2011 Awards Program Guidelines

The following is a description of the year-end awards program sponsored by SEDA for 2011. Please read this carefully if you intend to compete for year-end awards.

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Competition year: The 2011 competition year begins on December 1, 2010 and ends on November 30, 2011. Only shows occurring during the competition year will be included for purposes of the 2011 Awards Program.

GENERAL RULES

1. The rider must be a current SEDA member at the time the scores are earned in order for them to count towards year-end awards. Membership application and payment must be postmarked or received by the membership chair before the show at which scores are recorded, or the rider may join at the show if available.
2. In order to be eligible for year-end awards, all riders age 18 and older (as of December 1, 2010) must volunteer four hours to club functions or shows or pay a $25 fee by the end of the awards year (November 30, 2011).

   Eligible functions include: *Fleur de Leap* Horse Trials, including work days and schooling days; *Le Bon Temps*, including set-up and take-down days; SEDA-recognized schooling dressage shows, schooling horse trials and combined tests; SEDA-member Recognized shows; SEDA Hunter Pace, SEDA-sponsored clinics, SEDA Used Tack Sales and the SEDA Awards Banquet. The organizers of these events will have forms noting the club member's name and number of hours worked. These will be submitted to the designated recorder to track members' hours. Active Board members will be given credit for attendance at Board meetings, and active committee chairs will be given credit for their work. Volunteer hours earned may be transferred to other members for awards eligibility. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that their hours are included and correct (check the newsletter and web site).
3. 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.
4. A junior member for purposes of the awards program is anyone who is eligible to compete as a junior under the current rules of the USEF. Junior status is established based upon SEDA membership forms, on which junior status is declared and a birth date must be included.
5. An adult amateur member for purposes of the awards program is anyone (other than a junior) who holds a current amateur card from USEF and is established based upon the declaration of amateur status on the SEDA membership form.
6. Attendance at the Awards Presentation is not necessary to receive your year-end award. For those who cannot attend, awards will be distributed by other means, generally either 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 will be published as often as possible in *Off Course*, the SEDA newsletter, and/or on the SEDA web site (www.sedariders.org). Questions or corrections should be directed to the appropriate chair. Standings become final December 10, 2011.
8. If a competitor rides a single test that is scored by 2 judges, this will be counted as 1 test by 1 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 re-calculate 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 recognized shows be calculated to the third decimal point and that tests that do not show that information may not have been properly submitted to the USEF.

EVENTING

Divisions

Eventing Tests at Dressage Shows (see under Schooling Dressage)

Horse Trials (Schooling and Recognized), *Pony Club Rallys and Combined Tests*

Green as Grass Rider

Green as Grass Horse
Beginner Novice Junior & Senior
Novice Junior & Senior
Training Junior & Senior
Preliminary & above
(Jr. & Sr., to the extent applicable)

Eligibility

A horse/rider combination must compete in a minimum of one horse trials at a given level to be eligible for year-end awards at that level. **A rider must compete in a minimum of two combined tests at any level to be eligible for year-end awards. Any horse/rider combination is accepted in these divisions: Pre-Amoeba, Amoeba, Tadopole and Pollywog.** All events must be SEDA and/or USEA recognized. The rider must be a current SEDA member at the time the scores are earned, and must complete the volunteering requirement (if applicable) by November 30 (see General Rules).

Point System for Awards

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

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

*An entry is a competitor who begins the dressage phase of the event.

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.

Awards

Awards will be given for First through Sixth place in each division; however, in order to earn an award, the horse/rider combination must have accumulated at least 1 point during the year under the point system described above.

A separate high point award will be given to each of the Junior and Senior competitors who achieve the highest cumulative points with a single horse, in a single division, regardless of level.

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 and/or SEDA-recognized horse trial.

Certificates will be given to all competitors who complete two events during the year, regardless of total points.

The types of awards given will be determined by the Board of Directors, but generally ribbons are awarded.

SEDA Award – Awarded to the rider who has competed in both *Fleur de Leap* and *Le Bon Temps* (not necessarily on the same horse). The rider's total penalty points from *Fleur de Leap* 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.

Reporting Scores and Placing

You must submit to the Eventing Awards Chair all events that you wish to have included in your year-end standing, regardless of whether those events were SEDA-recognized or not. No scores will be automatically included, and all scores must be received by the Awards Chair no later than 14 days after the last day of the weekend on which the horse show in question was held.

Results of eventing tests at schooling dressage shows must be submitted to the Schooling Dressage Awards Chair (see Awards–Schooling Shows below).

A form to be used for this purpose is available in the *Off Course* newsletter or on the web site. Please note that the form must be signed by the manager/show secretary of the event and should be completed before you leave the show grounds for the weekend.

A card or e-mail will be sent acknowledging receipt of your scores. If you do not receive this notification within three weeks of mailing in your scores, please contact the Awards Chair.

