



## **KDA Rules for Awards**

*Revised 2011*

**Purpose:** To provide recognition of KDA members at all levels of dressage, rewarding those working towards “excellence” at their level of competition.

### **Eligibility:**

1. All USDF or KDA sanctioned shows from October 1 to September 30 (Competition Calendar Year) count towards year-end awards. USDF Region 2 Championships will automatically count. Scores earned at that show will count only if ridden by a KDA member in good standing.
2. Rider must complete 8 volunteer hours to be eligible for year-end awards. Volunteer hours may be earned by:
  - 4 hours at the KDA Spring Shows and 4 hours at other KDA shows, clinics, or events or all 8 hours at the KDA Spring Shows.
  - Recruit new members (1 hour per new member—*new member defined as someone who has never been a KDA member or someone who has not been a member 5 or more years*).
  - Solicit sponsors for any KDA Show totaling \$300 and do not request a free stall at the show (earns 4 hours). *All sponsorships go to Maureen John for approval—to avoid duplicating sponsor contacts.*
  - Write an article that gets published in Impulsion (2 hours of credit). The article must be approved by the editorial board and be a minimum of 750 words.
  - Design and conduct an educational seminar/workshop for KDA members. Credit given as follows: 1 hour seminar = 1.5 hours credit; 2 hour seminar = 3 hours credit; 3 or more hours seminar = 4 hours credit.
  - Active participation for a year on either the KDA Board or a KDA Committee. *See KDA By Laws or and Policies and Procedures for other official committees.*

### **Procedures:**

*Calculation:* Year End Awards are based on eligibility, completion of volunteer hours and in the divisions outlined above. Highest average percent wins for each of the divisions outlined below.



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*Combining Divisions:* The KDA Board can decide to combine divisions if there are fewer than eight (8) competing in that division. For example, Intermediate II and Grand Prix may be combined. Conversely, if there would be eight (8) or more in each division after splitting a combined horse/rider division (JR/YR or AA), the KDA Board can decide to split the division.

## **For ALL Awards:**

- **Incomplete Awards Applications will be returned.**
- Scores must be submitted by the Rider (or Owner in the case of Breed Awards) using the KDA Year End Awards Form (available on the KDA website) and, if applicable, submit the official Score Report Form from the USDF for USDF recognized shows (available on the USDF website). The scores that a Rider wants to be count must be highlighted. For scores achieved in KDA sanctioned Schooling Shows, simply listing the scores will suffice.
- **Scores must be submitted before October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to be eligible for awards.**

## **Definition of Classification/Terms:**

*Junior/Young Rider*—a Dressage competitor is a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 21.

*Adult Amateur*—a Dressage competitor can compete as an adult from the beginning of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 22 as defined by USEF and remains an amateur per the regulations of the USEF.

*Vintage Rider*—a Dressage competitor who has reached the age of 50 during the Competition Calendar year.

## **Show Divisions as they apply to Year-End Scores:**

*Hors d'concours scores do not count. Results must be from the following classes:*

*Open class:* A class which is open to all. There are no restrictions based on the horse, or rider. Scores count towards Open, Adult Amateur, JR/YR, and Vintage divisions.



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*Adult Amateur class:* A class which is open to Adult Amateurs who meet the USEF Dressage definition of Adult Amateur. Scores count towards Adult Amateur and Vintage divisions only.

*USDF Qualifying class:* A class which has been designated USDF Qualifying. No other restrictions apply. Scores count towards Open, Adult Amateur, JR/YR and Vintage divisions.

*Percentage class:* A class which combines tests from one or multiple levels when there are insufficient entries to warrant individual classes.

*Novice Horse class:* A class which is open to horse which have never won three (3) blue ribbons in a KDA sanctioned show at the level being shows. Scores count towards Open, Adult Amateur, JR/YR and Vintage divisions.

*JR/YR class:* A class which is open to Juniors and Young riders who meet the USEF Dressage definition of Junior/Young Rider. See definition above. FEI Young Rider tests are counted as equivalents. (FEI Young Riders Team Test counts for the 4<sup>th</sup> Level; FEI Young Riders Individual Test counts for PSG.) Scores count towards JR/YR divisions only.

*Freestyle class:* A class in which a test is ridden to music under either the USDF or FEI rules, depending upon the level. Scores count towards the Freestyle division only.

## **Special Individual Awards:**

*President's Cup*—Award given to the single highest percentage ride by a KDA member in good standing at the KDA Annual Spring Show.

*Merry Midnight Award*—Awarded by member vote at Banquet to recognize a member who has contributed the most in a non-rider capacity.

