

KCDS Awards Program and Results

KCDS offers Year End Awards for Open, Junior/Young Rider and Amateur Adult divisions from Training through FEI (PSG/I-1 and I-2/GP) at Recognized shows as well as Year End Awards for Intro, Training through Second levels, Western Dressage and Prix Caprilli at KCDS Awards Eligible Schooling shows. In addition, KCDS offers End of Year Awards for Riders competing in the Materiale classes and owners of horses competing in the Breed shows. KCDS also offers Rider Medallions, Performance Certificates, and Perpetual Trophies.

KCDS Recognized Show Horse of the Year Awards

This is a year-end award program geared to allow horses and riders who are interested in competing at the recognized level and be ranked against their peer members in KCDS. This award program is based on scores earned only at USEF/USDF Recognized Shows. The categories in which one can enter are:

- Junior/Young Rider - has not reached 21st birthday by December of the previous year
- Adult Amateur
- Rider with a Disability - requires Certificate of Dispensation with the USEF
- Open

To qualify for RECOGNIZED SHOW year-end awards, the following criteria must be met:

1. Both rider and horse owner (or lessee) must be members in good standing with KCDS at the time scores are earned
2. Each horse/rider combination can qualify for up to two levels.
 - a) Horses can be registered with multiple riders, but a horse registered with multiple riders can only be qualify for the same two consecutive levels (i.e., Training and First Level, Third and Fourth Level, etc.) with each rider.
 - b) If a horse is being ridden at more than two consecutive levels, they must declare which levels by emailing the Award's chair *before* the scores are earned. Otherwise, the Award's chair will assume it is the higher levels.
3. Any score earned at an Open USDF recognized competition in a regular USEF or FEI test may be used (freestyle scores do not count).
4. Scores will be accumulated during the USDF Competition year. Scores can be found on <http://www.usdf.org/usdfscores/> . At the end of the year, the Award Committee will take the three highest scores, from three different judges and at least two different shows, with one of the scores being from the highest test of the level and calculate the average to be used towards year end awards. It is the Rider's responsibility to check their scores for accuracy by November 15th.
5. In order to qualify for any KCDS award, ten hours of volunteer work per horse/rider combination is required during the award year. No more than 10 hours is required, regardless of the number of awards the horse/rider combination may win. At least five hours must be horse-show related volunteer work. The competitor may do this work or may have an acceptable substitute, as determined by the show manager, perform the work for the competitor, or may accept hours donated by others. Each competitor assumes the responsibility for the quality of work done for meeting the volunteer work requirement.

KCDS presents a prize and a ribbon to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each category. The horse/rider combinations finishing third through fifth place in the standings will be recognized. All the above placings will be published in the newsletter and KCDS website following the Annual Awards Celebration.

The following minimum averages will apply for all divisions:

- Training Level - 55%
- First Level - 55%
- Second Level - 50%
- Third Level - 50%
- Fourth Level - 50%
- PSG/I-1 - 50%
- I-1/GP – 50%

KCDS Schooling Show Awards

This is a year-end award program geared to allow horses and riders who are interested in competing at a local level. This award program is based on scores earned only at designated KCDS Awards Eligible schooling shows. Awards are given at Introductory, Training, First, Second Levels as well as for Western Dressage and Prix Caprilli. The categories in which one can enter are:

- Junior/Young Rider - has not reached 21st birthday by December of the previous year
- Adult Amateur
- Rider with a Disability - requires Certificate of Dispensation with the USEF
- Open

To qualify for KCDS SCHOOLING SHOW awards, the following criteria must be met:

1. Both rider and horse owner (or lessee) must be members in good standing with KCDS at the time scores are earned
2. Each horse/rider combination can qualify for up to two levels.
 - a) Horses can be registered with multiple riders, but a horse registered with multiple riders can only be qualify for the same two consecutive levels (i.e., Training and First Level, Third and Fourth Level, etc.) with each rider.
 - b) If a horse is being ridden at more than two consecutive levels, they must declare which levels by emailing the Award's chair *before* the scores are earned. Otherwise, the Award's chair will assume it is the higher levels.
3. Any score from a KCDS Awards Eligible schooling show may be used. The KCDS Extension newsletter and KCDS website calendars contain the dates and locations for these shows.
4. Scores will be accumulated during the KCDS competition year ending on October 31. KCDS shall create and publish a spreadsheet monthly from April – October with all possible scores that can be used toward year end awards. At the end of the year, the Award Committee will take the three highest scores, from two different judges and at least two different shows, with one of the scores being from the highest test of the level and calculate the average to be used towards year end awards. It is the Rider's responsibility to check the spreadsheet for accuracy of the scores by November 15th. If

there is a discrepancy, the Award Chairman may require the rider to send in a copy of the test in question.

