earned at NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling show and/or USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized shows/USEA Event (for Eventing Dressage tests)/NAWD (for Western tests) open to all breeds.
- G. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling show or USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized show/ USEA Event (for Eventing Dressage tests)/NAWD (for Western tests) held in the state of Wisconsin.
- H. Except for the Maiden award, at least one test score must be from the highest test of that level, (for example, Training Test 3; for Introductory Level, the highest test is Intro C).
- I. Classes that are restricted will not count towards year-end awards.
- J. Per USEF rule (DR123.2), total final results must be published in marks as well as in percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point.
- K. Scores for the Maiden award may be from any test at that level.
- L. If two or more judges are scoring one ride, the average of their scores will be counted as one score.
- M. When more than one judge is scoring a ride, all scores will be averaged and will count as only one score.
- N. 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. As per USEF rule (GR1304.12), no rider may compete in a dressage class before a judge by whom he or she has been instructed, coached or tutored with or without pay within 30 days of the day of the competition.
- O. The rider or owner must send or email to the dressage recorder a "GOOD QUALITY" photocopy or scanned copy of the cover sheet of the original test showing the percentage for each qualifying score. The photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. The photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments. Riders may submit copies of the USDF Score Report instead of direct copies of the test.

- P. Scores may be earned from January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023. The score sheet must be postmarked or emailed on or before December 1, 2023.**
- Q.** Receipt of scores will be acknowledged by email unless a self-addressed stamped postcard is included with score sheets or the USDF Score Report.
- R. The following tests can be used as equivalents (Per USEF rule: DR119.2)**  
 All FEI Pony Rider and FEI Children's Tests are equivalent to Second Level.  
 All FEI Junior Rider Tests are equivalent to Third Level.  
 All FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to PSG.  
 The USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) Test is equivalent to Intermediaire II and the Preliminary Grand Prix.  
 The USEF Four-Year-Old Test is equivalent to First Level.  
 The FEI Four-Year-Old Test is equivalent to First Level.  
 The FEI Five-Year-Old Tests are equivalent to First Level  
 The FEI Six-Year-Old Tests are equivalent to Third Level.

**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. The judge for the In-Hand awards must have an USEF Sport Horse Judge license.
- B. Scores must be earned from NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling show and/or USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling show or USEF-licensed/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 handler or owner must send or email to the dressage recorder a "GOOD QUALITY" photocopy or scanned copy of the cover sheet of the original test showing the percentage for each qualifying score. The photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. The photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments. Riders may submit copies of the USDF Score Report.
- E. Scores may be earned from January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023. The score sheet must be postmarked or emailed on or before December 1, 2023.**
- F. Receipt of scores will be acknowledged by email unless a self-addressed stamped postcard is included with score sheets or the USDF Score Report.

**Qualifications for NEWDA Dressage Horse of the Year:**

→**HOY Training thru 4<sup>th</sup> Level** = One Horse of the Year (Training Level thru 4<sup>th</sup> Level) will be presented to the highest average score of all levels combined.

→**HOY FEI Level** = One Horse of the Year (FEI Level) will be presented to the highest average score of all FEI levels combined.

→**HOY Western Dressage All Levels** = One Horse of the Year (all WDAA Levels) will be presented to the highest average score of all Western Dressage levels combined.

**The following are qualifications for Horse of the Year Awards:**

- A. The horse must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling shows and/or USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized shows.
  - For HOY Training thru 4<sup>th</sup> Level, at least one of the scores must be from a USEF licensed judge ("r" status or higher).
  - For HOY FEI Level, at least one of the scores must be from a USEF "S" licensed judge.
- B. Scores must be from USEF, WDAA, or USDF score sheets, which are current at the time of the competition.
- C. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from NEWDA-recognized dressage schooling show and/or USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized show held in the state of Wisconsin.
- D. At least one test score must be from the highest test of that level, (for example, Training Test 3; for Introductory Level, the highest test is Intro C).
- E. Classes that are restricted will not count towards year-end awards.
- F. Per USEF rule (DR123.2), total final results must be published in marks as well as in percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point.
- G. If two or more judges are scoring one ride the average of their scores will be counted as one score.
- H. A horse may be named NEWDA Horse of the Year only once at a given level.

- I. In-Hand division/scores are not eligible for NEWDA Horse of the Year awards.
- J. Maiden division/scores are not eligible for NEWDA Horse of the Year awards.
- K. Musical Freestyle scores are not eligible for NEWDA Horse of the Year awards.
- L. Western Dressage scores are not eligible for NEWDA Horse of the Year awards.
- M. Other Dressage scores are not eligible for NEWDA Horse of the Year awards.
- N. Horse of the Year awards will be presented to the registered owner of the horse.