DRESSAGE

Schooling Dressage	Recognized Dressage
Introductory Level	Introductory Level
Training Level	Training Level
First Level	First Level
Second Level	Second Level
Third Level	Third Level
Fourth Level	Fourth Level
Prix St. Georges	Prix St. Georges
Intermediare I	Intermediare I
Intermediare II	Intermediare II
Grand Prix	Grand Prix
Prix Caprilli	Freestyle

Eventing Tests (schooling shows only)
Beginner Novice A & B
Novice A & B
Training A & B
Preliminary A & B (and above)

In each division of Dressage, for both Schooling and Recognized, awards will be given to horse/rider combinations at each level in three divisions: Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior. Eventers are either Junior or Senior. The Open division will include everyone who rides in an Open class at a horse show, which may include amateurs and juniors at certain shows.

Eligibility – Schooling Dressage

Eligibility for Schooling Dressage will be determined based on the number of tests ridden and the number of different judges for whom those tests are ridden. (See table below for minimum requirements.) All submitted scores will count, regardless of how many tests are ridden at a given show or

on a given day.

Level	Minimum No. of Tests	Minimum No. of Different Judges	Minimum No. of Shows
Introductory	4	2	2
Training	4	2	2
First	4	2	2
Second	4	2	2
Third	4	2	2
Fourth	4	2	2
FEI	2	2	2
Freestyle	2	2	2

For Eventing Dressage Tests at each level, awards will be given in Senior and Junior divisions only. The rider must be a current SEDA member at the time the scores are earned, and must complete the volunteering requirement (if applicable) by November 30 (see General Rules).

Awards – Schooling Shows

Awards will be given for First through Tenth places at each level in each of the Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior Divisions (Eventing divisions are Junior and Senior). Awards will be based on the highest median 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.

Scoring System – Schooling Shows

The year-end placing for Schooling Dressage will be based on the average of all scores submitted.

Submitting Scores - Schooling Shows

You must submit to the Schooling Dressage Awards Chair all tests that you wish to have included in your year-end standing. No scores will be automatically included, and all scores must be received by the Awards Chair no later than 14 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 front of the test (showing the name and date of the horse show, the name of the judge, the test, the competitor, the points and the percentage score) to the Awards Chair. If the front of the test does not include all of the information required, please submit a copy of the entire test.

A card or e-mail will be sent acknowledging receipt of your scores. Please provide a valid e-mail address when submitting your scores if you would like electronic notification. If you do not receive this notification within three weeks of mailing in your scores, please contact the Awards Chair.

Eligibility – Recognized Dressage

Eligibility for Recognized Dressage will be determined based on the number of tests ridden and the number of different judges for whom those tests are ridden. (See table below for minimum requirements) All submitted scores will count, regardless of how many tests are ridden at a given show or on a given day.

Level	Minimum No. of Tests	Minimum No. of Different Judges	Minimum No. of Shows
Introductory	4	2	2
Training	4	2	2
First	4	2	2
Second	4	2	2
Third	4	2	2
Fourth	4	2	2
FEI	2	2	2
Freestyle	2	2	2

The rider must be a current SEDA member at the time the scores are earned, and must complete the volunteering requirement (if applicable) by November 30 (see General Rules).

Awards - Recognized Dressage

Awards will be given for First through Sixth places at each level in each of the Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior Divisions. Awards will be based on the highest median 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 in a Recognized Dressage show throughout the year. The type of awards to be given will be determined by the Board of Directors but generally ribbons are given for Recognized Dressage.

Scoring System – Recognized Dressage

The year-end placing for Recognized Dressage will be based on the average of all scores submitted.

Submitting Scores - Recognized Shows

You must submit to the Recognized Dressage Awards Chair all tests that you wish to have included in your year-end standing, regardless of whether those tests were ridden at SEDA-recognized shows or otherwise. No scores will be automatically included, and all scores must be received by the awards chair no later than 14 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 front of the test (showing the name and date of the horse show, the name of the judge, the test, the competitor, the points and the percentage score) to the Awards Chair. If the front of the test does not include all of the information required, please submit a copy of the entire test.

A card or e-mail will be sent acknowledging receipt of your scores. Please provide a valid e-mail address when submitting your scores if you would like electronic notification. If you do not receive this notification within three weeks of mailing in your scores, please contact the Awards Chair.

USDF Sporthorse Competitions (Breed Shows)

Awards will be given for SEDA-member participation in USDF-recognized sporthorse 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 Mares – never bred; Four-Year Old and Older Yeld Mares – never bred or 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 – Sporthorse Competitions

Eligibility for Sporthorse Competitions will be determined based on the number of scores submitted and the number of different judges from whom those scores are obtained. All submitted scores will count. In order to qualify for year end awards, a minimum of two score sheets from two different shows with two different judges must be submitted. Final placing will be based on the average of the scores submitted.

Awards – Sporthorse Competitions

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.

Submitting Scores - Sporthorse Competitions

You must submit to the Recognized Dressage Awards Chair all scores that you wish to have included in your year-end standing. No scores will be automatically included, and all scores must be received by the awards chair no later than 14 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 you submit it in writing to the Awards Chair with a copy of your score sheet.

A card or e-mail will be sent acknowledging receipt of your scores. Please provide a valid e-mail address when submitting your scores if you would like electronic notification. If you do not receive this notification within three weeks of mailing in your scores, please contact the Awards Chair.