5. In order to qualify for any KCDS award, ten hours of volunteer work per horse/rider combination is required during the award year. No more than 10 hours is required, regardless of the number of awards the horse/rider combination may win. At least five hours must be horse-show related volunteer work. The competitor may do this work or may have an acceptable substitute, as determined by the show manager, perform the work for the competitor, or may accept hours donated by others. Each competitor assumes the responsibility for the quality of work done for meeting the volunteer work requirement.

KCDS presents a prize and a ribbon to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each category. The horse/rider combinations finishing third through fifth place in the standings will be recognized. All the above placings will be published in the newsletter and KCDS website following the Annual Awards Dinner.

The following minimum averages will apply for all divisions:

- Intro – 55%
- Training Level - 55%
- First Level - 55%
- Second Level - 50%
- Western Dressage – 55%
- Prix Caprilli – 55%

KCDS Materiale Year End Awards

This is a year-end award program geared to allow developing young horses to compete at recognized level and be ranked against their peer members in KCDS. This award program is based on scores earned only at USEF/USDF Recognized Shows in Materiale classes. The categories in which one can enter are:

- Fillies and Mares (3-5 year olds)
- Colts and Geldings (3-5 year olds)

To qualify for MATERIALE year-end awards, the following criteria must be met:

1. Both rider and horse owner (or lessee) must be members in good standing with KCDS at the time scores are earned
2. Any Materiale class score earned at an Open USDF recognized competition may be used.
3. Scores will be accumulated during the USDF Competition year. Scores can be found on <http://www.usdf.org/usdfscores/> . At the end of the year, the Award Committee will take the three highest scores, from three different judges and at least two different shows, with one of the scores being from the highest test of the level and calculate the average to be used towards year end awards. It is the Rider's responsibility to check their scores for accuracy by November 15th.
4. In order to qualify for any KCDS award, ten hours of volunteer work per horse/rider combination is required during the award year. No more than 10 hours is required,

regardless of the number of awards the horse/rider combination may win. At least five hours must be horse-show related volunteer work. The competitor may do this work or may have an acceptable substitute, as determined by the show manager, perform the work for the competitor, or may accept hours donated by others. Each competitor assumes the responsibility for the quality of work done for meeting the volunteer work requirement.

KCDS Breed Show Awards

This is a year-end award program geared to recognize horses that are owned by KCDS Members and are competing in hand. This award program is based on scores earned only at a USDF Recognized show with GAIG/USDF Breeders' Series Classes.

To qualify for KCDS Breed Show awards, the following criteria must be met:

1. The horse owner must be a member in good standing with KCDS at the time the scores are earned.
2. Any score from a GAIG/USDF Breeders' Series class may be used.
3. Scores will be accumulated during the USDF Competition year. Scores can be found on <http://www.usdf.org/usdfscores/> . At the end of the year, the Award Committee will take the three highest scores, from three different judges and at least two different shows, with one of the scores being from the highest test of the level and calculate the average to be used towards year end awards. It is the Rider's responsibility to check their scores for accuracy by November 15th.
4. In order to qualify for any KCDS award, ten hours of volunteer work is required per horse during the award year. At least five hours must be horse-show related volunteer work. The competitor may do this work or may have an acceptable substitute, as determined by the show manager, perform the work for the competitor, or may accept hours donated by others. Each competitor assumes the responsibility for the quality of work done for meeting the volunteer work requirement.

KCDS presents a prize and a ribbon to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each category. The horses finishing third through fifth place in the standings will be recognized. All the above placings will be published in the newsletter and KCDS website following the Annual Awards Dinner.

