



2025 SEDA Year End Awards Program

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The following is a description of the SEDA Year End Awards Program. Please read this carefully if you intend to compete for Year End awards. Contact the SEDA Board or the following persons if you have any questions:

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AT A GLANCE

The following is an 'at a glance' for Year End Awards requirements. For full details, see each pertinent section of this document.

SCHOOLING DRESSAGE

- *Full details:* see page 3
- *Show season:* December 1 - November 30
- *Submitting Scores:* submit scores with the Schooling Dressage Awards Submission Form by December 5
- Minimum of two different shows and two different judges
- *Doodlebug:* at least 1 score
- *Introductory through Second Level and all USEA tests:* submit the highest 4 scores
- *Third & Fourth Level:* submit the highest 3 scores
- *FEI, Freestyle, & Prix Caprilli:* submit highest 2 scores

WESTERN DRESSAGE

- *Full details:* see page 5
- *Show season:* December 1 - November 30

- *Submitting Scores:* submit scores with the Schooling Dressage Awards Submission Form by December 5
- Minimum of two different shows and two different judges
- *Introductory through Level 3:* submit the highest 4 scores
- *Western Dressage Freestyle:* submit the highest 2 scores

RECOGNIZED DRESSAGE

- *Full details:* see page 7
- *Show season:* October 1 - September 30
- Must **opt in** by October 1
- Minimum of two different shows and two different judges
- Introductory through Second Level, USEF Rider Tests and Opportunity classes: 4 scores required

- Third & Fourth Level: 3 scores required
- FEI, Freestyle, Young Horse, and Materiale: 2 scores required

EVENTING

- *Full details:* see page 8
- *Show season:* December 1 - November 30
- *Submitting Scores:* submit scores by the earlier of 30 days after the show or December 5 for late season shows
- Minimum of one horse trials
- Minimum of two combined tests or two XCTs at the same level
- Same rider/different horse acceptable in: Pre-Mini Amoeba, Mini Amoeba, Pre-Amoeba, Amoeba, Pre-Starter, and Starter.

COMPETITION YEAR

The competition year for ***eventing and schooling dressage scores begins on December 1 and ends on November 30.*** The competition year for ***recognized dressage scores begins October 1 and ends September 30.*** Only shows occurring during the competition year will be included for purposes of the Awards Program.

GENERAL RULES *(read carefully!)*

1. The rider must be a current SEDA member in good standing by October 1 of the competition year in order for those scores to count toward any SEDA Year End Award. Membership application and payment must be postmarked or received by the Membership Chair on or before October 1 of the competition year. Only scores obtained at SEDA-Recognized Events, USEA/USEF or USEF/USDF shows will be applied toward Year End Awards.
2. A SEDA rider (over the age of 9 years old) must have at least four (4) volunteer hours to their credit by November 30 of the current year to receive a Year End Award.
3. For Eventing, only scores obtained at SEDA-Recognized Events and USEA/USEF shows will be counted toward Year End Awards. For Dressage and Western Dressage, only scores obtained at SEDA-Recognized schooling shows and scores from USEF/USDF Licensed shows will count toward Year End Awards.
4. Ties will not be broken in any discipline in any level. All competitors tied for the award will receive it, and the competitor who places behind the tied competitors will receive the next award. For example, if competitors A and B are tied for first, with competitor C behind them, A and B will each receive first place and C will receive second place.
5. Definitions of Junior and Adult Amateur, Recognized Events, Eligible Functions, Non-Eligible Functions, and Schooling are found in the Definitions section of this hand-out and are made part of the rules.
6. Attendance at the Annual Awards Banquet is not necessary to receive Year End Awards. For those who cannot attend, awards will be distributed by other means, generally hand delivery, by mail, or made available for pickup at a central location. You may also send someone to the presentation to receive your award on your behalf.
7. Current standings for eventing will be published as often as possible on the SEDA web site (www.sedariders.org). Questions or corrections should be directed to the appropriate Chairperson. *Standings become final December 10: no changes or modifications will be made after this date.* Final standings for Recognized Dressage as obtained from the USDF database for the current show year will be used to determine awards.
8. If a competitor rides a single test that is scored by two judges, this will be counted as one test by one judge for purposes of Year End Awards. Copies of the fronts of both test sheets must be submitted, and the score used will be the average of the two scores. The competitor must ensure that the copies submitted show the same information on the front of the tests that is required for any other test to be submitted.

