

TDC Schooling Show Awards

General Information

It is the rider's responsibility to check the accuracy of scores and horse and rider names recorded by the TDC Awards Committee. Discrepancies must be reported to the TDC Awards Committee by the fifteenth of the month following the show report. Scores may be verified in the TDC newsletter, Transitions, or on the TDC website.

Eligible Shows

All TDC-recognized schooling shows will count toward year-end Schooling Show Awards.

Please see our Schooling Shows listings.

Eligible Horses

Horses or mules may be of any age, sex, or breed unless otherwise specified in an individual award description.

Please pay extra attention to how your information is filled out on each entry blank and to how that information is recorded by the show secretary. The horse's name must be entered the same way on each entry blank for the score(s) to count. The horse's name must be recorded the same way for each ride. If there is a name or status change during the show season, please notify the Awards Chairperson immediately.

Example: An Arabian who earns a Legion of Honor symbol during the year would change its name from Star to Star+.

Owners

Owners of all horses ridden in the Open and Adult Amateur Divisions must be members in good standing at the time of the show for scores to count.

Eligible Riders

Riders may be of any age or sex, unless otherwise specified in an individual award description. All riders must be current TDC members in good standing at the time of the show for scores to be eligible. A member in good standing is defined as one whose paid membership has been recorded by the TDC Membership Chairperson.

It is the rider's responsibility to notify the Awards Chairperson of any changes that affect yearend award status. Such changes include, but are not limited to, a change in status (i.e. Open to Amateur); or horse name change. Failure to notify the Awards Committee Chairperson of any changes may result in the loss of the award.

Scores

All scores for year-end awards are tabulated using percentage scores earned by each horse/rider combination throughout the show year at each level and in each division.

Scores from Maiden Horse, Maiden Rider, Quadrille, Pas de Deux, Prix Caprilli, equitation, suitability, bareback, or other specialty classes do not count toward recognized or schooling show awards. Freestyle scores may only be used for the Musical Freestyle Award in the Recognized Shows category.

The top six scores per level earned in at least three TDC-recognized schooling shows will be used to tabulate the awards for each Division in Introductory (Open Division riders may not compete at Introductory except for Young Riders), Training, First, and Second Levels. Musical freestyle scores from schooling shows do not count toward schooling show level awards.

All awards will be presented at the TDC Year-end Awards Banquet. For further details on award requirements, please refer to specific award descriptions below or contact the TDC Awards Chairperson.

Schooling Show Awards

Schooling Show awards, champion through sixth place, will be given in four divisions: Adult Amateur, Junior, Young Rider, and Open. Awards in the Junior Division will be given for riders 13 and under and for riders 14-18. In each division, year-end awards and recognition will be given to the horse/rider combinations for each level, Introductory (Open Division riders may not compete at Introductory except as noted below for Young Riders) through Second Level.

Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination.

JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDERS

Riders are eligible as Juniors under USEF and TDC rules until the end of the calendar year in which s/he reaches 18 years of age and may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which s/he reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which s/he reaches the age of 21.

If there are no classes specifically designated as Young Rider classes, riders meeting the Young Rider criteria shall ride in the Open Division. All scores earned by Young Rider in the Open Division will be counted towards year-end awards.

Young Riders may show in the Introductory classes as Open Riders if the show does not designate Introductory as a Young Rider class.