

## CFD YEAR END AWARDS CRITERIA AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### AWARD YEAR

Award year goes from Oct 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. This aligns CFD Award Year with that of USDF Awards programs.

### RIDER AND HORSE CRITERIA

The Rider and the Owner of the horse must be a CFD member for the membership year that the award was earned and for the membership year that the award is presented. Example: For 2009 Awards, Rider must be a CFD member for 2009 CFD Membership year and renewed their CFD membership in 2010 membership year.

*For clarification purposes 'score' means test percentage.*

### TEST SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Riding 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, show 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.

**Mail entries to: Susan Croft, P.O. Box 155, Altoona, FL 32702 postmarked by February 13, 2010.**

Once submitted, there will be no changes. The Awards Chairperson will receive and record all submitted scores and perform verification of membership and score tabulation. Second tabulation, verification of submitted scores, and final membership status will be performed and checked by another Board Member.

A cumulative average score of 60% or better is required to qualify for rider performance awards. A Rider and Horse combination may submit scores for no more than two consecutive levels. Horse and Rider need to fill out a separate form for each Test Division (test level) they are submitting for. Ribbons or trophies will be awarded as designated by the Awards Chairman.

Scores submitted should be based on the following criteria:

### RIDER CATEGORIES:

There will be four Rider Categories for Training through FEI levels excluding Musical Freestyle. **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).* For Musical Freestyles see separate section.

### TEST DIVISION CRITERIA:

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

Musical Freestyles (Combined for Juniors 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 Rider Categories from scores submitted for Training - Fourth Level and FEI level.

## **ADDITIONAL AWARDS (Newly Created for 2009 Award Year)**

Dressage In-Hand Award: The two highest scores from two different In-Hand classes under two different US Equestrian Federation rated dressage judges.

Trainer of Note Award – Goes to Trainer who has the most riders submitting for CFD 2009 Year End Awards. Rider must indicate trainer's name on their award submission form.

## **FUN AWARDS FOR 2009 (Newly Created)**

"Largest Margin Award" aka "Peaks and Valleys Award" – Two tests, your highest score percentage and your lowest percentage score. Tests can be from any level of USDF/ FEI test (including individual Freestyle tests. Does not include Pas De Deux or Quadrille tests), can mix levels. Tests must have been earned in 2009 CFD competition year (October 1, 2008 – Sept 30, 2009). Tests must be from same horse and rider pair. Judge must be USDF/USEF/FEI rated. Class is placed on horse and rider with the largest margin between their lowest and highest score.

"Oldest Combined Age Horse and Rider" aka "The Old Grey Pair Award" - Class is placed on the oldest combined age of the horse and rider as of September 30, 2009. Horse and Rider pair are automatically included in the 'Combined Age Awards' divisions if rider provides full birthdates for both rider and horse in mm-dd-ccyy format (i.e. 02-11-1962) and submits for an riding award in any of the other award categories.

"Youngest Combined Age Horse and Rider" aka "The Young and the Restless Award" - Class is placed on the youngest combined age of the horse and rider as of September 30, 2009. Horse and Rider pair are automatically included in the 'Combined Age Awards' divisions if rider provides full birthdates for both rider and horse in mm-dd-ccyy format (i.e. 02-11-1962) and submits for an riding award in any of the other award categories.

## **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 a letter format outlining why nominee should be recipient of this award. 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. 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.

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.