

2010 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 2010 awards will be presented at the HDS Awards Banquet in February 2010.

GENERAL QUALIFYING RULES

1. The 2010 HDS competition year for Recognized Shows now corresponds to the USDF competition year of Oct 1, 2010 through Sept 30, 2010. Schooling shows remain on the calendar year format. **The 2010 HDS competition year dates are as follows:**
Recognized Shows: Oct 1, 2009 – Sept. 30, 2010
Schooling Shows: Jan. 1, 2010 – Nov 20, 2010*
***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. A committee of HDS members that are not eligible for the awards will download a copy of the horse's **official USDF Competition Report and compute the winners from the list of eligible members.**
6. An average score of 58% or above is required to be eligible for awards at the National levels and 55% at the FEI Levels.
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.

SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

USDF/USEF Recognized Shows

Training Level thru Int I	Int II thru Grand Prix	Freestyle
a) Open	a) Open	a) 1st - 4th
b) Amateur	b) Amateur	b) FEI
c) Junior		

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.**

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	Green as Grass	USDF Intro	Training thru Fourth	Freestyles
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a) Open	a) Amateur	a) Open	a) Open	a) Open
	b) Junior	b) Amateur	b) Amateur	
		c) Junior	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 Fourth Level are based on a combination's top four (4) scores under three (3) different HDS-approved judges.

Schooling Show Awards for Freestyles are based on a combination's top three (3) scores under two (2) different HDS-approved judges.

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.

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. Riders are required to submit their scores to the Awards Chair if they do not have a current Horse and Rider membership. 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.

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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