

Article XI

Central Florida Dressage Awards Criteria

Section I. . The Award year runs from Jan 1 through Dec 31 of previous year for the Award year 2007. The Award year 2008 and all subsequent years will run from October 1 of that year (2007) through September 30, of the next year (2008) This will align CFD Award Year with that of USDF. The Rider and the Owner of the horse must be a CFD member for the *year that the award was earned* **and** for the *year that the award is presented*. (Note: membership is for 2005 and 2006 for 2005 awards.)

Section II. Awards will be based on the highest cumulative average score per level. Members must submit a photocopy of each test showing Rider name, horse name, show name, Date, level of test, judge's name and score. The Information must be legible for the score to count. Ride-A-Test Clinics are not to be considered. These scores must be submitted to the designated person by the designated date as posted on website or advertised otherwise. Once submitted, there will be no changes. The Awards Chairman will receive and record all submitted scores. Tabulation and verification of submitted scores and membership status will be performed and checked by another Board Member.

A cumulative average score of 60% or better is required to qualify for awards. A Rider and Horse combination may submit scores for no more than two consecutive levels. Ribbons or trophies will be awarded as designated by the Awards Chairman.

The scores submitted should be based on the following criteria:

There will be Four categories for Training through FEI levels excluding Musical Freestyle (see Musical Freestyle for criteria): **Open, AA, Jr Rider, and YR** in accordance with the USDF status. (Note: Rider must be a member of CFD but not necessarily a USDF member. However rider status criteria will adhere to USDF rules). *This is to encourage trainer submission of scores for recognition as well as our future riders.* Therefore, each rider must submit their USDF status or Rider Status.

USDF Introductory Level: The four highest scores from at least two different US Equestrian Federation rated dressage judge and/or USDF "L" rated judges.

Training through Fourth Level: The four highest scores from at least two different US Equestrian Federation rated dressage judges. Training level may use rated USDF "L" rated judge.

FEI: For test that have 2 or more judges (i.e. FEI or Championship classes), only the average test score may be submitted. There must be 2 different rides with US Equestrian Federation rated dressage R/S/O judges.

Musical Freestyles (Juniors – all levels and Senior-all levels): The two highest scores from two different rides under two different US Equestrian Federation rated dressage judges.

Pas De Deux and Quadrille Award: The two highest scores from two different rides under two different US Equestrian Federation rated dressage judges

High Point Award: The highest single score (not averaged) will be awarded for each of the categories from scores submitted for Training through Fourth Level and FEI.

Section III. Additional awards to be considered each year are as follows:

Sponsor of the Year Award: This award will be based on the sponsor that has contributed most to the organization during the year. It may include donations and time volunteered.

Heart and Spirit Award. This award is created and sponsored by Carrie Zahradnik and was established in 2004. The Heart and Spirit Award is based on an important life lesson, hard learned. It is understanding the difference between the talent and the champion, especially for those new to horse sport. In sport, and in life, it's important to know that 'talent' and 'champion' are not necessarily synonymous. You see, natural gifts and abilities may impress on the surface but without the qualities of a champion – talent alone is only a hollow victory. Nominations must be submitted in writing (via email or snail-mail). In nominating please think about the qualities below:

1. Kindness
2. Genuinely being happy for the success of others.
3. Sharing one's gifts generously with no personal agenda attached
4. honesty
5. integrity
6. The ability to inspire one's self and others, towards a personal best with equal enthusiasm.

Raswan Award. This award is created and promoted by Tina Drake. Raswan was the fabulous grey Swedish Warmblood stallion that carried Tina Drake from Second Level to FEI. Together they earned a USDF Silver Medal. Raswan was also known as an outstanding breeding stallion, earning the highest points by the Swedish Warmblood Association during the inspection tour of 1986. In 1987 he was judged Grand Champion stallion in the Florida Dressage Festival. Upon his death in 2000 Tina Drake instituted the Raswan Trophy in his memory which is awarded by her each year to the most harmonious horse and rider combination. The competition each year is in the fall months and each rider rides a test of their choice with Tina Drake as judge.

Section IV. All winners will be recognized at the Annual Meet & Greet Banquet to be held in the Spring following the Award Year. If a winner is unable to attend the Annual Meet & Greet Banquet then the winner will make necessary arrangements to attend another CFD sponsored event to be presented the award. No awards will be mailed or otherwise distributed and will be forfeited if the award is not presented by the end of the calendar year of the Meet & Greet Banquet.