Central New York Dressage & Combined Training Association
Year-End Awards Program Rules and Requirements

The CNYD&CTA Awards Program is designed to encourage CNYD&CTA members to expand their knowledge and improve their skills by recognizing their achievements during the current year. Awards through 6th place are presented at the annual Year-End Banquet. *If you have questions on the following requirements, please reach out to Awards Coordinator Andrea Belton at jbelton1@twcny.rr.com.*

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CNYD&CTA AWARDS

- The award year runs from October 1 of the prior year through September 30 of the current year.
- For official year-end results or award standings, no corrections will be accepted after 5:00 pm EST on October 1st of the award year.
- Riders must be a member in good standing at the time the scores are earned.
- Horse and rider combinations must be the same (except for Masters' and Achievement Awards).
    - If your horse passes away during the middle of the award year, an exception will be made to allow a rider to submit scores from multiple horses. Vet note required with award submission.
- Awards are based on the average of scores and are given to Jr/YRs, Adult Amateurs, and Open at each level for Recognized and schooling shows.
- The Year-End Award Reporting Form and Rider Achievement Award Reporting Form must be submitted by October 1st of the current year to the Awards Coordinator. For Dressage awards, riders must submit a copy of the front of the Dressage test or a printout of your score verification from USDFScores.com (Recognized shows only). Eventers must submit copies of your Dressage tests with proof of score of the CT or HT portions of the competitions. (Photo of the scoreboard or a screen shot from the results on the website will suffice.) If score verifications are not included, awards applications will not be accepted.
- **To be considered for any Year-End Awards, riders must complete 10 volunteer hours within the aforementioned year and submit the Volunteer Hours Reporting Form along with their Awards Reporting Forms to the Awards Coordinator, Andrea Belton at 5554 Gulf Road, Chittenango, NY 13037.**
    - **At least half (5 hours) of your volunteer hours must be completed at a CNYD&CTA event. The remaining hours may be completed at a CNYD&CTA *Sponsored Event*.**
- **What is a CNYD&CTA *Sponsored Event*?** *A CNYD&CTA *Sponsored Event* is a schooling show that may be hosted by a private facility (not hosted by CNYD&CTA), where the scores earned at the Sponsored Event are eligible to be counted toward CNYD&CTA Schooling Show Year End Awards. Current Sponsored Events/locations eligible toward Year End Awards: Tanglewood Schooling Show, Northfield Farm Schooling Shows, Zemi Farm Schooling Shows, Cayuga Dressage Keepin' It Casual Show*
- Submitting scores and required documentation are the member's responsibilities. Incomplete submissions will not be processed. Submissions for all awards must be made by October 1st at 5:00 pm EST unless otherwise noted.
- Awards may be submitted online via the Online Year-End Awards Reporting Form (Google Form) or via mail to the Awards Coordinator. *No emailed submissions will be accepted.*
- Online Year-End Award Reporting Form Tutorial Video
- PDF Year-End Award Reporting Form Tutorial Video

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DRESSAGE RECOGNIZED SHOW YEAR-END AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Training Level through Grand Prix, Western Dressage Introductory through Level 5, and Dressage Equitation
- Two minimum scores of 57.000% are necessary for submission at any level. One score must be from the highest test at that level, the other score may be from any test in the same level.
- For Dressage Seat Equitation, two scores that average 72.000% or higher are necessary.
- Each score submitted must be from a different USEF/FEI licensed judge. Indicate Judge's license type on form.
- Both scores must be obtained at USEF/USDF Recognized shows during the current year.
- Winners will be determined by the average of the two highest scores from two tests at that level.
- Scores and averages should be calculated to three decimal points.
- Scores may be from the same show as long as from different judges.
- Awards will be given to Jr/YR, AA, and Open. Dressage Equitation awards will be given to Jr/YR and AA only.

DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW YEAR-END AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Introductory through Fourth Level including Western Dressage and Dressage Equitation.
- Two minimum scores of 57.000% are necessary for submission at any level. One score must be from the highest test at that level, the other score may be from any test in the same level.
- For Dressage Seat Equitation, two scores that average 72.000% or higher are necessary.
- Each score submitted must be from a different CNYD&CTA qualifying schooling show.
- Qualifying scores must come from one of the following shows: CNYD&CTA hosted schooling shows or CNYD&CTA *Sponsored Events* *(see page 1 for "What is a CNYD&CTA Sponsored Event?")*
- Winners will be determined by the average of the two highest scores from two tests at that level.
- Scores and averages should be calculated to three decimal points.
- Scores may be from the same show as long as from different judges.
- Scores must be from USDF "L" Graduate or USEF/FEI Licensed Judges. Indicate Judge's license type on form.
- Awards will be given to Jr/YRs, AA, and Open. Dressage Equitation awards will be given to Jr/YR and AA only.

