

CSDA ANNUAL AWARDS INFORMATION 2008

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE-RIDER OF THE YEAR

1. Awards are based on horse-rider combinations.
2. The rider must be a member of CSDA in good standing at the time the scores are achieved.
3. The rider must have contributed four (4) hours of volunteer work for CSDA during the competition year. The rider may designate a delegate to work for him/her. When a delegate works for another person, he/she must inform show management/event organizer for whom he/she is working at the time the volunteer work is performed.
4. Freestyle scores count for Freestyle awards only.
5. If a ride was judged by more than one judge, the average of the scores will be used.
6. Competitors are personally responsible for submitting their scores to the Awards Chairperson. (Original tests, photocopies of front of tests (legibly showing name of show, date, judge, score) or an official print-out of scores from RMDS, or USDF. Scores will not be accepted by telephone (no exceptions). Scores may be mailed or hand-carried to chairperson.)
7. Scores earned at schooling shows will be accepted only if the judge is rated "L" or above (r, R, S)
8. A horse-combination may submit scores in one division only, and the scores must have been achieved in the division applied for, unless said division was not offered at a particular show.
9. Scores must be achieved between October 1st and September 30th (RMDS competition year).
10. Chairperson must receive all applications by November 15th.
11. Perpetual trophies must be cleaned/polished and returned to chairperson no later than November 30.
12. Amateur riders must submit a copy of their amateur card. Riders who are not members of USEF can obtain an amateur card from USEF for a small fee.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Introductory through Fourth Level

- Five rides (tests); one test must be from a RMDS-recognized show (or higher); one ride must be from the highest test of the level.
- The highest and the lowest scores will be discarded and the three (3) middle scores will be averaged.
- Medals awarded for first through sixth place for the Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, and the Open Divisions.
- The same horse-rider combination may not win the first place medal more than once at the same level.

FEI Levels

- Three rides; one score from the highest test of the level.
- The scores will be averaged.
- Medals awarded for first through sixth place.
- The same horse-rider combination may win the same award more than once at the same FEI level.

Freestyle

- Two rides.
- Scores will be averaged.
- Medals awarded for first through sixth place.

Breed and Grade Horse Awards

- Five rides; One from highest test of level.
- One scores must be from a RMDS-recognized show or higher.
- All rides must be from the same level.
- Horse must be registered with appropriate breed organization (except Grade horses).
- A copy of registration papers must be submitted (except Grade horses).
- Ribbon awarded to first place.
- CSDA has trophies for the following breeds: Arabian, Hanoverian, Oldenburg, Paint, Quarterhorse, Trakehner, and Grade Horse. Trophy donations are welcome.

All-breed Champion and Reserve Champion

- Eight rides; One ride from highest test of level.
- No schooling show scores allowed.
- All scores must be from same level and same division.
- The highest and lowest scores will be discarded and the middle six scores averaged.
- Champion and reserve Champion ribbons for all three divisions.

Young Horse of the Year (new award beginning with the 2008 show year – donated by Patricia Leech)

- Open to horses aged of the current year through three-year-olds, shown in-hand.
- Two scores from two different shows.
- Scores must be achieved in OPEN classes (classes open to all horses within a specific age and sex group, and must include any breed).
- Both scores will be averaged.
- Same horse may win this award more than once.

New to Dressage

- Awarded to rider in his/her first year of competition in dressage. Rider may not have competed in dressage prior to October 31 of the competition year.
- Limited to Training level.
- Closed to professional riders.
- Five scores, any test.
- Ribbon for Junior/Young Rider and Adult Amateur divisions. Amateurs must submit Amateur card.

You've Come a Long Way, baby!

- Awarded to horse-rider combination with greatest point spread, demonstrating the most improvement during the competition year.
- Scores must be in ascending order.
- Two scores from same level.
- Same horse-rider combination may not win more than once at same level.

NON-RIDING AWARDS

Candidates for these awards must be nominated. See Awards application on CSDA website.

Volunteer of the Year:

For the member who gives his/her time and talent to the club..

Avis, We Try Harder:

For perseverance in spite of adversity.

Sportsman of the Year:

For the person who has made important contributions to our sport in general and/or the club.

OTHER AWARD INFORMATION:

- One CSDA board member will verify results before they are made official.
- Results will be on permanent record with CSDA.
- Awards committee (chairperson and CSDA board members) reserve the right to verify Scores with show secretaries or RMDS.
- Trophies **MUST** be returned by deadline (November 30th).