KCDS Perpetual Trophies

Award	Description	How Calculated
Ruth Peckham Memorial Training Level	High Average at Training Level (open, AA or JR/YR) @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows at that level with one being the highest test of that level multiplied by the level weighting factor
Betsy Coester Memorial 1 st Level	High Average at 1 st Level (open, AA or JR/YR) @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows at that level with one being the highest test of that level multiplied by the level weighting factor
Mackey's Hope 2 nd Level	High Average at 2 nd Level (open, AA or JR/YR) @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows at that level with one being the highest test of that level multiplied by the level weighting factor
David R Woodhead Memorial Award	High Average at 3 rd Level (open, AA or JR/YR) @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows at that level with one being the highest test of that level multiplied by the level weighting factor
Fourth Level Award	High Average at 4 th Level (open, AA or JR/YR) @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows at that level with one being the highest test of that level multiplied by the level weighting factor
FEI Award – PSG/I-1	High Average at PSG/I-1 (open, AA or JR/YR) @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows multiplied by the level weighting factor
FEI Award – I-2/GP	High Average at I-2/GP (open, AA or JR/YR) @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows multiplied by the level weighting factor
AA of the Year	High Average AA any level @ Recognized Shows	Average of top four scores from the highest test of the level (Training – 4 th Level) from three shows or from any FEI level from three shows.
Open of the Year	High Average Open any level @ Recognized Shows	Average of top four scores from the highest test of the level (Training – 4 th Level) from three shows or from any FEI level from three shows.
JR/YR of the Year	High Average Jr/YR any level @ Recognized Shows	Average of top four scores from the highest test of the level (Training – 4 th Level) from three shows or from any FEI level from three shows.
KCDS Fitzgerald HOY	High Average any level @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows at that level with one being the highest test of that level multiplied by the level weighting factor
Classic Challenge	High Average for rider over 50 y/o (open, AA) any level @ Recognized Shows	High Average defined as average of three scores from three judges at three shows at that level with one being the highest test of that level multiplied by the level weighting factor
Open of the Year – Schooling	High Average Open any level @ KCDS Awards Eligible	Average of top three scores from the highest test of the level from two shows. Applies to Intro-Second Levels only, not Western or Prix Caprilli.

Shows	Schooling Show	
AA of the Year – Schooling Shows	High Average AA any level @ KCDS Awards Eligible Schooling Show	Average of top three scores from the highest test of the level from two shows. Applies to Intro-Second Levels only, not Western or Prix Caprilli.
JR/YR of the Year – Schooling Shows	High Average JR/YR any level @ KCDS Awards Eligible Schooling Show	Average of top three scores from the highest test of the level from two shows. Applies to Intro-Second Levels only, not Western or Prix Caprilli.

The weighted scoring system to allow for the greater difficulty at the higher levels is the adjusted average score:

- Training Level average score adjusted by 1.0
- First Level average score adjusted by 1.01
- Second Level average score adjusted by 1.02
- Third Level average score adjusted by 1.03
- Fourth Level, Jr. Team & Jr Individual average score adjusted by 1.04
- Prix St. Georges & FEI YR tests average score adjusted by 1.05 or Intermediare I average score adjusted by 1.06
- Intermediare II average score adjusted by 1.07 or Grand Prix average score adjusted by 1.08
- Grand Prix Special average score adjusted by 1.09

Rider Medallion

KCDS presents a medallion to riders who have earned three scores of a certain percentage from three different judges at Recognized Shows at various levels given below. These scores may be accumulated from year to year. The rider and horse do not have to be registered in the award divisions. Riders may use scores from more than one horse. Riders are responsible for submitting their scores to the Awards Chairman. Each medal may be earned only once.

- Bronze Rider (Training and/or First Level) - 60%
- Silver Rider (Second and/or Third Level) - 57.50%
- Gold Rider (Fourth and/or above Levels) - 55%

Performance Certificates

In order for all horse/ rider combinations who are participating in the Awards Program to have a chance for recognition, this category will allow scores earned at KCDS Awards Eligible Schooling Shows as well as Recognized Shows.*

The following certificates will be awarded. Please note the different requirements for Training through Third Level, and Fourth Level and above.

Awards and required scores for Training - Third Level

- Blue Level - Three scores of 65% or better earned at the registered level
- Red Level - Three scores of 60% or better earned at the registered level
- Yellow Level - Three scores of 55% or better earned at the registered level

Awards and required scores for Fourth Level and above

- Blue Level - Three scores or 60% or better at the registered level

- Red Level - Three scores of 55% or better at the registered level
- Yellow Level - Three scores of 50% or better at the registered level

* In order to qualify as a KCDS Awards Eligible schooling show, the show management is encouraged to follow general USEF rules. A \$50 fee will be payable to KCDS prior to the show. Management must be a KCDS member.

Farrier, Veterinarian and Trainer of the Year

KCDS is pleased to recognize the Farrier, Veterinarian and Trainer whose clients have won the most awards

Recognizing Outstanding Volunteerism

In 2006 KCDS introduced a new program recognizing the fantastic group of volunteers that ensure that all KCDS programs, shows and events come off without a hitch. The Volunteer Recognition program is open to all KCDS members. There are three levels of recognition based upon the total number of hours volunteered during the membership year. The award levels are

Gold - 101 or more hours
Silver - 51 - 100 hours
Bronze - 25 - 50 hours

The winners will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet. The volunteer coordinator for each event is responsible for tracking the number of hours each person volunteers and submits to the webmaster for tracking and posting on the website.