DRESSAGE MUSICAL FREESTYLE, PAS DE DEUX, & QUADRILLE YEAR-END AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Training though Fourth Level and all Western Dressage.
- Awards will be given to the member(s) with the highest percentage Freestyle test in the current year.

- A minimum of two scores of 57.000% are necessary for submission at any level.
- Scores and averages should be calculated to three decimal points.
- Scores may be obtained at CNYD&CTA Schooling Shows/Sponsored Events or USEF/USDF Recognized Dressage shows.

DRESSAGE VERSATILITY AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Introductory through Fourth Level.
- Qualifying scores must come from any CNYD&CTA or CNYD&CTA Sponsored Event. *(see page 1 for "What is a CNYD&CTA Sponsored Event?")*
- A minimum of four scores is necessary for submission, two from the same level in "English" Dressage and two from the same level in Western Dressage. Scores do not have to be from the same corresponding English/Western levels.
- Four minimum scores of 57.000% are necessary for submission at any level.
- One score in each discipline must be from the highest test at that level; the other score may be from any test in that level.
- Scores must be from two or more USDF "L" Graduate or USEF/FEI Licensed Judges. Scores may be from the same show as long as from different judges. Indicate Judge's license type on form.
- Winners will be determined by the highest average of all four scores.
- Scores and averages should be calculated to three decimal points.
- Awards will be given to Jr/YRs, AA, and Open.
- Western Dressage level equivalencies are as follows; movements are not necessarily the same at each level:

    - USDF Introductory Level = WDAA Intro Level
    - USEF Training Level = WDAA Basic Level
    - USEF Frist Level = WDAA Level 1
    - USEF Second Level = WDAA Level 2
    - USEF Third Level = WDAA Level 3
    - USEF Fourth Level = WDAA Level 4
    - USEF Fourth Level/Prix St. Georges = WDAA Level 5

VIRTUAL DRESSAGE SHOW AWARDS

- May be earned at all USEF/USDF/WDAA levels.
- 2 minimum scores of 57.000% are necessary for submission at any level.
- Scores must be from 2 separate CNYD&CTA sponsored virtual shows (i.e. Shows hosted by Spotlight Horse Shows).
- Winners will be determined by the highest average of all four scores.
- Scores and averages should be calculated to three decimal points.
- Scores must be from USDF "L" Graduate or USEF/FEI Licensed Judges. Indicate Judge's license type on form.
- Awards will be given to Jr/YRs, AA, and Open.
- CNYD&CTA does reserve the right to combine divisions if submissions warrant. In the event which divisions are combined, degree of difficulty points will be added to each score submitted. Points are as follows:

    Degree of Difficulty Points:
    - Introductory +0
    - Training +1

- First Level +3
- Second Level +5
- Third Level +7
- Fourth Level +9
- FEI Levels +11

MASTERS' DRESSAGE AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Training through Fourth Level, all Western Dressage, and Dressage Equitation.
- Offered to riders 60 years of age or older.

- Two minimum scores of 57.000% are necessary for submission at any level. One score must be from the highest test at that level, the other score may be from any test in the same level.
- Scores and averages should be calculated to three decimal points.
- Each score submitted must be from a different USDF "L" Graduate or /FEI licensed judge. Indicate Judge's license type on form.
- Scores may be submitted from any CNYD&CTA Schooling and/or USEF/USDF Recognized Dressage shows.
- This award may be given to multiple club members each year.
- **Each member may only win this award once per level.**
- Scores need not be earned on the same horse but must be earned in the current competition year.

RECOGNIZED HORSE TRIALS YEAR-END AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Beginner Novice through Advanced in three phase competitions.
- Awards will be based on results from two USEA Recognized horse trials. All three phases must be completed at each competition.
- Winners will be determined by the average of two (2) penalty point scores at the same level.
- Riders must submit two scores of 43.00 or lower at the same level.
- Scores submitted must be from different USEF/FEI licensed judges. Indicate Judge's license type on form.

SCHOOLING HORSE TRIALS YEAR-END AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Intro through Advanced in three phase competitions.
- Awards will be based on results from two unrecognized horse trials. All three phases must be completed at the competitions.
- Dressage must be judged by a USDF L Graduate or higher. Indicate Judge's license type on form.
- Winners will be determined by the average of the two (2) penalty point scores at that level.
- Riders must submit two scores of 43.00 or lower at the same level.
- Scores submitted must be from two different competitions.

