

**Be Smart  
Know the Rules**



## KDA Rules for Awards

Revised 1/2010

New additions

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

### 1. Eligibility:

All shows from November 1 thru October 31 that have USDF or KDA sanctioning will count towards year-end awards. The USDF Area II Regional Championships will automatically count effective 1/1/03. Scores earned at a show will count only if ridden by a KDA member in good standing.

**Rider must complete 8 volunteer hours beginning 2010 to be eligible for year-end awards.**

#### Various ways to earn volunteer hours:

- 4 hours at the KDA Spring Show and 4 hours at other KDA sponsored events – or all 8 hours at the KDA Spring Show (beginning 2010)
- Recruit new members (1 hr. per new member) before the spring show. (If not a member last year but was previously a member, it will count as a new member.)
- Solicit sponsors for the Spring Show totaling \$250 and do not request free stall at the show (earns 4 hours). (All sponsorships go to Maureen John for approval – to avoid duplicating sponsor contacts.)
- Write a published feature article for the newsletter for (2 hours of credit). Article must be approved by the editorial board and be a minimum of 750 words.
- Design and conduct an education seminar/work-

shop for KDA members. Credit given as follows:  
1 hr seminar = 1.5 hrs credit, 2 hr seminar = 3 hrs credit; 3 hr or more seminar = 4 hrs credit

- Active participation, for a year, on either the Board or a KDA Committee (e.g. Show Committee, Fund raising Committee. See bylaws for other committees) will receive (2 hrs of credit).

### 2. 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 USDF.

Vintage Rider - a dressage competitor who has reached the age of 50 during the Competition Calendar year. Calendar Year = November 1 - October 31

### 3. Scores Awarded:

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 (e.g. age, breed, sex, size, previous performance, residence or membership of owner) or rider (e.g. age, experience, qualifications, sex, residence or membership). Counts towards Open, Adult Amateur, JR/YR and Vintage divisions.

#### Adult Amateur class:

A class which is open to Adult Amateurs who meet the USEF dressage definition of Adult Amateur. Counts towards Adult Amateur and Vintage divisions only.

#### USDF Qualifying class:

A class which has been designated USDF Qualifying. No other restrictions apply. Counts 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 horses which have never won three (3) blue ribbons in a KDA sanctioned show at the level being shown. Counts towards Open, Adult Amateur, JR/YR and Vintage divisions.

*Novice Rider class:*

A class which is open to riders who have never won three (3) blue ribbons in a KDA sanctioned show at the level being shown. Counts towards Adult Amateur, JR/YR and Vintage divisions.

*Junior/Young Rider 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 4th level; FEI Young Riders Individual Test counts for PSG). Counts 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. Counts towards Freestyle division only.

**4. Special Individual Awards:**

President’s Cup - single highest percent ride by a member in good standing at the KDA Annual Spring Show.

Merry Midnight Award- member vote at banquet to recognize member contributing the most in a non-rider capacity.

Waag Memorial Trophy - highest scoring AA (excluding Intro and Freestyle scores). In memory of Jeff and Julie Cook’s gelding Waag who 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 Trophy - highest scoring Jr/Yr (excluding Intro and Freestyle scores). In memory of Colt Cook’s pony who was the best childrens’ pony ever. She carried Colt to his first dressage show in 2009 and died at the age of 34.

**5. 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:

- a. The owner must be a KDA member to be eligible. Awards go to owner.
- b. Awards are based on % and not on class placing. All scores submitted will be averaged to achieve year end placing in each category.
- c. A minimum of two scores is required to earn a breed award.
- d. Scores must be submitted by owner using the KDA year end breed award application form (available on the KDA web site) and, if applicable, the official score report form from the USDF for USDF recognized shows.