9. In the event a competitor submits a test on which the score is only calculated to the second decimal point, the Awards Chairman will recalculate the score to the third decimal point for purposes of including the score in Year End standings. Competitors should be aware that USEF rules require that all scores submitted from Association-Recognized shows be calculated to the third decimal point and that tests which do not show that information may not have been properly submitted to the USEF.
10. The type of awards to be given will be determined by the Board of Directors, but generally ribbons are given for Year End Awards.
11. Scores from on-line shows in any discipline, will not be accepted for SEDA Year End Awards.
12. All prerequisites must be fulfilled by the rider in order to be eligible for SEDA Year End Awards.

DRESSAGE

Only scores obtained at SEDA-Recognized schooling dressage shows and scores from eligible USEF/USDF Licensed shows will apply to Year End Awards. Levels that qualify for year-end awards are:

1. **Schooling Dressage:** *Doodlebug, Introductory Level, Training Level, First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, Prix St. Georges, Intermediare I, Intermediare II, Grand Prix, Prix Caprilli*
2. **Eventing Tests** (at dressage schooling shows or recognized USEF/USDF dressage shows): *Beginner Novice A&B, Novice A&B, Training A&B, Preliminary A&B (and above)*
3. **Western Dressage Tests** (at dressage schooling shows or recognized WDAA Western Dressage shows): *Intro Level, Basic Level, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, WD Freestyle*
4. **USEF/USDF-Recognized Dressage Tests:** *Introductory Level (USDF), Training Level, First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, Prix St. Georges, Intermediare I, Intermediare II, Grand Prix, Freestyle, USEF Rider Tests, Opportunity Class, USEF/FEI Young Horse, Materiale.* Note: FEI Junior Individual and Team tests are considered the equivalent of Third Level Test 3. FEI Young Rider Individual and Team tests are equivalent to Prix St. Georges.
5. In each division of Dressage, for both Schooling and USEF/USDF-Recognized, awards will be given to horse/rider combinations at each level in three divisions: Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior. Opportunity Classes will be awarded as one division, regardless of the level ridden. Freestyle scores for Licensed Dressage will also be separated into the three divisions.

SCHOOLING DRESSAGE

(Submit scores to Schooling Dressage Awards Chair no later than December 5)

Eligibility for Schooling Dressage

The show year for is December 1 through November 30. Eligibility for Schooling Dressage will be determined based on the number of tests ridden, the number of shows competed in, and the completion of the volunteer hours requirement. See table below for minimum requirements for each level.

LEVEL	MINIMUM NUMBER TESTS	MINIMUM NUMBER SHOWS
Doodlebug	1	1
Introductory	4	2
Training	4	2
First	4	2
Second	4	2
Third	3	2
Fourth	3	2
FEI	2	2
Freestyle	2	2
USEA Tests	4	2
Prix Caprilli	2	2

Submitting Scores for Schooling Dressage

No standings will be kept throughout the year. All scores shall be submitted together to the Schooling Dressage Awards Chair at the end of the show year, to be received no later than December 5th, using the official form (see the end of this document or the SEDA website for a copy of the form). Volunteer hours will be checked against records. At the end of the show year, members who wish to participate must send in – by the December 5th deadline – copies of their highest scores at each level (see table above for the number of scores for each level) for which they want to be considered. If the front of the test does not include all of the information required, please submit a copy of the entire test. Electronic submissions are acceptable, providing the photo or scan of the document is legible. Scores must be from two different SEDA-Recognized schooling dressage shows (the dressage portion of a schooling combined test is not eligible). Judge must be an active or retired L, r, R or S ranked judge. Scores must be obtained from a minimum of two different judges. A minimum of one score must be from a different test of the level (does not apply to FEI) **unless** *all the scores* are from the highest test of the level. The scores will be averaged and placed accordingly. Submitted test sheets must show name of judge, signature, and final score. The minimum eligible score is 55%. Awards will be given for a single horse/ rider combination.

