

CATHERINE B. JACOB

SCHOOLING SHOW YEAR END AWARDS PROGRAM

GUIDELINES

USDF Region 2 members have access to a wide variety of clinics and seminars, both in person and virtual. Region 2 has a fund specifically for Education with proceeds from this program.

Please check the Region 2 [calendar](#) for what's happening, and please submit your opportunities to share what is happening in your area! And of course, be sure to check [the USDF Education calendar](#) as well!

Additionally, members are encouraged to participate in [USDF University](#) and has been challenged to out-participate the other Regions! USDF awards certificates and diplomas annually, and Region 2 awards prizes to those with the most University credits.

PLEASE take the time to read through these rules and adhere to them.

1. PURPOSE REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL

- a. To help provide funds benefiting Region 2 GMO Education Fund
- b. To establish a standard set of dressage classes throughout the region that will count toward Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Program Awards.
- c. To encourage local competition managers to put together a series of schooling dressage competitions that will provide competitions with standard quality of classes and judges (minimum requirement is "L" graduates).
- d. To allow local competitor's scores to be recognized on a regional level without leaving their home area.
- e. To encourage competitors to improve their skills, gain show experience, and confidence to move up to USDF/USEF rated shows.
- f. To encourage a venue to educate and train a base of show volunteers: scribes, gatekeepers, scorers, bit checkers, etc. for local and USDF/USEF recognized shows.
- g. To encourage riders to join a local GMO (Group Member Organization of USDF).

2. HORSE/RIDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Competitor must be a current or new member of a local GMO to compete for the Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Awards Program.
- b. Competitor is responsible for following the rules and completing the requirements of the schooling shows.
- c. At minimum, judge (name listed on the front of the test) MUST be an "L" program graduate.
- d. Musical Freestyles: competitors must send to Points Person a copy of a score of 60% or above of the highest test of the level they wish to compete in MFS.
- e. Competitor may compete in two adjacent levels on the same horse.
- f. Opportunity Classes at USDF/USEF recognized shows are eligible.
- g. Competitor may compete on more than one horse. For each horse/rider combination there MUST be a separate completed REGISTRATION FORM and sent to the Region 2 Points Person.

- h. Competitor MUST send a separate completed REGISTRATION FORM for **each** horse/rider combination to the Region 2 Points Person with a check (for \$30.00 for each level or \$50.00 for two adjacent levels) **BEFORE their scores are eligible** (at the beginning of the show season).
- i. Check must be made payable to USDF Region 2 Education Fund
- j. Rider MUST send a completed RESULTS FORM with readable copy of the **front of each test** to be used for year-end awards. **ONLY FOUR test scores per level are needed.** NOTE: If fewer scores are submitted, their averaged score will be placed below those with four scores averaged. If more than FOUR scores are submitted, ALL scores sent will be averaged. (hint: Choose your best four scores!!)
- k. Horse/rider combinations that have shown at USDF/USEF recognized competitions Second Level or above are NOT eligible to compete in Introductory or Training Level for this program.

3. CLASS ELIGIBILITY

STANDARD SET OF DRESSAGE CLASSES

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| 1. USDF Intro Level Tests A, B, & C | 7. MUSICAL FREESTYLES (State Level) |
| 2. TRAINING LEVEL Tests 1-3 | 8. WESTERN DRESSAGE (TOC) |
| 3. FIRST LEVEL Tests 1-3 | 9. GAITED DRESSAGE (TOC)) |
| 4. SECOND LEVEL AND ABOVE (State Level) | |
| 5. DRESSAGE HORSE IN HAND (3 YRS AND LESS) | |
| 6. DRESSAGE HORSE IN HAND (4YRS AND OVER) | |

4. YEAR END AWARDS

- a. Awards will be given up to the top 10 places in each LEVEL, if entrants warrant. Divisions (JR, OPEN, Adult /AM, VINTAGE) may be combined if entrants warrant (Junior-18 or under) (Vintage 50 and over- Specify OPEN or A/A)
- b. **Scores submitted must be postmarked by NOVEMBER 5th.** Show year will be from November 1 to October 31 of the following year.
- c. Submit your FOUR highest scores per LEVEL are needed to qualify for Year End Awards. If THREE or less scores are submitted, they will be averaged and placed below those with FOUR averaged scores. If MORE than FOUR scores are submitted all scores will be averaged.
- d. A maximum of two test scores from the same judge may be submitted per horse/rider/level combination.
- e. Final placing is based on their AVERAGED PERCENTAGE SCORES as set out above.
- f. Award results will be published on the Region 2 Website and may be reproduced in local GMO newsletters and websites.
- g. Awards will be mailed to the recipient. This is a volunteer effort and takes time. Your patience is appreciated.

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