



STRIDE RULES & REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR END AWARDS, revised 12/2020

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Every competition year, January through December (not membership year), STRIDE records competition scores and volunteer hours completed by members at Stride Dressage of Ocala Schooling Shows. Members who complete the required number of classes at a specific level and in a specific division and also volunteer a minimum of 4 hours will be eligible for Year End Awards given at the Year End Awards banquet or meeting. Year End Championships for each level and division are offered as well as Year End High Point awards for a qualified single high score recorded. Below you will find the rules and requirements for each division in which Year End Awards are offered. All awards require a minimum number of shows, a minimum number of tests, and specific tests within the level to be completed along with volunteer hours and current membership status before being considered for either Championship or High Point Awards.

***NOTE: SPECIAL JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER YEAR END AWARD:
EMILY BUTLER JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER PERPETUAL TROPHY:
SPONSORED BY JUDY DOWNER - Limited to Junior/Young Riders– NO
DIVISIONS OR LEVELS.***

Open only to Junior or Young Riders, this award requires:

- 3 traditional dressage scores (Traditional or Western)
- 3 different shows
- AND 2 Dressage Seat Equitation classes.

One award given to highest median score across all divisions and levels. Winner will maintain the trophy for one year then return it to be awarded to the next winner.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL STRIDE YEAR END CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS (YEAs) AND HIGH POINT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Basic Stride Schooling Show Requirements for any and all YEA

Championships and High Point Awards:

- 3 SHOWS: the CCU must have shown in at least 3 STRIDE shows
- REQUIRED NUMBER & LEVEL OF TESTS: the CCU must have completed the minimum number and required level of tests at the same LEVEL+DIVISION
- VOLUNTEER HOURS: the rider/driver or a previously designated substitute must have 4 recorded, verified volunteer hours at a STRIDE event during the season. Volunteers must sign in and out with the Volunteer Coordinator to record time and pickup vouchers. A qualified substitute person may be designated AT THE EVENT (not afterwards) and clearly marked in the documentation as a substitute for the STRIDE member.
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Additional General YEA Requirements for any and all YEA Championships and High Point Awards:

- **RIDER/DRIVER MUST BE A STRIDE MEMBER** at the time of the show in which scores or points are earned. Membership begins September 1 of each year. If membership fee is paid at the show, be sure to fill out the membership application at that time. Without a complete membership form on file at the time the scores are earned, you are not considered a member. STRIDE needs a reliable record of member's contact information and liability signature.
- **CCU: Rider/Driver/Horse Competition Combinations are considered unique Competition Combination Units (CCUs).** Scores earned by one CCU are not transferable to any other CCU. *Note: scores earned at any other venue are not eligible to be counted for STRIDE YEAs.*
- MEDIAN SCORE of all RIDDEN and DRIVEN tests completed at a level and division will be used to calculate YEA scores for ridden and driven dressage Year End Championships.
- VERSATILITY championships will use the highest score in each required class for Year End Championship scoring. See specific scoring points under Versatility below.
- ***NOTE: CLASSES #20, 21 & 29 Test of Choice entries will NOT COUNT toward the Year End Award Requirements.***
- **COMPETITION STATUS ELIGIBILITY FOR RIDDEN YEAs:** Eligibility is based on the rider's current year competition status: Novice Rider (NR), Adult Amateur (AA), Jr/YR, Open, and on the horse's status for Novice Horse (NH). Junior riders must retain their Jr status until December 31 of the year in which they turn 21 years of age. Although Adult Amateur and Jr/YR riders may compete in open classes and win open division Daily and Year End championships based on those scores, scores earned in open classes will not count in AA or Jr/YR calculations.
- **PREVIOUS YEA WINNER ELIGIBILITY:** "Won" in this section = YEA championship only, not YEA reserve championships.
 - A CCU having won a ridden or driven level/division YEA championship in previous years is no longer eligible to win any YEA award in that level/division, BUT they may still compete at individual shows at that level/division and retain eligibility to win level/division daily championships at future Schooling Show Series shows.
 - If a Ridden CCU has won the level/division YEA as a JR or AA, that CCU may still compete for the YEA OPEN championship award at the same level by entering and competing in the Open classes.
 - If a Ridden CCU has won a YEA Open Championship at a level, that CCU is eligible to compete and win a YEA Award as a Jr/YR or AA at the same level after 12 full months of not engaging in activity which had classified them as a professional/Open competitor (See Amateur reclassification under USEF Rules).
 - A ridden CCU may win two consecutive levels in one year for YEA Awards.
 - A CCU cannot win more than one Versatility YEA Award in a given year. A rider or driver who has previously won a Year End Award in Versatility may compete and is eligible for subsequent Year End Awards in Versatility.