**6. Horse/Rider Team Awards:**

Changes for Year End Awards through the KDA

A. Minimum scores to be counted:

Level	Minimum score
Intro AA	55%
Intro Jr	55%
Intro Open	60%
Tr Open	60%
Tr AA	55%
Tr Jr	55%
1st Open	60%
1st AA	55%
1st Jr	55%
2nd Open	60%
2nd AA	55%
2nd Jr	55%
3rd Open	58%
3rd AA	55%
3rd Jr	55%
4th Open	58%
4th AA	55%
4th Jr	55%
PSG *	55%
I 1 &2 *	55%
GP *	55%
Freestyle	55%

\* for PSG-GP the AA, Junior and Open riders will be combined unless there are more than 3 people per category. Therefore, be sure to send in all of your FEI scores, in case we need to combine classes.

B. Minimum number of rides = 5 rides (intro-4th level for AA, Open and Junior riders)

Minimum number of rides = 3 rides (PSG-GP for AA, Open and Junior riders and for musical freestyle.)

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

D. Awards will be for Intro-GP and will be split into AA, Open and Jr rider categories. Junior riders may be combined with amateurs if less than 2 people per category.

E. Awards are based on average score - not placing in the class. The top five scores will be averaged. Above PSG the top 3 scores will be averaged. 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(s).

**F. *Scores must be submitted by rider using the KDA year end awards application form (available on KDA web site) and, if applicable, submitting the official Score Report Form from the USDF for USDF recognized shows (available from USDF web site).***

The scores that a rider wants to be counted must be highlighted. This report can be retrieved from the web site [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org) For scores achieved at schooling shows, simply listing scores will suffice.

G. Scores must be submitted before December 15th of each year to be included in year end awards.  
Calendar year November 1 - October 31

H. Horse/Rider combination will only be eligible for Open or AA Championships, declared by rider. They cannot be eligible for both categories.

## **7. KDA Amateur/JR/YR Achievement Plates**

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

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

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

### *Third, Fourth, FEI or Freestyle levels*

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

The plates will be engraved with the riders name, level of competition and year that they are received and with the average score of the four eligible scores submitted. The scores need not be collected in one show season, but may be accumulated over time. This award program will begin with the 2006 show season, scores achieved before 2006 will not be eligible. This program is for AA and Junior riders only. The scores need not be achieved on one horse, and may be achieved on multiple horses. The plates can be mounted on a perpetual plaque that can be purchased from the KDA for mounting and displaying on the wall. ***Scores must be submitted by rider using the KDA year end awards application form (available on KDA web site) and, if applicable, submitting the official Score Report Form from the USDF for USDF recognized shows (available from USDF web site).*** The scores that a rider wants to be counted must be highlighted. This report can be retrieved from the web site [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org). For scores achieved at schooling shows, simply listing the scores will suffice.

Scores must be submitted before December 15th of each year to be eligible for awards.

## **8. KDA High Point Plates**

These plates will be awarded for excellence at each level. These plates will only be awarded to AA and Junior level 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

I1/I2 - one score of 63% or higher

GP - one score of 60% or higher

**Freestyle one score of 72% or higher**

Each plate will be engraved with the rider and horse name, level of competition, and year that the score was

achieved. *Scores must be submitted by rider using the KDA year end awards application form (available on KDA web site) and, if applicable, submitting the official Score Report Form from the USDF for USDF recognized shows (available from USDF web site).* The scores that a rider wants to be counted must be highlighted. This report can be retrieved from the web site [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org) For scores achieved at schooling shows, simply listing the scores will suffice. Scores must be submitted before December 15th of each year to be eligible for awards.

### **9. Vintage Rider (through 6th place)**

See Section 6. Scores must be submitted by rider using the KDA year end awards application form (available on KDA web site) and, if applicable, submitting the official Score Report Form from the USDF for USDF recognized shows (available from USDF web site).

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#### *Calculation:*

Year end awards are based upon eligibility, completion of volunteer hours and in the divisions outlined above. Highest average percent wins for each of the divisions outlined above.

#### *Combining Divisions:*

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

