

SWVADA Awards and Recognition Program Additional Information

General Eligibility Requirements for All Programs

1. Only current Individual or Family SWVADA members in good standing are eligible. The competition year for all SWVADA awards is December 1st-November 30th.
2. Once a horse/rider team has received Championship Horse of the Year, that team is no longer eligible for the Champion award at that level, except those competing at FEI Levels.
3. To qualify for awards, competitors must volunteer four (4) hours of service at SWVADA sponsored events or projects. Members who perform jobs requiring service (Board members, webmaster, show managers/secretaries, etc.) will be considered qualified. Volunteer hours must be completed by the last SWVADA schooling show of the competition year. Hours earned after this date will count toward the following year. Event managers MAY elect to turn in volunteer names as a group, but it is **ULTIMATELY THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY** to see that volunteer requirements are documented and reported using appropriate forms. **FOR ADULT COMPETITORS: SWVADA HOURS MUST BE WORKED BY THE COMPETITOR.** Junior volunteer hours may be fulfilled by parent or relative.

Submitting Scores:

1. Only the results from the SWVADA schooling shows will be sent to the Standings Chairperson by show management. For all results other than SWVADA's yearly schooling shows, please send a copy of your test(s) with cover sheet to the Standings Chairperson within one month of the show date.
2. Scores earned at open USEF/USDF licensed shows will count toward SWVADA year-end award eligibility, but it will be the responsibility of the rider to submit scores on an Award Validation Form (found on www.swvada.org) within 30 days of the show. All scores must be in by November 30th. Alternatively, copies of tests (both front and back) or a copy of the USDF printout showing scores may be mailed to the Standings Chairperson.
3. If a class is officiated by multiple judges, only the recorded class score is valid for submission. Dressage scores from combined tests will not count.
4. Please save all of your tests throughout the year for verification. Original tests can help resolve any reporting errors or discrepancies.
5. All forms needed for score documentation, volunteer hours, etc., are provided online at www.swvada.org.
6. Standings will be posted and updated periodically on www.swvada.org. It is the rider's responsibility to check this site for discrepancies.

7. Scores from opportunity classes at licensed shows will not count toward SWVADA year-end awards.

Schooling Show Horse of the Year Awards

Introductory through FEI Levels:

1. Each horse/rider team must have a minimum of five (5) scores of 55% or higher from three (3) different schooling shows, which could include SWVADA schooling shows, and any other schooling shows that have a USDF "L" Graduate or USEF Dressage Judge. To qualify for Champion Horse of the Year, scores must include one (1) test from the highest test of the level (that score must be submitted and will count in the five scores for the awards even though it may not be in the "top five" scoring rides) ridden. Scores must come from a USDF "L" graduate or USEF judge.
2. Scores must be from at least two (2) different judges.
3. Scores earned under a USDF "L" Graduate will count.
4. Scores from licensed shows will not count for schooling awards with the exception of Introductory Level tests only, where a combination of scores from schooling and licensed shows may be used. Competitors must submit scores from licensed shows to the Points Chairperson.
5. The MEDIAN of the five (5) required scores will be used to determine year-end placings. Ties will be decided by the mean of the five scores. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

Musical Freestyle-Intro through Second Level (one award):

1. Each horse/rider team must have a minimum of three (3) scores of 55% or higher from two (2) different schooling shows listed by SWVADA.
2. Each horse/rider team must also submit one (1) non-freestyle score of 55% or higher from the highest test of the level, or any test from the next highest level.
3. Scores earned under a USDF "L" Graduate will count.
4. Scores from licensed shows will not count in the schooling show division.
5. The MEDIAN of the three (3) required scores will determine year-end placings. Ties will be decided by the mean of the three scores. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

Schooling Show Series Championship:

1. To qualify, the same horse/rider combination must have ridden the same level in 2 out of 3 SWVADA schooling shows.
2. Scores will be averaged and the High Score will win.

3. Ribbons will be given for Jr/Yr and Adult Amateur categories for Intro Level, Training Level and Combined 1st Level and above. To be awarded at the last SWVADA schooling show or sent to winner.

