



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF 2023 Regional Schooling Show Awards Program Rules

General Information:

1. Program year is December 1 through November 30.
2. Scores must be earned in competitions participating in the program.
3. Scores may be earned in any USDF region.
4. Late nominations, scores and applications will not be accepted.

Rider Eligibility & Requirements:

1. Rider must have a USDF Group Membership that is recorded by the Group Member Organization (GMO) at the time the scores are earned.
2. Riders affiliated with an International GMO must declare a USDF region.
3. There are no membership requirements for the owner of the horse and no USDF non-member fee is required. USDF Group Membership is only required for the rider.
4. Horse must have at least a USDF Horse Identification Number at the time the scores are earned.
5. Nominations of horse/rider combinations, along with the \$35 nomination fee, can be made at any time during the program year. The deadline to submit a nomination for the program year is **December 21, 2023 (after the 11/30 end of the program year)**.
6. Riders may change their division status during the program year. A rider's status will be determined at the end of the program year.
7. Riders must submit scores through the USDF website, and they may be submitted at any time during the program year. The deadline to submit a score for the program year is **December 21, 2023 (after the 11/30 end of the program year)**.
8. Results submitted by competition management are only used to verify scores submitted on the USDF website by the nominee.
9. Only USDF members in good standing are eligible to compete in the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program and receive awards.

Award Divisions & Levels:

1. Four award divisions will be recognized per region:
 - a. Open: from the beginning of the calendar year the rider reaches age 22, not a USEF Adult Amateur (AA), not a non-professional.
 - b. Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR): up until the end of the calendar year the rider reaches age 21.
 - c. AA: from the beginning of the calendar year the rider reaches age 22 and possess a current USEF AA card.
 - d. Non-Professional: from the beginning of the calendar year the rider reaches age 22, not a current USEF AA, not a professional.
2. Seven levels (freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille not included) will be recognized per division. Exception: only 6 levels are recognized in the open division:
 - a. Introductory (only in Jr/YR, AA and non-professional divisions)
 - b. Training
 - c. First
 - d. Second
 - e. Third
 - f. Fourth

- g. FEI – combination of Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II and Grand Prix scores.
3. Equivalencies listed in the current *USDF Member Guide* are eligible. Tests not listed as equivalencies will not be eligible.
4. Preliminary standings will be ranked using a median of all eligible scores and will be available on the USDF website.
5. Final awards standings will be based on the rider's region of primary residence in the USDF database as of November 30.

Score requirements:

1. Introductory Level:
 - a. Must have a minimum of three scores
 - b. From two different judges
 - c. From two different competitions
2. Training through Fourth Levels (levels may not be combined to meet requirements):
 - a. Must have a minimum of three scores
 - b. From two different judges
 - c. From two different competitions
 - d. At least one score must be earned from the highest test of the level
3. FEI Level (levels may be combined to meet requirements):
 - a. Must have a minimum of three scores
 - b. From two different judges
 - c. From two different competitions

Prizes:

1. Up to ten placings per division/level will be recognized.
2. Ribbons will be mailed to the rider.
3. Certificates will be available online.

Competition Management Requirements:

1. Any non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competition may participate.
2. To participate, competition management must submit online application and \$25 participation fee to USDF at least 30 calendar days prior to the start date of the competition.
3. The prize list must be submitted to USDF no later than 14 calendar days prior to the competition.
4. Competition management is prohibited from charging competitors a fee for their scores to be eligible for the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program.
5. Competition judges must be one of the following:
 - a. Current USDF L Graduate, with or without distinction, which has met USDF continuing education requirements and Safe Sport training.
 - b. USEF or retired FEI dressage judge.
6. FEI classes must be judged by USEF or retired FEI dressage judges or USDF L Graduates with distinction.
7. Competition arenas must be in compliance with US Equestrian DR126 for level 1 competitions.
8. All classical dressage scores must be submitted to USDF regardless if competition management was provided with USDF numbers for the riders and/or horses.
9. Competition results must be submitted to USDF as a .dat or excel file via the USDF Electronic Results Submission Standard (ERSS) format (using the USEF Universal Spreadsheet Template) or the simplified blank results template provided on the USDF website by no later than 21 calendar days from the end date of the competition.
10. A \$25 fee will be assessed for late competition results.