Scoring System for Schooling Dressage

The Year End placing for Schooling Dressage will be based on the average of all scores submitted for a horse/rider combination at a particular level.

Awards

Awards for Schooling Dressage will be given for First through Twelfth places at each level in each of the Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior Divisions. Awards will be based on the highest average score at the end of the year. The type of awards to be given will be determined by the Board of Directors, but generally ribbons are given for Schooling Dressage.

WESTERN DRESSAGE

(Submit scores to Schooling Dressage Awards Chair no later than December 5)

Eligibility for Western Dressage

The show year for is December 1 through November 30. Eligibility for Western Dressage will be determined based on the number of tests ridden, the number of shows competed in, and the completion of the volunteer hours requirement. See table below for minimum requirements for each level.

LEVEL	MINIMUM NUMBER TESTS	MINIMUM NUMBER SHOWS
Introductory	4	2
Basic Level	4	2
Level 1	4	2
Level 2	4	2
Level 3	4	2
Freestyle	2	2

Submitting Scores for Western Dressage

No standings will be kept throughout the year. All scores shall be submitted together to the Schooling Dressage Awards Chair at the end of the show year, to be received no later than December 5th, using the official form (see the end of this document or the SEDA website for a copy of the form). Volunteer hours will be checked against records. At the end of the show year, members who wish to participate must send in – by the December 5th deadline – copies of their highest scores at each level (see table above for the number of scores for each level) for which they want to be considered. If the front of the test does not include all of the information required, please submit a copy of the entire test. Electronic submissions are acceptable, providing the photo or scan of the document is legible. Scores must be from two different SEDA-Recognized shows. Judge must be a Western Dressage judge or an active or retired L, r, R or S ranked dressage judge. Scores must be obtained from a minimum of two different judges. A minimum of one score must be from a different test of the level. The scores will be averaged and placed accordingly. Submitted test sheets must show name of judge, signature, and final score. The minimum eligible score is 55%. Awards will be given for a single horse/rider combination.

Scoring System for Western Dressage

The Year End placing for Western Dressage will be based on the average of all scores submitted for a horse/rider combination at a particular level.

Western Dressage Awards will be given for First through Twelfth places at each level in each of the Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior Divisions. Awards will be based on the highest average score at the end of the year. The type of awards to be given will be determined by the Board of Directors, but generally ribbons are given for Western Dressage.

Schooling Dressage Awards Submission Form

RIDER NAME _____

HORSE NAME _____

LEVEL _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

For USDF/USEF Intro Level and above, **unless** all your scores are from the highest test of the level, a minimum of one of the submitted scores should be a different test of the Level. Scores must be a minimum of 55% in order to be submitted. See Awards Program Guidelines for complete details and requirements.

For Doodlebug: submit at least one (1) score.

For Introductory through Second Level and all USEA tests: submit the highest four (4) scores from a minimum of two (2) different shows and two (2) different judges.

For Third and Fourth Level: submit the highest three (3) scores from a minimum of two (2) different shows and two (2) different judges.

For Western Dressage: Introductory through Level 3, submit the highest four (4) scores from a minimum of two (2) different shows and two (2) different judges.

For FEI, Freestyle, Western Dressage Freestyle and Prix Caprilli tests: submit the highest two (2) scores from a minimum of two (2) shows and two (2) different judges.

NAME/DATE OF SHOW	JUDGE NAME	TEST	PERCENTAGE

Average of scores _____ (minimum average of 55% to qualify)

- Two different tests of the level (For USDF/USEF Intro Level and above) unless all scores from highest test of the level.
- I have included copies of the front page of each test, showing name and date of show, judge name, and judge's signature.
- I have completed a minimum of four (4) hours of volunteer service if I am required to do so. (Will be checked against records)

Rider Signature (or Guardian if under 18) _____

Completed form and copies of the tests must be received by the Schooling Dressage Awards Chairperson no later than December 5th.

