



National Walking Horse Association Dressage Horse of the Year Program

PURPOSE: These annual awards are for the horse and riders who compete in the discipline of dressage. *Text in red denotes new changes for 2021

Eligibility:

- Owner must be a current member in good standing by the last day of the NWA National Championship Show
- Rider must be a current member in good standing by the last day of the NWA National Championship Show
- Test scores must be submitted to the NWA office by **November 1**
- Awards are announced during the Annual Awards Banquet
- **Competition and accrual year will follow same dates as High Point**
- **There is no cost to participate.**

Rider Categories: **Open, Amateur, and Youth – You can only compete in 1 category**

Horse of the Year Categories:

- Intro Pleasure Champion (Intro A&B only, no canter)
 - May not sign up for any other traditional level
- Musical Freestyle Champion – specify level
- Traditional Champion-specify level
- Western Dressage-specify level
- Working Equitation-specify level
- Cowboy Dressage-specify level

Requirements:

- Each horse and rider team may submit scores for 2 consecutive levels
- Submit Score Report Form with a copy of the cover page of each test by November 1. Do not send originals
- Submit 5 scores from the same level test from 3 different competitions
- Must be from 3 different USDF, USEF, WDAA, Cowboy dressage, Working Equitation, and/or NWA Dressage judge
- One of the top 3 scores must be from a USDF, USEF, WDAA, Cowboy dressage, or Working Equitation Judge
- Musical Freestyle requires 3 scores from 3 different judges and 3 different competitions
- Pages must include horse and rider name, name and date of competition, Judge's name, and final score percentage
- A horse must complete a ride in the highest test offered in the level

- At least one of the submitted scores must be from the highest test of the level
- The highest median percentage score of each level is awarded the Dressage Horse of the Year Champion
- **2 scores can be from NWAHA virtual shows. All other requirements apply.**

To find the median of the scores, list in order of the percentages earned, from highest to the lowest. The top 3 scores must be from 3 different judges. The middle (or 3rd) score is the median. The highest 5 scores from 3 different judges must be submitted to be eligible.

EXAMPLE:

1. Training Level Test 1; Show 1; Judge-Jane Smith, "R"; Score 68.370%
2. Training Level Test 1; Show 2; Judge-Robert Moore, "r"; Score 65.462%
3. Training Level Test 2; Show 3; Judge-John Taylor, "L"; Score 62.246%
4. Training Level Test 2; Show 2; Judge-Robert Moore, "r"; Score 59.755%
5. Training Level Test 3; Show 1; Judge-Jane Smith, "R", Score 52.364%

The median score is #3- 62.246%