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SCHOOLING COMBINED TEST YEAR-END AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Intro through Advanced in two phase competitions.
- Awards will be based upon results from two combined tests which must include a Dressage test and a jumping effort, i.e. Stadium, Cross Country or "Derby."
- Each Dressage level and jump height must be from the same level listed above.
- Dressage must be judged by a USDF L Graduate or higher. Indicate Judge's license type on form.

- Each Dressage score must be from a different competition.
- Winners are determined based on the average of the two (2) lowest penalty scores at that level.
- Riders must submit two scores of 43.00 or lower at the same level.

MASTERS' EVENTING AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Intro through Advanced at three phase competitions.
- Offered to riders 60 years of age or older.
- Riders must submit two scores of 43.00 or lower at the same level.
- Each score submitted must be from a different USEF licensed judge. Indicate Judge's license type on form.
- Scores must be submitted from fully completed schooling and/or recognized horse trials.
- This award may be given to multiple club members each year.
- Each member may only win this award once at each level.
- Scores need not be earned on the same horse but must be earned in the current competition year.

RIDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- Scores may be earned in any year, but before October 1 of the current year.
- Rider must not have won an Achievement Award at this level previously.
- Rider must be a member in good standing at the time the scores are earned.
- Rider may only receive one award per year at the level for which they qualify.
- The Rider Achievement Award Reporting Form must be submitted by October 1 of current year.

DRESSAGE RIDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Training through Grand Prix including Western Dressage and Dressage Seat Equitation.
- Four scores of 60.000% or higher earned at **USEF/USDF Recognized competitions.**
- One score MUST be from the highest test in that level.
- For Dressage Seat Equitation, four scores that average 72.000% or higher are necessary.
- Scores and averages should be calculated to three decimal points.
- A minimum of two scores must be submitted from two different competitions and by two different judges.
- A Rider Achievement Award may only be earned once for Dressage Seat Equitation.
- Scores need not be earned on the same horse.

EVENTING RIDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- May be earned at the following levels: Beginner Novice through Advanced in three phase competitions.
- Four scores of 40.0 penalty points or less must be earned at USEA sanctioned events with all 3 phases completed and with no cross-country jumping penalties.
- Member must place no less than 6th place in at least one of the USEA sanctioned events.
- Scores need not be earned on the same horse.

CNYD&CTA SPECIAL AWARDS

CNYD&CTA MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The Member of the Year Award recognizes a current CNYD&CTA member who, through cumulative and consistent volunteering, has demonstrated exceptional commitment, representation and promotion of CNYD&CTA and CNYD&CTA's mission. Members may nominate fellow members to receive this award.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award, not given in every year, recognizes a CNYD&CTA member who demonstrates a commitment to CNYD&CTA's mission through exceptional volunteer effort and dedication in a given year. Any current CNYD&CTA member may nominate a deserving member for this award, but nominees must be current members and winners will be selected by the CNYD&CTA Board.

KAYE OSBORNE LEGACY GRANT

Established by Central New York Dressage & Combined Training Association in memory of long-time CNYD&CTA Member, fellow equestrian, and friend, Kaye Osborne, to encourage a deserving CNYD&CTA Jr/YR member to further their equine education. In the spirit of Kaye's passion for horses and commitment to teaching, this annual gift shall be awarded to a member who expresses an interest in learning more about horses and/or riding. The grant can be applied to instruction of the recipient's choice. Recipient selected by CNYD&CTA Board of Directors.

JOYCE FISHER DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION HIGH POINT AWARD

In memory of long time CNYD&CTA member and local Dressage trainer, Joyce Fisher, this award is given annually to the rider with the highest average score in the Dressage Seat Equitation division at the Year-End Awards banquet. The award may be given to any rider who applies for a Dressage Seat Equitation award regardless of whether they are a Junior/Young Rider or Adult Amateur. The scores used to determine the high score will be the scores submitted for CNYD&CTA schooling show or recognized show Year-End Awards. No additional forms are necessary to submit for this award.

THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION: THE CENTURY CLUB

The Century Club recognizes North American Dressage riders and horses whose combined ages total 100 years or more. Horse and rider perform a test of any level, at a show (Schooling or Recognized) or event and are scored by a Dressage judge or professional. Western Dressage riders are welcome to join the Century Club. Century Club rides can be organized at any of the CNYD&CTA shows by contacting the CNYD&CTA President.

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