

## ESDCTA EVENTING YEAR-END AWARDS PROGRAM

### EVENTING YEAR-END AWARD CATEGORIES:

For Combined Tests: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary

For Horse Trials: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary

### New Category for 2009

#### **COMBINED TESTS YEAR END AWARDS** - (Dressage and Stadium only)

For the coming year, there will be a new category in our Year-End Award lineup. Since Combined Tests are being offered at so many of our registered shows, it is time for the participants to be able to compete towards a year-end award based on their scores earned in these classes.

#### **STARTER DIVISION:**

- Jump Height - 2' to 2'3"
- Dressage Test - current USEA Beginner Novice Test A or Test B or above
- Divisions below or above these jump heights and/or events using a USDF Intro A or B, or any other Walk/Trot dressage test cannot be used towards the Starter Division Eventing Year-End Award.

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION**

- Beginner Novice Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook.
- Jump height - up to 2'7", Dressage Test - current USEA Beginner Novice Test A or Test B

#### **NOVICE DIVISION**

- Novice Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook.
- Jump height - up to 2'11", Dressage Test - current USEA Novice Test A or Test B

#### **TRAINING DIVISION**

- Training Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook.
- Jump height - up to 3'3", Dressage Test - current USEA Training Test A or Test B

#### **PRELIMINARY DIVISION**

- Preliminary Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook.
- Jump height - up to 3'7", Dressage Test - current USEA Preliminary Test A or Test B

#### **MASTERS RECOGNITION AWARD**

- For members who are 45 and older by November 1st of the show season for which they are applying for an Eventing Year-End Award
- Honor system applies
- Applicant must be an amateur as defined by the USEF
- Applicant must be applying for an Eventing Year-End Award
- Indicate eligibility by checking off appropriate box on the Eventing Score Record Form

#### **HORSE TRIALS YEAR END AWARDS** (Dressage, Cross Country & Stadium)

#### **STARTER DIVISION:**

- Jump Height - 2' to 2'3"
- Dressage Test - current USEA Beginner Novice Test A or Test B or above
- Divisions below or above these jump heights and/or events using a USDF Intro A or B, or any other Walk/Trot dressage test cannot be used towards the Starter Division Eventing Year-End Award.

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION**

- Beginner Novice Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook.
- Jump height - up to 2'7", Dressage Test - current USEA Beginner Novice Test A or Test B

#### **NOVICE DIVISION**

- Novice Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook.
- Jump height - up to 2'11", Dressage Test - current USEA Novice Test A or Test B

#### **TRAINING DIVISION**

- Training Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook
- Jump height - up to 3'3", Dressage Test - current USEA Training Test A or Test B

#### **PRELIMINARY DIVISION (New Addition for 2009)**

- Preliminary Division falls under the guidelines of the current USEA rulebook.
- Jump height - up to 3'7", Dressage Test - current USEA Preliminary Test A or Test B

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## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR-END HIGH SCORE AWARDS**

### **The following information is for both Combined Test Awards and Horse Trial Awards**

- Competition year runs from November 1st through October 31st
- You must have been an ESDCTA member in good standing at the time your scores were earned and also when applying for an eventing Year-End Award
- Scores earned at USEA or ESDCTA registered events may be used towards Eventing Year-End Awards. USEA registered events are published in the USEA Omnibus. ESDCTA registered events are published in the ESDCTA Omnibus or the ESDCTA newsletter.
- Dressage scores earned as part of a combined test, horse trial or event cannot be used towards a Dressage Year-End High Score Award, Achievement Ribbon or Medal
- Applications for Eventing Year-End Awards must be received by the Awards Chairperson as listed in the newsletter postmarked no later than November 5th
- Applications postmarked after November 5th will not be accepted and will be returned
- Eventing High Score Awards will be presented at the ESDCTA Annual Awards Banquet
- Questions regarding ambiguity of rules must be brought to the attention of the Board Members by July 1st of the current show year to allow the Board time to discuss the situation

### **HORSE AND RIDER ELIGIBILITY**

- The same horse and rider combination must be maintained to apply for an Eventing Year-End Award in either the Combined Test category or the Horse Trial category.
- The same horse and rider combination must complete three (3) horse trials or three (3) combined tests at the level for which they are applying for an Eventing Year-End Award
- The three horse trials or three combined tests must have been ridden within the current show year.
- Once a horse and rider combination has won a First Place Eventing Year-End Award in either category (horse trials or combined tests), that combination of horse and rider may not apply for an award in that category at the same level again.
- The same horse or same rider are eligible for an Eventing Year-End Award at the level at which he/she won a First Place as long as it is not the horse and rider combination that won previously.

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicants for an Eventing Year-End Award must have completed a minimum of eight (8) hours of volunteer time for each separate award that they are applying for, with the exception of the Masters' Recognition Award
- Volunteer time must be from the current show season, to be earned between November 1st and October 31st of the year you are applying for an Eventing Year-End Award
- Volunteer time can be earned at: ESDCTA registered shows, horse trials, ESDCTA sponsored clinics, lectures, or special projects/events, and committee work
- Volunteer hours are cumulative throughout the show season and need not be earned at one show or while performing one activity
- Volunteer time already being applied to Eventing Year-End Awards cannot be applied towards ESDCTA Medals, Dressage Year-End High Score Awards or to fulfill volunteer requirements for Team, Grants or Scholarships
- Volunteer hours are transferable
- Volunteer forms must be signed by the show manager and include your name, show or activity name and date

## **DETERMINING AWARDS**

- Awards are determined by the median score - please submit your best 3 scores, only.
- Applicants must complete a minimum of three (3) horse trials or three (3) combined tests at the same level
- If there are six (6) or more applicants for a level, the level will be divided by Junior and Senior
- Ties will not be broken

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH HORSE TRIAL AND COMBINED TESTS YEAR-END HIGH SCORE AWARD(S)**

- Complete an ESDCTA Eventing Year-End Score Record Form to include:
  - Personal information
  - ESDCTA number as found on your newsletter label
  - Award category - Combined Tests or Horse Trials and also check whether Jr/YR or Sr
  - Level for which you are applying

*Seniors - indicate if you are also applying for a Masters' Recognition Award*
- List required number of scores
- One form per horse and rider combination
- Include a volunteer form indicating minimum of eight (8) hours of volunteer time
- Include a copy of the dressage test for each score you are using towards an Eventing Year-End award. Copy to include the following information:
  - Name and date of show
  - Rider and horse name
  - Dressage score plus penalties and final score.
- If you have misplaced a dressage test, it is the applicant's responsibility to obtain from the show secretary written confirmation that you did, in fact, ride in that event.
  - This Written Confirmation must include: show name, date, rider name, horse name, level ridden, dressage test ridden, judge for your dressage test, dressage score and final score.
  - This Written Confirmation must also include the show secretary's name and phone number or email address.
  - If you cannot obtain this Written Confirmation, do not use that score as part of your year-end submission. Your submission will be considered incomplete.
  - A printout from the USEA indicating final score is also acceptable only if other information is not available
- Send completed forms to the Awards Chairperson as listed in the newsletter, postmarked no later than November 5th

**DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS AND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE AWARDS CHAIRPERSON AS LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER OR ON THE WEBSITE**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 5TH**