



2009 HDS YEAR END AWARDS

The Houston Dressage Society proudly honors its competing members with year-end awards in two divisions: **Recognized Shows and Schooling Shows**. **Rider Achievement Certificates** are also given. **All 2009 awards will be presented at the HDS Awards Banquet in February 2010.**

GENERAL QUALIFYING RULES

1. The 2009 HDS competition year for Recognized Shows now corresponds to the USDF competition year of Oct 1, 2008 through Sept 30, 2009. Schooling shows remain on the calendar year format. **The 2009 HDS competition year dates are as follows:**

Recognized Shows:	Oct 1, 2008 – Sept. 30, 2009
Schooling Shows:	Jan. 1, 2009 – Nov 20, 2009*
*or date of last schooling show of the calendar year, whichever is later	

2. To be eligible, the rider must be an HDS member in good standing and must have a current Horse and Rider Registration on file with the Membership Chair.
3. Scores earned prior to Horse and Rider registration with HDS will not be eligible for year-end awards.
4. Qualification is based on same horse/rider combination.
5. Riders are responsible for submitting their scores to the Awards Chair by the deadlines below. Scores from recognized shows must be submitted via the **HDS Horse & Rider Score Report Form**, accompanied by a copy of the horse's **official USDF Competition Report**.

Deadline for submitting Recognized Show scores:	November 15, 2009
Deadline for submitting Schooling Show scores:	December 4, 2009*
*or two weeks after final schooling show of the calendar year	

6. An average score of 50% or above is required to be eligible for awards.
7. Judge Panel: A judge panel will be considered to be different if at least one member of the panel is changed.
8. Scores earned in classes restricted to horses of a particular breed, or age ("restricted classes") will not be eligible for HDS year end awards. This includes restricted classes at dressage shows and dressage classes at breed-restricted shows, regardless of USDF/USEF recognition of those classes and shows.

RECOGNIZED SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

USDF/USEF Recognized Shows

Training Level thru Int I
a) Open
b) Amateur
c) Junior

Int II thru Grand Prix
a) Open
b) Amateur

Freestyle
a) 1st – 4th
b) FEI

- Recognized Show Awards for Training Level Through 4th Level are based on a combination's top five (5) scores under four (4) different USEF judges at each level. **Freestyles require three (3) scores from three (3) different judges. National levels will be combined in an open division to determine winners.**

- Recognized Show Awards for FEI levels are based on a combination's top four (4) scores under three (3) different USEF judges at each level. **Freestyles require (3) scores from three (3) different judges. FEI levels will be combined in an open division to determine the winners.**
- Three eligible horse-rider combinations are required to fill a classification for award eligibility. Levels and/or divisions may be combined at the Award Chair's discretion in order to fill a classification.
- Scores earned at USDF-recognized shows that are NOT sponsored by HDS (e.g. San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Oklahoma, Florida, Colorado, et al) must be submitted to the Awards Chair via copy of the horse's official USDF Competition Report.
- Scores may be earned at non-HDS sponsored shows (including out of state shows), but at least one score must be earned at an HDS-sponsored show.
- Scores earned in championship classes (and other classes with more than one judge) can be applied toward year-end awards; however, when two or more scores are earned for one test, only the average will be used for year-end award calculations.

HDS-RECOGNIZED LOCAL SCHOOLING SHOWS

Prix Caprilli

a) Open

Green as Grass

a) Amateur

b) Junior

USDF Introductory

a) Open

b) Amateur

c) Junior

Training thru Second

a) Open

b) Amateur

c) Junior

- Schooling Show Awards for Prix Caprilli, Green As Grass and USDF Introductory Divisions are based on a combination's top three (3) scores under three (3) different HDS-approved judges.
- Schooling Show Awards for Training Level through Second Level are based on a combination's top four (4) scores under three (3) different HDS-approved judges.
- Three eligible horse-rider combinations are required to fill a classification for award eligibility. Levels and/or divisions may be combined at the Award Chair's discretion in order to fill a classification.

RIDER ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

- Premium Rider Achievement Certificates will be awarded to riders who have earned three (3) scores of 70% or higher in either Recognized Shows or Schooling Shows (or both) per level during the HDS competition year.
- Rider Achievement Certificates will be awarded to riders who have earned three (3) scores of 60% or higher in either Recognized Shows or Schooling Shows (or both) per level during the HDS competition year.
- Riders are required to submit their scores to the Awards Chair. Scores should be submitted via an HDS Horse and Rider Score Report Form accompanied by the horse's official USDF Competition Report. The competition year and deadlines for submitting scores correspond to the deadlines above.
- Horse and Rider registration is NOT required to earn Rider Achievement Certificates. However, the rider must be a HDS member in good standing at the time the scores are earned.

NOTE:

All scores will be verified by the Awards Chair against official show results submitted by the show secretaries and/or USDF Official results.

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