RECOGNIZED DRESSAGE

(Submit OPT IN to Recognized Dressage Awards Chair before October 1)

Eligibility for Recognized Dressage

Eligibility for Recognized Dressage Year End Awards is as follows: If a SEDA member wishes to participate in this Awards Program they must notify the Recognized Dressage Awards Chairperson and OPT IN no later than October 1 of the current award year. Each SEDA member must show in at least one local SEDA-Recognized dressage show. As an example, current eligible shows for 2022 are *The First Dance* at Amen Corner Farm (in March) and *Le Bon Temps* (in November). Eligibility will be determined on a minimum number of tests ridden and a minimum number of different judges for whom those tests are ridden. (See table below for minimum requirements.) In the case of Young Horse classes and Materiale, competitors still must compete in at least one local SEDA-recognized show, even if Materiale and/or Young Horse classes are NOT offered locally. For example, if the SEDA member competitor wishes to have their Young Horse or Materiale scores earned outside of our area to count toward SEDA Year End Awards, but they have not shown locally, that competitor (but not necessarily that horse) must show locally in at least one show for their Young Horse or Materiale scores to count.

NOTE: *Anyone competing in "Opportunity Classes" will still need to submit scores to the Recognized Dressage Awards Chairperson as they are not recognized by USEF or USDF and are not tracked in their database.*

LEVEL	MINIMUM NUMBER TESTS	MINIMUM NUMBER SHOWS	MINIMUM NUMBER JUDGES
Introductory	4	2	2
Training	4	2	2
First	4	2	2
Second	4	2	2
Third	3	2	2
Fourth	3	2	2
FEI	2	2	2
Freestyle	2	2	2
Opportunity	4	2	2
Young Horse	2	2	2
Materiale	2	2	2

Scoring System for Recognized Dressage

At the National level (Introductory through Second Level) the four highest scores earned will be used to calculate a horse and rider combination's year end average. At Third and Fourth Level, the three highest scores will be used. At FEI, the top two scores will be used. Scores will be obtained from the USDF database.

Recognized Dressage Awards will be given for First through Twelfth places at each level in each of the Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior Divisions. Awards will be based on the highest average score at the end of the year. In addition, a High Point Award will be given to the horse/rider combination in each of

the Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior Divisions who earns the highest percentage score in a single test at any level other than Introductory or Freestyle in a Recognized Dressage show throughout the year and has met all other requirements for Year End Awards for Recognized Dressage. The type of awards to be given will be determined by the Board of Directors, but generally ribbons are given for Recognized Dressage.

ATTENTION DRESSAGE AND EVENTING RIDERS!

A special *SEDA Award* will be presented to the rider who has competed in both the USEA-recognized *Fleur de Leap Horse Trials* and *Le Bon Temps* (not necessarily on the same horse). The rider's total penalty points from the USEA-recognized *Fleur de Leap Horse Trials* will be subtracted from 100; that score added to the rider's best dressage score from *Le Bon Temps*, and the highest total score will be the winner.

EVENTING

(Submit scores to Eventing Awards Chair no later than 30 days after last day of show and not later than December 5 for late-season shows)

Only scores obtained at SEDA-Recognized Events will be counted towards Year End Awards.

Levels/divisions qualifying for Year-End Awards (Horse Trials, Combined Tests and Cross Country Combined Tests (XCT)): *Pre-Mini Amoeba, Mini Amoeba, Pre-Amoeba, Amoeba Modified, Amoeba, Pre-Starter, Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary & above*. Divisions are Open, Adult Amateur and Junior.