DIVISION SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR RIDDEN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

(Awarded to Traditional and Western Ridden Test Levels Only)

One award given for each Division and Level. Determined by combining a rider's competition status (Division such as AA, Open, Jr/YR) plus one test level (Level such as First, Second, Western Basic, etc.)

For example, one award will be given to AA First Level, one to Open First Level and one to Jr/YR First Level and so on. 4 hours volunteering required:

- **Divisions & Levels Awarded:**
 - **Novice Rider** (AA, Jr/YR Divisions) for Novice Rider Intro Level only
 - CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two Intro B (one award each division AA, Jr/YR)
 - **Novice Horse** (AA, Jr/YR, Open Divisions) for Novice Horse Intro Level only
 - CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two Intro B (One award each division AA, Jr/YR, Open)
 - **Adult Amateur (AA), Jr/YR, and Open Divisions** for each Level Below
 - **Introductory Level:** CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two Intro C
 - (One award each division AA, Jr/YR, Open)
 - **Training and First Levels:** CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two Test 3
 - (One award for each level and division)
 - **Second, Third and Fourth Level:** CCU must have at least 3 scores, including two Test 3 of Level
 - (One award for each level and division)
 - **FEI Level:** CCU must have at least 3 scores
 - (One award for each level and division)
 - **Western Dressage Introductory Level, Basic Level, and Level 1:** CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two of the highest tests of the level
 - (One award for each level and division)
 - **Western Dressage Level 2 and Level 3:** CCU must have at least 3 scores, including two of the highest tests of the level
 - (One award for each level and division)

DIVISION SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVEN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

(Awarded to Training, Preliminary and Intermediate Levels Only)

One award given for each Division and Level. Determined by combining a rider's competition status (Division such as Horse, Pony and VSE – Very Small Equine) plus one test level (Level such as Training, Preliminary, Intermediate)

For example, one award will be given to Training Horse, one to Training Pony and one to Training VSE and so on. 4 hours volunteering required:

- **Divisions:**
 - **Horse, Pony, VSE Division Awards for each level listed below.**
 - **Training Level:**
 - CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two different Tests within the level
 - One award for each division
 - **Preliminary Level:**
 - CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two different Tests within the level
 - One award for each division
 - **Intermediate Level:**
 - CCU must have at least 6 scores, including two different Tests within the level
 - One award for each division

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VERSATILITY

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

(Awarded to Ridden and Driven Entrants in Versatility Classes V1 – V17):

VERSATILITY CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD Basic Requirements (Ridden or Driven)

- 4 hours volunteering required
- 3 Different Shows
- **5 Scores Total:**
 - 2 Versatility Dressage Tests at same level V1, V2, V3, or V4 (Dressage Test determines Level of competition.) Ride chosen test twice.
 - 3 other different Versatility Classes (Ridden or Driven)
 - Drivers choose 3 classes from the list below (choose level that matches your dressage test (ie. If dressage is walk/trot all other classes should be walk/trot)
 - Driven Cones
 - Reinsmanship
 - Dressage By The Letters
 - Trail
 - Any Versatility Ridden Class (Classes V1, Prix Caprilli, etc.)
 - Riders choose 3 classes from the list below (choose level that matches your dressage test (ie. If dressage test is walk/trot, all other classes should be walk/trot)
 - Ridden Dressage Seat Equitation
 - Prix Caprilli, Ground Poles
 - Dressage By The Letters WT
 - Trail
 - Any Versatility Driven Class (Classes V3, Cones, etc.)

YEA VERSATILITY SCORING:

- **YEA SCORES FOR VERSATILITY ARE CALCULATED ON TOTAL OF REQUIRED POINTS.** Highest Dressage scores is used as it is scored by the judge. All other Versatility class points are awarded to class placings as follows: First: 75, Second: 70, Third: 67. Fourth: 64, Fifth: 61, Sixth and below, including unplaced entries, 58 points. Disqualifications and withdrawals earn no score. Classes may be repeated as many times as you like. The highest placing in each different class will be used for YEA calculation. 4 hours volunteer time required for YEA.

