

IaDCTA Awards

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The IaDCTA Awards program is designed to recognize achievement of those riders who consistently earn good scores and advance their riding level. The Club encourages a high standard of horsemanship in Dressage, Combined Training, Horse Trials and Western Dressage at IaDCTA approved shows.

Guidelines for all Awards:

1. Only scores from IaDCTA Recognized Dressage, Eventing and Western Dressage Shows will be counted toward IaDCTA Awards.
2. Rider must be an IaDCTA member at the time qualifying scores are earned.
3. If Riders share a Horse, the Horse will be limited to four (4) rides per day at two consecutive levels. Only one Horse/Rider combination per level or class.
4. Horse/Rider combination riding two (2) levels may win at both levels but may not win a Championship or Yearend award if competing at the lower level the following year.
5. Horse/Rider combinations may win consecutive level Championships until their accumulated scores reach or surpass 65.000%. If their average scores are above 65.000% Horse/Rider teams may not win two (2) years in a row but may win the Championship again with a year off.
6. All scores for Championship and Yearend Awards must use the highest test of the chosen level.
7. For Yearend Awards, individuals are required to submit by mail or electronic device:
 - A. Copy of Official Show Results or
 - B. Copy of top three (3) testsInformation must be received/post marked by November 1st of the competition year.
8. A protective ASTM approved hard hat with chin harness must be worn when mounted regardless of rider's age or level of competency.
9. A Rider is not allowed to enter more than one division (i.e. cannot enter Open and AA). Definition of Rider divisions:
 - A. Adult Amateur (AA): For Dressage, competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age 22 (USEF rule GR101).
 - B. Open division is for professionals as described by USEF rule GR1306.
 - C. Young Riders (JR/YR) 21 years of age and under.

- D. Junior (JR14) are 14 years and younger.
10. Dressage and Western Dressage riders must obtain three (3) scores of 60% or greater from at least two (2) different judges to count towards IaDCTA Awards. Combined Training and Horse Trial Horse/Rider combinations must have three (3) scores from the given level under two (2) different judges and from three (3) different competitions (2 from an IaDCTA competition and 1 from either an IaDCTA or USEA recognized competition).
 11. Riders must complete one (1) type of service.
 - A. Complete seven (7) hours of volunteer time at IaDCCTA recognized events.
 - B. Recruit four (4) new members to IaDCTA.
 - C. Donate \$200.00 cash to IaDCTA. Members using this method must keep track and notify the Club in a timely manner.
 12. Volunteer hours can only be earned by IaDCTA members and may be gifted to other IaDCTA members.
 13. The IaDCTA Show Series Year runs from November 1st to October 31st. The Championship Schooling Show (held in October) will count for Yearend Awards the same year as it is ridden. Championship rides (IaDCTA, Regional and other Championship rides) do not count towards IaDCTA Awards.
 14. The IaDCTA has created an additional class which is available to all IaDCTA Recognized Schooling Shows. It will be deemed, "THE IOWA DRESSAGE CLASSIC CLASS".
 - A. The club will provide 1 – 6 place ribbons to sponsoring shows.
 - B. Sponsoring Shows will consider refunding the entry fee of this class to the winner.
 - C. Open to all riders that are current IaDCTA members – horse does not have to be nominated.
 - D. Rider must ride highest test in chosen level.
 - E. There will be NO delineation of rider divisions or dressage discipline (i.e. open riders will be competing against AA and Jr's as well as Western and Dressage).
 - F. There will be no Yearend Award for this class.

IaDCTA Championship and Yearend Awards

1. IaDCTA Championship Show: The final show of the IaDCTA Show Series year. All Horse/Rider teams with qualifying scores have an opportunity to ride for a Series Championship Award at their level within their division at this show. The highest test of the chosen level will be used.
 - A. Dressage
 - B. Combined Test
 - C. Eventing/Horse Trials

- D. Western Dressage
2. Year End Awards: Awards are given out at the Annual Banquet to recognize the year of achievements. Awards are given out for Horse/Rider teams for each level and division. All three (3) qualifying scores MUST be the highest test of the level ridden.
 - A. Dressage
 - B. Combined Training
 - C. Horse Trials
 - D. Western Dressage
 3. Exhibitor of the Year: Award will be given out at the Annual Banquet to the competitor who has attended the most shows for the calendar year. If there is a tie, most classes entered will be added.
 4. Rider Recognition Awards: Are given out at the Annual Banquet recognizing rider achievement in their division. All three (3) qualifying scores MUST be the highest test of the level ridden.
 - A. Open Rider – highest average % of qualifying scores
 - B. AA Rider – highest average % of qualifying scores
 - C. Jr/Yr - highest average % of qualifying scores
 - D. JR14 - highest average % of qualifying scores
 5. 70% Club: An award given out at the Annual Banquet recognizing exceptional performance. This Award requires one (1) score of 70.000% or higher from the highest test of the level ridden.
 6. Volunteer Award: An Award given out at the Annual Banquet recognizing the IaDCTA member with the highest hours logged by a single member. Gifted hours will be subtracted from individual counts if applicable.
 7. Qualified Rider: Award Medals are given out at the Annual Banquet to recognize rider achievement at their level.
 - A. May be earned over one (1) or more years of competition.
 - B. Scores may be earned on more than one (1) horse.
 - C. After receiving a gold at a given level, riders may not earn another medal at that level.
 - D. The Rider Award program is effective January 1, 1998 and is not retroactive.

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| Gold Medal: | Three (3) scores of 65% or better from two (2) IaDCTA recognized events. |
| Silver Medal: | Three (3) scores of 60% to 64.999% from two (2) IaDCTA recognized events. |
| Bronze Medal: | Three (3) scores of 55.000% to 59.999% from two (2) IaDCTA recognized events. |