

SWFDA Year End Award Requirements

2022 – 2023

(Choose your Category(s) for your Declaration from the list below)

The following Horse/Rider Combination Year End Awards will be offered:

(no substitutions are allowed)

USDF Introductory Level	USEF Fourth Level AA
USEF Training Level AA	USEF Fourth Level Open
USEF Training Level Jr/YR	FEI Level AA
USEF First Level AA	FEI Level Open
USEF First Level Jr/YR	USEF Western Dressage AA (Intro - 1st)
USEF Second Level AA	USEF Western Dressage AA (2nd - 4th)
USEF Second Level Open	USEF Western Dressage Open
USEF Third Level AA	USEF Recognized Show AA
USEF Third Level Open	USEF Recognized Show Open
	USEF/WDAA Recognized Show
USDF/WDAA Freestyle (Training – 3 rd Level/Intro – Level 1)	USDF/FEI/WDAA Freestyle (4 th Level – Grand Prix/Level 2 – 4)

The following Rider Year End Awards will be offered:

(multiple horses are allowed in no more than 2 consecutive levels)

Novice Rider Junior/Young Rider

Novice Rider: Any rider at any level who has never won a SWFDA Year End Award Champion or Reserve Champion at any level on any horse.

Junior/Young Rider: Any rider 21 years old or younger. .

The following Group Year End Awards will be offered:

(horse/rider combinations must be declared with allowances made for substitutions in horse or rider at the Board of Director's discretion)

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas de Deux

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Quadrille

SWFDA Team Award

Guidelines:

- The show year is May 16 to May 15 of the following year.

Riders have two options to be eligible to compete for SWFDA awards.

- Submit the Year End Declaration Form and applicable fees prior to any scores being earned. If your declaration includes work credits, a Work Credit Form must be submitted on or before May 22 of the award year.
- For all SWFDA show awards all riders must submit a photocopy of the front of EACH TEST they want considered for the award. Each rider is responsible for keeping a hard copy of their score sheets. If you are using a test score for multiple awards, a copy of the test must be included for each award. Hard copies must be “in the hands of the Year End Coordinator” by May 22 of the award year. Phoning, texting, or emailing scores will **not** be accepted, Copies received after May 25 will **not** be accepted.

The copy must include:

- *Competition name and date
- *Judge’s name and signature
- *Rider’s name
- *Horse’s name
- *Raw score and percentage

A copy of the inside of the test sheet may be needed for verification. Riders are urged to keep their tests in case additional information is required. The Board of Directors will make the final decision as to test validity. The Awards Coordinator will determine the average score. All averages will be published at the Year End Awards Party and on the SWFDA website. All awards will be presented at the Awards Party.

- In order to be eligible for awards, riders must be a SWFDA member in good standing at the time the scores are earned as well as at the time of the Awards Party.
- Level Requirements:

-“SWFDA Show” is any show hosted by SWFDA

-SWFDA will also sanction for the 2022/2023 season Fox Lea Dressage shows, and all Alpha Dressage Association shows.

USDF Introductory Level: Requires 4 scores to be averaged (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must

be from at least 2 different judges. This level is limited to AA and Jr/YR (no open riders)

USEF Training Level, First Level, and Second Level: Requires 5 scores to be averaged (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 2 different judges. Training Level is limited to AA and Jr/YR only (no open riders)

USEF Third Level and Fourth Level: Requires 3 scores to be averaged (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 2 different judges.

FEI Level: Requires 3 scores to be averaged (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores may be from any combination of FEI Levels and must be from at least 2 different judges.

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Freestyle: Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. Scores must be from at least 2 different judges. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event)

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas de Deux: Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event) Scores must be from at least 2 different judges.

USDF Quadrille: Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event) Scores must be from at least 2 different judges.

USEF Western Dressage: Requires 5 scores to be averaged with one score from the highest test of the level: Basic, Intro or 1st for the lower levels; 2nd, 3rd or 4th for the upper levels. (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores must be from at least 2 different judges.

USEF Recognized Show Award: Requires scores from a minimum of 3 judges and a minimum of 2 different USEF shows. Training through Fourth Levels requires 6 scores. FEI Level requires 4 scores. Scores may be from any combination of levels and can include Open, Maiden, Amateur, Jr/YR, Qualifying, and Freestyle classes. USDF Introductory classes are not allowed. *If SWFDA hosts or sanctions a recognized show, one score must be from that show.*

USEF/WDAA Recognized Show Award: Requires scores from a minimum of 3 judges and a minimum of 2 different USEF shows. Basic through Level Four requires 6 scores. Scores may be from any combination of levels and can include Open, Maiden, Amateur, Jr/YR, Qualifying, and Freestyle classes. *If SWFDA hosts or sanctions a recognized show, one score must be from that show.*

Team Award: The team will consist of 4 horse/rider combinations representing a minimum of 2 levels. A minimum of 2 scores (Freestyle scores are accepted) are required from each horse/rider combination with a total of 12 scores overall. (7 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Horse/rider combinations can ride in either 1 or 2 consecutive levels. The entire team must be declared prior to any scores being earned. If a team member or horse is unable to compete before earning the minimum 2 scores, a substitute may be nominated. The substitute's scores will replace any score that may have been earned by the original team member.

Novice and Jr/YR Awards: Requires 4 scores from SWFDA shows in any combination of levels. No Freestyle scores can be used for these awards. Placing will be determined by average score