Eligibility for Year End Awards

A horse/rider combination must compete in a minimum of *one horse trial* to qualify at that ridden level. A horse/ rider combination must compete in *two combined tests or in two cross country combined tests at the SAME LEVEL*. Same rider/different horse is accepted in these non-USEA levels/divisions: Pre-Mini Amoeba, Mini Amoeba, Pre-Amoeba, Amoeba, Pre-Starter, and Starter.

Point System for Awards

- *Levels/divisions having more than six entries:** First Place-10 points, Second Place-7 points, Third Place-6 points, Fourth Place-5 points, Fifth Place-4 points, Sixth Place-3 points.
- *Levels/divisions having six or fewer entries:* First Place-7 points, Second Place-5 points, Third Place-4 points, Fourth Place-3 points, Fifth Place-2 points, Sixth Place-1 point.
- **The number of entries in a division is determined by the number of competitors that begin the dressage phase of the event (for combined tests and horse trials) and by the number of competitors beginning the stadium portion (for XCT).*
- Regardless of the size of the division, an extra three (3) points will be given to each competitor, regardless of placing, who completes any USEA-Recognized event. An extra one (1) point will be given to each competitor, regardless of placing, who has no penalties of any kind (i.e. time, jump) on cross-country. Consequently, the maximum number of points that could be obtained at any single event is 14, if the division has six or more entries, is USEA-Recognized, and the rider goes clean cross-country. If you are eliminated during any phase of an event, you will not be eligible for points from that event, but that event will count toward the number of events required for Year End Awards.

Reporting Scores and Placings

Competitors must submit to the Eventing Awards Chair all events that they wish to have included in their Year End standing. No scores will be automatically included, and all scores must be received by the Awards Chair no later than 30 days after the last day of the weekend on which the horse show in question was held, but no later than December 5 for late-season competitions. NOTE: Results of dressage eventing tests at SEDA-Recognized dressage shows must be submitted to the Schooling Dressage Awards Chair for inclusion in Dressage Awards. A form to be used for this purpose is available on the SEDA web site.

Awards will be given for First through Twelfth place in each division; however, in order to earn an award, the horse/rider combination must have accumulated at least one point during the year under the point system described above.

A separate High Point Award will be given to each of the Junior, Adult Amateur, and Open competitors who achieve the highest cumulative points with a single horse, in a single division, regardless of level at a USEA-Recognized horse trial. A Best Dressage Score Award will also be given to the competitor with the lowest number of penalty points, regardless of level or division, in the dressage portion of a USEA-Recognized horse trial. The types of awards given will be determined by the Board of Directors, but generally ribbons are awarded.

Additional Information for Eventing

See *Guidelines for Organizers* for descriptions for Combined Test and Cross Country Combined Test (XCT).

EVENTING RESULTS FORM

Mail results to: **Emily Jackson, 23671 Madisonville Ct, Ponchatoula, LA 70454**, or email a legible copy to eventscores@sedariders.org within 30 days after the last day on which the horse trial/combined test was held. Use one form per horse/rider combination.

SEDA Award Points For the Awards Chair
Placement _____ Completed _____
Clean Cross Country _____ Total _____
 Postcard mailed Added to YTD totals
 Sent to USEA Area III or IV

RIDER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) HORSE'S SHOW NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE (INDICATE DAY OR EVENING)

E-MAIL

EVENT NAME (INDICATE HT,CT, OR OTHER)

DATE(S)

DIVISION

NO. OF HORSES IN DIVISION

PLACEMENT IN DIVISION

I am a: Adult Amateur (AA) Junior (JR) Professional (O) This Show is Recognized by: USEA SEDA

Penalty Points: Dressage _____ Stadium _____ Cross Country _____ Time Penalty _____ Total _____

USDF SPORT HORSE COMPETITIONS

Submit scores to Recognized Dressage Awards Chair

Awards will be given for SEDA-member participation in USDF-recognized Sport Horse competitions. The following classes are eligible:

- Colts/Geldings (Colts/Geldings of current year; Yearling Colts/Geldings; Two-Year Old Colts/Geldings; Three Year Old Colts/Geldings)
- Fillies (Fillies of current year; Yearling Fillies; Two-Year Old Fillies; Three Year Old Fillies)
- Mares (Four-Year-Old and Older Maiden and Yeld Mares – not currently bred or nursing; Four-Year Old and Older Broodmares – in foal or currently nursing)
- Stallions (Four-Year Old and Older Stallions showing only in-hand; Four Year Old and Older Stallions showing also under saddle).

