

General Information

Founded in 1976, the Iowa Dressage & Combined Training Association (IaDCTA) was created to support dressage and combined training throughout the state of Iowa. Our members include people of all ages and levels of experience. Some of our members are serious competitors, while others are interested in training and enjoying their equine partners at home. Regardless of what breed of horse you ride, how long you've been doing dressage and eventing or what goals you hope to achieve, IaDCTA provides many benefits.

Membership Benefits

Educational Opportunities

Throughout the year, IaDCTA sponsors and promotes activities that educate dressage and eventing enthusiasts of all levels of experience. From lectures that explain the proper etiquette at competitions to clinics with some of the world's finest equestrians, there are opportunities for everyone. Some activities involve a fee. Others are free to members.

Competitions

Each year, the IaDCTA may sponsor a Schooling Show Series which culminates in a Championship Show. This is sometimes held at the Iowa Equestrian Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but may be relocated to other areas of the state. In addition, the IaDCTA sponsors the Iowa Dressage Classics awards.

Information

An important objective for IaDCTA is to provide information to our members and others who are interested in learning more about all aspects of dressage and eventing. Communication is promoted through our website – www.iadcta.com or www.IaDCTA.org. Our electronic newsletter, The Collection, is published quarterly. In addition, participation in various equine-centered events helps keep our members informed about what's happening locally, regionally, and in some cases, nationally.

Awards Program

The IaDCTA provides diverse awards to encourage and support a high standard of horsemanship in dressage and eventing. These recognize achievement in both IaDCTA and USDF/USEF/USEA/WDAA recognized shows. Horse and rider combinations can be nominated annually for Year End Awards. Other awards are explained in the IaDCTA Handbook.

Grants & Funding

The IaDCTA administers several opportunities for monetary support. The Betsy Coester Memorial Fund provides financial assistance to select members for continuing their dressage education. In addition, through its relationship with the Dressage Foundation, IaDCTA serves as a conduit for connecting our members to available resources for training assistance.

Support & Fun

One of the most important benefits to membership in IaDCTA is that it puts you in touch with other horse lovers and helps make the challenging aspects of our sport more fun. The IaDCTA works to

increase the number of social opportunities it creates for members to meet and support each other. In addition, the IaDCTA provides numerous ways to be involved in equine activities through its Volunteer Program.

Group Membership to USDF

Your membership fee to IaDCTA automatically includes a Group Membership to the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). This group provides additional educational resources and access to competitions and information. More information about the membership is explained in the IaDCTA Handbook.

Types of Membership

The IaDCTA membership year runs from December 1 through November 30.

Details about the benefits of each type of membership are outlined in the IaDCTA Handbook.

Individual (Adult) Membership

Membership for individuals over the age of 21 includes the following.

- Copies of The Collection newsletter
- A subscription to the USDF Connection magazine
- Eligibility for IaDCTA Year-End Rider & Horse Awards
- Group Membership to the USDF
- One vote for IaDCTA elections

Family Membership

Membership for families includes at least one Adult (primary) member and additional support members living within the same household. The membership includes the following:

- The benefits of an Adult Membership
- Two Adult votes for IaDCTA elections

Junior Membership

Membership for individuals under the age of 21 includes the following:

- The benefits of an Adult Membership with the exception of no vote in IaDCTA elections.

What is a Group Membership to the USDF?

The IaDCTA Membership Committee receives many questions about the differences between a Group Membership and a Participating Membership to the USDF. The full list of benefits can be found at the USDF website, www.usdf.org, and in the IaDCTA Handbook.

Group and Participating USDF have many of the same benefits. One of the main differences between the two membership types is that the Participating Membership includes eligibility for all USDF year-end and lifetime achievement awards, including the Regional Dressage championships sponsored by Great

American Insurance Group. Group members do not have to pay USDF fees for recognized competitions and are eligible for many rider and horse recognitions.

Join or Renew

There are three ways to join IaDCTA or renew your membership:

- 1) Online: Visit www.iadcta.org or IaDCTa.com to complete your membership application on-line. You will have the option of paying electronically by credit card or by printing an invoice and mailing a check to the address listed on the invoice. NOTE: If you are renewing your membership, you will need to log-in to your IaDCTA account to complete the renewal process.
- 2) By mail: You can print and complete a paper application form, which can be found in The Collection newsletters, in the Appendix of this Handbook or on the website and mail it to the address listed.
- 3) In-Person: You can complete a paper application at any IaDCTA competition or event, including the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet and any educational workshop or dressage show