



Las Vegas Chapter of California Dressage Society

Year End Award Rules

Following are the REQUIREMENTS for LVCCDS Awards. (See CDS, DASC, USDF, USEF and other membership rules for awards sponsored by those organizations).

LVCCDS Awards Year: October 1 – September 30. Membership year: December – December.

Year End Award Levels

Membership in LVCCDS (Chapter membership of CDS) is REQUIRED for qualification in both LVCCDS Rated and Schooling Award Categories. In the case where no LVCCDS member is qualified for champion or reserve, the BOD reserves the right to award the Year End Award to a non LVCCDS member.

Open Division:

Rated Shows – Using scores from rated shows at Training Level through Grand Prix

Schooling Shows – Using scores from schooling shows at Introductory Level through Grand Prix

Adult Amateur Division: (Excluding Young Riders – see division below)

Rated Shows - Using scores from rated shows at Training Level through Grand Prix

Schooling Shows – Using scores from schooling shows at Introductory Level through Grand Prix

Junior/Young Rider Division:

Rated Shows - Using scores from rated shows at Training Level through Grand Prix

Schooling Shows – Using scores from schooling shows at Introductory Level through Grand Prix

Note: Where there is a qualified Young Rider, a separate award will be presented each to Champion and Reserve for Junior and Young Rider.

- For the purpose of the Junior/Young Rider Awards: If the rider is a Young Rider (i.e., age 18-21) as of October 1st of the award year, all scores earned during the competition year will count towards Young Rider awards. If the rider turns 18 during the competition year, the rider shall be scored as a Junior.

Freestyle Award

Rated Shows – Using scores from rated shows. No separate Open/Amateur/Jr Division.

USDF Division (Training through Fourth Level) and FEI Division

Schooling Shows – Using scores from Schooling shows. No separate Open/Amateur/Jr

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Rider Test Awards

Rated Shows – Using scores from Rated shows. Awards for each level; Training, First and Second Levels. No separate Open/Amateur/Jr Division

Schooling Shows - Using scores from Schooling shows. Awards for each level; Training, First and Second Levels. No separate Open/Amateur/Jr Division

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- The award year is October 1 – September 30. Scores must be earned during the award year.
- The rider must be a LVCCDS member at the time the scores are earned.
- An award is for the rider/horse combination. Awards are not limited to one rider/horse combination per division and per type of show (Rated or Schooling)
- The rider/horse combination must have 2 scores from 2 different shows and from 2 different judges at the same level and same type of show.
- To be eligible for an award the average score must be 50% or higher.
- If the combination competes at more than one level, they will be eligible for an award at each level shown.
- If the combination competes at the same level for the Rider tests, they will be eligible for an award for both the level and the rider tests.
- In the event the same rider/horse combination earns the highest average at both types of shows (Rated and Schooling), the Rated show award shall take precedence and be the one awarded. Their score for the Schooling show award will be eliminated from the placing calculation for the Schooling show award.
- Rated shows must be CDS recognized and take place in the Las Vegas area for the scores to be used for the determination.
- Schooling shows must be a LVCCDS Show or an independent show and take place in the Las Vegas area for the score to be used for the determination.
 - Schooling Show Championships will be included as a separate show, provided the judges are different than the other schooling shows during the award year.
- The rider/horse combination with the highest average will be awarded the championship; the second highest average will be awarded the reserve championship.
- Results will be posted on the LVCCDS website. The scores from all the shows will be tabulated as follows:
 - The rider's 2 top scores of the level/type of show will be used to determine their average. The highest score from at least two different judges and two different shows are averaged together to form the median score.
 - All tests of the level will be considered when tabulating the combination's highest scores.
 - In the event the 2 highest scores averaged create a tie for any two combinations the winner will be based on the combination with the single highest score.

LVCCDS Prospect Awards

The purpose of this set of awards is to support the introduction of dressage to the Las Vegas community, as well as encourage prospective riders to join LVCCDS.

LVCCDS Prospect Promotion: LVCCDS will sponsor, that is provide ribbons for each Intro (A, B, and C) and Training Level (T-1, T-2, T-3) class during all Non-Rated (Schooling) shows held for the current year.

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LVCCDS Prospect Awards:

- LVCCDS Prospect Opportunity Award: LVCCDS will sponsor a year end Prospect Opportunity Award (Champion and Reserve) for USDF/USEF Rated Show Opportunity Classes at Intro, Training, and First Levels.
- LVCCDS Prospect Award: LVCCDS will sponsor year end LVCCDS Prospect Awards based on Third through Six Place standings for Intro and Training level at Schooling shows.

Rules for the Prospect Awards:

- For the LVCCDS Opportunity Award:
 - The rider/horse combination does NOT need to be a member of LVCCDS/CDS/USDF/USEF/DASC to be eligible for the award.
 - Rider/horse combinations who are current members of LVCCDS will be eligible for this Prospect Award provided they showed in the respective class.
- A rider/horse combination will be eligible at each level. Example: A rider/horse may compete for an LVCCDS award at Intro Level during the competition year and may compete for the LVCCDS Prospect Awards at Training Level during the same competition year.
- There are no restrictions on the number of competition years a rider/horse may compete for a LVCCDS Prospect Award.
- The award year is defined by the time frame specified in the rules for the Year End Awards.
- A rider/horse combination who wins the current LVCCDS Year End award at Intro/Training/First level for Schooling or Rated shows is not eligible to win a LVCCDS Prospect Opportunity Award at the same level during the same competition year.
 - In the event that the top scorer(s) won a Year End Award that supersedes their Prospect Award, their score will be eliminated from the calculation of the Prospect Opportunity.
- It is acceptable for a rider/horse combination to win both Prospect Awards (Opportunity and Prospect) at the same level.
- Year End Award scores and placing for the Prospect Awards will be calculated as follows:
 - A minimum of 2 shows and two different judges are required to qualify.
 - A minimum of two scores is required. Scores may be earned at shows that take place in the Las Vegas/Southern Nevada competition area. All scores of the will contribute to the LVCCDS Opportunity Award.
 - All tests of the level will be considered when tabulating the combination's highest scores.
 - In the event the 2 highest scores averaged create a tie for any two combinations the winner will be based on the combination with the single highest score.
- Placing will not be awarded to the Prospect award based on the Third through Sixth place standings at schooling show. The recipients will simply win a "Prospect Award."