Eligibility for Sport Horse Competitions

Eligibility for Sport Horse Competitions will be determined based on the number of scores submitted and the number of shows competed in. All submitted scores will count. In order to qualify for Year-End Awards, a minimum of two score sheets from two different shows must be submitted. Final placing will be based on the average of the scores submitted.

Reporting Scores

Competitors must submit to the Recognized Dressage Awards Chair all scores that they wish to have included in their Year End standing. No scores will be automatically included, and all scores must be received by the Awards Chair no later than 30 days after the last day of the weekend on which the horse show in question was held. Scores should be submitted by sending a copy of the score sheet (showing the name and date of the horse show, the name of the judge, the competitor, the points and the percentage score) to the Awards Chair. If all of the required information is not included on the score sheet, please ensure that it is submitted in writing to the Awards Chair with a copy of the score sheet. Electronic submissions are acceptable, providing the photo or scan of the document is legible.

Awards will be given for Champion and Reserve Champion in each class, as well as an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. Awards will be based on the highest average score at the end of the year. The type of awards to be given will be determined by the Board of Directors, but generally ribbons are given.

OTHER AWARDS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club. We couldn't do most of what we do without an army of dedicated people helping us. So, each year we acknowledge three individuals who have exhibited extraordinary support during the year. We award a *Competing Volunteer of the Year*, *Non-Competing Volunteer of the Year*, and *Youth Volunteer of the Year* (for members under 21 years old) at our annual Awards Banquet.

STILL KICKING AWARD

This award requires a rider to be at least 60 years old. Award will be presented to the highest dressage score earned at a schooling or licensed dressage show at any level for any rider at least 60 years old. This award will be presented at the annual Awards Banquet.

YOUTH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The goal of the SEDA Good Sportsmanship Award is to recognize Junior/Young Rider exhibitors (competitors 25 and younger) who exhibit a degree of excellence and integrity by supporting their fellow competitors and volunteering their time and resources to various aspects of the organization and the broader equine industry. The nominee should be a Junior/Young Rider SEDA member who has exemplified "going above and beyond" the sportsmanship that is expected of all youth.

Traits of Good Sportsmanship

The following is a list of traits SEDA believes define good sportsmanship.

- **COURAGE** is having the determination to do the right thing even when others don't; the strength to exhibit fairness, to be courteous, to gracefully accept the result of the contest, to attempt difficult things that are worthwhile.
- **GOOD JUDGEMENT** is choosing worthy goals; setting priorities in accordance with team, regional, national and international rules; leading others to follow these rules.
- **INTEGRITY** is having the inner strength to be fair and courteous during athletic events, to play according to the rules, acting positively and honorably not only to your team, but to your opponent.
- **KINDNESS** is being considerate, courteous, and generous in spirit to the opponent; showing care, compassion and friendship in victory or defeat; treating others as you would like to be treated.
- **PERSEVERANCE** is being persistent in pursuit of worthy objectives in spite of opposition, difficulty, injuries, handicaps or discouragement, and exhibiting patience and the fortitude to try again when confronted with mistakes or failures.
- **RESPECT** is showing high regard for coaches, officials, opponents, fans, administrators, self, team, horses and the region you are representing.
- **RESPONSIBILITY** is being dependable in carrying out obligations and duties, showing reliability and consistency in words and conduct, and being accountable for your actions.
- **SELF-DISCIPLINE** is demonstrating hard work and commitment to purpose, regulating yourself for improvement and refraining from inappropriate behaviors, maintaining self-control at all times, and doing your best in all situations.

Nominations for the award may come from any SEDA member. The nominee must be a member of SEDA and 25 years or younger and competing in either licensed or schooling events.

