

Delta Dressage 2009 Awards Program

The following is a description of the year-end awards program sponsored by Delta Dressage Association. Please read this carefully if you intend to compete for year-end awards. Changes are designated in **Bold Type**.

Contact the Awards Committee if you have any questions.

Competition year: The competition year begins on December 1 and ends on November 30. Only shows occurring during the competition year will be included for purposes of the 2009 Awards Program.

GENERAL RULES:

1. The competitor must be a current DDA member (membership postmarked by December 1) in order to be eligible for year-end awards.
2. The competitor must volunteer 8 hours of service at a DDA sponsored show or sell \$250 worth of advertising in either our newsletter, our show program, or in class sponsorships. **Any competitor serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary of DDA is exempt from the volunteer hour requirement.** Eligible functions include DDA Spring Fling, Memphis in Springtime I & II, Blues City Dressage, DDA September Affair, DDA Fall Festival, or Turkey Trot. The volunteer forms will be made available at the shows. Competitors must complete the form for each event and the form must be signed by the Volunteer Coordinator for that show or a Show Committee member. There will be a drop box at the shows where you can drop off the forms. **NO VOLUNTEER HOURS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDED.** It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure their hours are included and correct as the standings become final on December 31 of the awards year. Volunteer hours earned may be transferred to another family member.
3. **Competitors ARE required to attend a DDA meeting to be eligible for year-end awards. THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET DOES**

NOT COUNT TOWARDS THIS REQUIREMENT.

4. In addition to DDA sponsored shows, we sanction the following shows:
 - a. ADS Country Classic I & II
 - b. MsEDA Sherry Levin Memorial
 - c. Tennessean Express
 - d. Ole South Dressage
 - e. Cedar Wind Schooling Shows
 - f. Cedar Wind USDF Rated show

Reminder: The competitor must show in at least two (2) Delta Dressage sponsored schooling shows (Spring Fling, September Affair, or Fall Festival) or one (1) Delta Dressage sponsored USDF rated show (Memphis in Springtime I & II, Blues City, or Turkey Trot) to be eligible for DDA year-end awards.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. The competitor must show in at least two (2) Delta Dressage sponsored schooling shows (Spring Fling, September Affair, or Fall Festival) or one (1) Delta Dressage sponsored USDF rated show (Memphis in Springtime I & II, Blues City, or Turkey Trot) accumulating two (2) scores.
2. The competitor is required to submit these scores as proof of DDA show participation. The competitor may CHOOSE to have the DDA scores count towards his/her year-end average. If the competitor chooses NOT to have the scores count, he/she MUST note this on the front of the score sheet.
3. **The competitor must submit a total of FOUR (4) scores in a level (Intro – Second) to be eligible for that level year-end award. The rider must submit a total of TWO (2) scores in a level (Third – Grand Prix & Freestyle) to be eligible for that level year-end award.** DDA awards are given in each level Intro through Grand Prix (including Freestyle) for Jr/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, and Open.
4. REMINDER: Competitors are responsible for submitting their own scores to the Awards Committee. No scores will be automatically

included. The scores are due to the Awards Committee postmarked by November 30. NO EXCEPTIONS.

5. The competitor must provide the Awards Committee with a photocopy of the front page of the test, which must include the date, the show name, the test ridden, and the percentage score. PLEASE KEEP UP WITH YOUR SCORE SHEETS. Trainers riding other's horses; if you want to go for an award, please keep a copy of the test for yourself for submission.
6. In the event a competitor submits a test on which the score is only calculated to the second decimal point, the Awards Chair will re-calculate the score to the third decimal point. Competitors should be aware that USEF rules require that all scores submitted from recognized shows be calculated to the third decimal point and that tests that do not show that information may not have been properly submitted to the USEF.
7. We will NO LONGER drop the highest and lowest scores. ALL SCORES SUBMITTED WILL BE AVERAGED. Once the scores are submitted to the Awards Committee, they cannot be retracted.
8. Ties will not be broken in any level. All competitors tied for the award will receive it, and the competitor who places behind the tied competitors will receive the next award. For example, if competitors A and B are tied for First, with competitor C behind them, A and B will each receive First Place and C will receive Second Place.

DEFINITIONS:

1. A Jr/Young rider for the purposes of the DDA awards program is anyone who is eligible to compete as a junior under the current rules of the USEF. Jr/YR status is established from the declaration on the DDA membership form and a birthdate must be included.
2. An Adult Amateur rider for the purposes of the DDA awards program is anyone (other than a Jr/YR) who is eligible to compete as an A/A under the current rules of the USEF. A/

A status is established from the declaration on the DDA membership form.

3. Membership in USEF / USDF for the purposes of DDA year-end awards is NOT required.

Any questions, please contact

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