Licensed Show Horse of the Year Awards

Training through Fourth Level, Prix St. Georges, Intermediare I, Intermediare II, and Grand Prix:

1. Each horse/rider team must have a minimum of five (5) scores of 55% or higher from OPEN shows licensed by USDF/USEF.
2. Scores must be from at least two (2) different judges from at least two (2) different shows. Rides from classes with multiple judges (e.g. Championship Finals) will count as one score.
3. To qualify for Champion Horse of the Year, one (1) score must be from the highest test of the level ridden. This score must be included even though it may not be in the “top five” scoring rides).
4. Scores from schooling shows will not count for licensed awards.
5. The MEDIAN of the five (5) required scores will determine year-end placings. Ties will be decided by the mean of the five scores. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

USDF Musical Freestyle: Training through Fourth Level (one award):

1. Each horse/rider team must have a minimum of three (3) scores of 55% or higher from OPEN shows licensed by USDF/USEF.
2. Scores must be from at least two (2) different judges from at least two (2) different shows. Rides from classes with multiple judges (e.g. Championship Finals) will count as one score.
3. Scores from schooling shows will not count for licensed awards.
4. The MEDIAN of the three (3) required scores will determine year-end placings. Ties will be decided by the mean of the three scores. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

FEI Musical Freestyle (one award):

1. Each horse/rider team must have a minimum of three (3) scores of 55% or higher from OPEN shows licensed by USDF/USEF.
2. Scores must be from at least two (2) different judges from at least two (2) different shows. Rides from classes with multiple judges (e.g. Championship Finals) will count as one score.
3. Scores from schooling shows will not count for licensed awards.

4. The MEDIAN of the three (3) required scores will determine year-end placings. Ties will be decided by the mean of the three scores. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

FEI 5 & 6 Year-Olds (one award):

1. Each horse must have three (3) scores of 6.0 or higher from at least two (2) open shows licensed by USDF/USEF and from at least two (2) different judges.
2. Scores may be earned under more than one rider.
3. The MEDIAN of the three (3) required scores will determine year-end placings. Ties will be decided by the mean of the three scores. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

Note: MEDIAN denotes the middle number in a series containing an odd number of ordered numerals. Example: If the five highest scores were 67, 65, 64, 61, and 59, the median would be 64. MEAN is the sum of scores divided by the number of scores.

McDonald Farms Amateur Rider Award

Created by Teresa McDonald and awarded to the high score Adult Amateur at Training Level or above as determined by the highest median score (schooling or licensed) in Horse of the Year division. All requirements for Championship, referenced above, must be met to be eligible for this award. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

Junior/Young Rider Award

This award is for riders who are 21 years of age and under. Five (5) scores of 55% or higher earned on any mount at any level in schooling and/or licensed shows will count toward the award. The median of the five scores will determine the winner. Ties will be decided by the mean of the five scores. Up to ten (10) placings will be awarded.

SWVADA Medals

These awards are awarded to the competitor and therefore, more than one horse may be used to meet the criteria. There is no time limit. The competitor is responsible for completing the Award Validation Form indicated qualification(s) for a medal.

- **Bronze Medal:** Four scores of 60% or higher at Training and/or First Level. Two or more of the four scores must come from First Level. Two of the scores must be from licensed shows with at least one (1) of these from First Level.
- **Silver Medal:** Four scores of 60% or higher at Second and/or Third Level. Two or more of the four scores must come from Third Level. One Second Level score may be from a schooling show, but all other scores must be earned at licensed shows.
- **Gold Medal:** Four scores of 60% or higher at Fourth and/or FEI Level. Two or more of the four scores must come from FEI Levels. All scores must be from licensed shows.

Barcelli Award

Will and Jean Barcelli were instrumental in developing the sport of dressage in Southwest Virginia; they created this award to honor outstanding SWVADA members. The Barcelli Award is awarded by vote from the entire membership. Criteria include outstanding dedication, cooperation, and enthusiasm for the sport of dressage and SWVADA. Members may submit nominations to any Board member. The Board will review all nominations and select as many as three (3) for voting by the membership. Biographies of each nominee will be available online and/or in mailing prior to the vote. The vote will take place prior to the annual banquet.