DIVISION SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR VERSATILITY

RIDDEN VERSATILITY (4 hours volunteering required):

- **Divisions: Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open**
 - **Ridden Walk/Trot Versatility - AA, Jr/YR, and Open Divisions (No NH or NR):** CCU must have 5 Versatility Scores from 3 different shows including the following:
 - 2 Versatility Walk/Trot Dressage Score **CLASS V1** Only (Versatility Working Equitation Level 1 Test) Ride test twice.
 - 3 Additional Versatility Class Scores from 3 different classes in the list below:
 - Ridden Dressage Seat Equitation WT
 - Prix Caprilli, Ground Poles
 - Dressage By The Letters WT
 - Trail
 - Any Walk/trot Versatility Driven Class (Classes V3, Cones, etc.)
 - **Ridden Walk/Trot/Canter Versatility - (Amateur Owner, Jr/Young Rider, Open Divisions):** CCU must have 5 Versatility Scores from 3 different shows including the following:
 - 2 Versatility Walk/Trot/Canter Dressage Score **CLASS V2** Only (Versatility Working Equitation Level 2 Test) Ride test twice.
 - 3 Additional Versatility Class Scores from 3 different classes in the list below:
 - Ridden Dressage Seat Equitation WTC
 - Prix Caprilli, Ground Poles or X Rails
 - Dressage By The Letters
 - Trail
 - Any Versatility Driven Class (Classes V3, Cones, etc.)

DRIVEN VERSATILITY (4 hours volunteering required):

- **Divisions: Horse, Pony, Very Small Equine**
 - **Driven Training Versatility (Horse, Pony and VSE Divisions):** CCU must have 5 different Versatility Scores from 3 different shows including the following:
 - 2 Driven Versatility Dressage Score **CLASS V3** Only (Versatility ADS Training C Test) Drive test twice.
 - 3 Additional Versatility Class Scores from 3 different classes in the list below:
 - Driven Cones
 - Reinsmanship
 - Dressage By The Letters
 - Trail
 - Any Versatility Ridden Class (Classes V1, Prix Caprilli, etc.)
 - **Driven Preliminary Versatility (Horse, Pony and VSE Divisions):** CCU must have 5 Different Versatility Scores from 3 different shows including the following:
 - 2 Driven Versatility Dressage Score **CLASS V4** Only (Versatility ADS Preliminary C Test) Drive test twice.
 - 3 Additional Versatility Class Scores from 3 different classes in the list below:
 - Driven Cones
 - Reinsmanship
 - Dressage By The Letters
 - Trail
 - Any Versatility Ridden Class (Classes V1, Prix Caprilli etc)

NOTE: Only classes marked V are accepted. No other test classes will count toward Versatility Year End Awards

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS

(Traditional, Western and Driven Dressage Only)

High point awards may be earned for a single high score earned by an eligible member who attends 3 shows, completes 3 scores at the same level and division level and who volunteers 4 hours during the competition year.

DIVISION SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS

High Point award requires 3 total scores from three shows at the same level/division as well as 4 hours volunteer time.

- **Traditional Dressage:**
 - Adult Amateur Division: One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.
 - Open Division: One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.
 - Junior/Young Rider Division: One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.

- **Western Dressage:**
 - Adult Amateur Division: One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.
 - Open Division: One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.
 - Junior/Young Rider Division: One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.

- **Driven Dressage:**
 - **Horse Division:** One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.
 - **Pony Division:** One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.
 - **Very Small Equine Division:** One award for the single highest score recorded at any level.

**Opportunity with Northeast Florida Dressage Association
NORTH FLORIDA SCHOOLING SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP**

- Three Florida GMOs (NFDA, STRIDE and SWEDA) are eligible to participate in this program which is set up to emulate USDF regional championships.
- STRIDE members take note: Scores earned at NFDA schooling shows are not eligible to be counted toward STRIDE Year End Championship Awards
- STRIDE members may compete at NFDA schooling shows at NFDA member rates
- STRIDE members may qualify to compete in NFDA End of the Year Championship Classes by paying the required \$5 qualifying fee at STRIDE schooling shows or at NFDA schooling show series

A copy of your current STRIDE membership card included with your entry will entitle you to **NFDA member rates**.

Championship Classes will be offered at each level in 3 divisions: Open, Adult Amateur, Junior and Intro and will be pinned Champion, Reserve Champion through sixth place. Cash awards to Champion and Reserve Champion. Note: A portion of all qualifying fees at each Level/Division will held in a **Championship Fund** to be awarded as follows: Champion 60% and Reserve Champion 40% of funds accumulated at that Level/Division.

A unique Rider/Horse combination is identified as an eligible Competition Combination Unit (CCU). Eligibility to compete in Championship Classes requires an identified CCU to earn two scores on tests listed in next paragraph reflecting 60% or better from two different judges. Qualifying scores are not transferable to any other CCU.

Qualifying classes are made available to both STRIDE and NFDA members at both STRIDE and NFDA 2019 schooling shows and consist of Tests 3 of USEF 2019 Training, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Levels and USDF Test B at Intro Level. Check NFDA website for Western Dressage Qualifying information.

A **qualifying fee of \$5 per qualifying test** is payable with entry. See details on entry form.

Complete NFDA Schooling Show and Championship information can be found at

<http://www.nfladressage.org/>