*Waag Memorial Award*—Awarded to the highest scoring Adult Amateur (excluding Intro and Freestyle scores) in memory of Jeff & Julie Cook's gelding Waag. Waag was lost in the ice storm of 2009 and wanted to be a dressage horse but never got the chance in his short life.

*Cloudy Memorial Award*—Awarded to the highest scoring JR/YR (excluding Intro and Freestyle scores) in memory of Colt Cook's pony, Cloudy. Cloudy was the best children's pony ever. She carried Colt in his first dressage show in 2009 and died at the age of 34.

*Vintage Rider:* Placed through 6<sup>th</sup>. Qualifications listed on page 2.



## **Breed Awards**

Horse/Owner Team Awards

### *Categories:*

1. Young Horse In-Hand—horses 3 years old and younger
2. Mature Horse In-Hand—horses 4 years old and older
3. Materiale—horses of any age shown under saddle in a Materiale class.

### *Rules:*

- The owner must be a KDA member in good standing to be eligible.
- Awards are based on a percentage and not class placing. All scores submitted will be averaged to achieve year end placing in each category.
- A minimum of two scores are required to earn a breed award.

## **Dressage Award Categories**

### *A. Minimum scores to be counted:*

<u>Level</u>	<u>Minimum Score</u>
Intro AA	55%
Intro JR/YR	55%
Intro Open	60%
Training Level Open	60%
Training Level AA	55%
Training Level JR/YR	55%
First Level Open	60%
First Level AA	55%
First Level JR/YR	55%
Second Level Open	60%
Second Level AA	55%
Second Level JR/YR	55%
Third Level Open	58%
Third Level AA	55%
Third Level JR/YR	55%
Fourth Level Open	58%
Fourth Level AA	55%
Fourth Level JR/YR	55%
PSG*	55%



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Intermediate I & II*	55%
Grand Prix*	55%
Freestyle	55%

\*For PSG-GP, the AA, JR/YR, and Open riders will be combined in the various divisions unless there are more than three (3) people per category.

*B. Minimum Number of Rides*

- a. Intro-Fourth Level (Open, AA, JR/YR) 5 rides
- b. PSG-GP (Open, AA, JR/YR) 3 rides

C. Horse/Rider combinations showing at more than two (2) levels will only be eligible for year end awards at the two (2) highest levels shown.

D. Awards will be for Intro-GP and will be split into AA, Open, and JR/YR categories (except as defined above and JR/YR's may be combined with AA's if there are less than two (2) people per category).

E. Not placing in the class. All scores will be averaged (minimum of 5 for Intro –Fourth and minimum of 3 for PSG-GP). An additional 2% will be added to each score received at USEF recognized shows and 3% will be added to each score received at any Regional Championship.

F. Horse/Rider combination will only be eligible for Open or AA year end awards—to be determined by their status with the USEF. They cannot be eligible for both categories.

## **Additional Award Programs:**

### ***KDA Amateur Achievement Plates***

A plate is awarded to a KDA member who has satisfied their volunteer hours and achieved the following:

#### **Training, First or Second Levels:**

- 4 scores of 60% or higher from 4 different judges; 4 different rides

#### **Third, Fourth or FEI Levels:**

- 3 scores of 55% or higher from 3 different judges; 3 different rides

The plates will be engraved with the rider's name, level of competition and year that they are received with the average score of the four eligible scores submitted. The scores need



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not be collected in one show season, but may be accumulated over time. This award program began with the 2006 show season, scores achieved before 2006 show season will not be eligible. This program is for AA and JR/YR's only. The scores need not be achieved on one horse. They may be achieved on multiple horses. The plates can be mounted on a perpetual plaque that can be purchased from the KDA.

## ***KDA High Point Plates***

These plates will be awarded for excellence at each level. These plates will only be awarded to AA and JR/YR riders.

Training Level:	One score of 74% or higher
First Level:	One score of 72% or higher
Second Level:	One score of 70% or higher
Third Level:	One score of 68% or higher
Fourth Level:	One score of 65% or higher
PSG:	One score of 63% or higher
Intermediate I & II:	One score of 62% or higher
Grand Prix:	One score of 60% or higher.
Freestyle:	One score of 72% or higher.

Each plate will be engraved with the Rider and Horse's name, level of competition, and year that the score was achieved. Scores must be submitted by the Rider using the KDA Year End Awards Form (available on the KDA website) and, if applicable, submit the official Score Report Form from the USDF for USDF recognized shows (available on the USDF website). Please highlight the score that is to be counted.