Nominations close December 1 and will be awarded at the SEDA Awards Banquet. Nominations should be sent to president@sedariders.org.

The nomination must include:

- Nominee's name and birthday
 - Nominee's barn or trainer name (if applicable)
 - Nominee's contact info
 - Nomination Person's name and contact info
 - Provide details on the following:
 - Demonstrates an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of SEDA and the broader equestrian sport.
 - Serves as a positive role model for peers.
 - Participates at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.
 - Exhibits characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles. Please provide a specific story or stories that exemplify this.
 - Please provide as much information as possible why the individual is deserving of this award.
- Please send a photo if available

DEFINITIONS

An **Adult Amateur member**, for purposes of the Awards Program, is anyone (other than a junior) who meets the Adult Amateur guidelines established by USEF and declares Adult Amateur status on the SEDA membership form.

Under GR 1306, an Amateur in the *Dressage Division* are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22, and must comply with GR1306 and GR1307 as to eligibility, activities and other matters.

For *Western Dressage*, amateur status is available if, as of December 1st, after their 18th birthday, they have complied with GR1306 and GR1307.

Under Appendix 3 of the *Eventing Rules*, the following definitions apply:

JUNIOR (J) - For the purpose of competing in Horse Trials competitors may compete as Juniors through the end of the calendar year of their 18th birthday.

YOUNG RIDER (YR) - Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year of their 16th birthday through the end of the calendar year of their 21st birthday.

AMATEUR (A) The following may participate in Eventing competitions as an Amateur: Any competitor in possession of a valid Amateur card issued by the Federation; or Any Senior USEA member who competes in the Training, Novice or Beginner Novice Level who meets the requirements of Federation GR1306.

A **Junior member**, for purposes of the Awards Program, is based on the type of competition. For Dressage competitions: per USDF rules, a rider is considered a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. For Eventing: per USEA rules, a rider is considered a Junior through the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18 – for the Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training levels. SEDA Year End Awards are based upon these designations. When entering a competition, please ensure that you are indicating the correct designation so your scores are submitted to the proper category. Please also ensure that your membership form has the correct information

Association-Recognized Events are Events that strictly adhere to the following associations' guidelines: USDF, USEA, USEF. Alternative verbiage – Recognized, USEA-Recognized, USEF-Licensed, USDF-Recognized, Licensed – used throughout this document refer to Association-Recognized Events.

SEDA-Recognized Events are either schooling or Association-Recognized – any SEDA-Organized event and any Non-SEDA-Organized events that have been approved by SEDA. This includes out-of-state Association-Recognized events.

Eligible functions are:

1. *SEDA-Organized Events* – Any event organized by SEDA, whether schooling or Association-Recognized, including clinics, seminars, used tack sales, etc. (See Awards Program Guidelines for eligible scores.)
2. *Non-SEDA-Organized Events* – All scores from Non-SEDA-Organized events that are recognized by SEDA are applicable to SEDA Year End Awards. (See Awards Program Guidelines for eligible scores.) Note that scores from eligible Association-Recognized events not organized by SEDA automatically apply to SEDA Year End Awards if the rider/member has Opted In by the deadline. For Non-SEDA-Organized Events wishing to become SEDA-Recognized, the show organizer/manager must be a current SEDA member and submit their event for recognition by the beginning of the show season, October 1, along with a \$50 fee per event. If space is available on the SEDA calendar for the event (see Show Date Qualification definition below), the event will be SEDA-Recognized and noted as such on the SEDA website.

Non-Eligible Functions are scores earned in classes restricted to horses of a particular breed, or age (“restricted classes”) and will not be eligible for SEDA Year End Awards. This includes restricted classes at dressage shows and dressage classes at breed-restricted shows, and non-open shows at Pony Club rallies, regardless of USDF/USEF recognition of those classes and shows. Non-Eligible Function also includes Young Event Horse classes.

Schooling Show is any show that is not Association-Recognized (see *Definitions* above).