

# **Awards Criteria: ADS Awards Program**

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## **Freestyle Awards**

**To qualify for the year end freestyle level awards (offered at Intro/Training - GP):**

You must first have a score of at least 55% in the highest test of the level or any test in the level above your freestyle for your freestyle to count.

You must ride your freestyle in 4 ADS shows with 4 different judges. You do not have to ride any other test in order to qualify for the freestyle award (except for the above qualifying score).

If you want to qualify for the regular awards also, you must follow the rules for them as well as the freestyle rules.

Awards will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion at each level for Open, Amateur, and Junior.

## **Level Awards, High Point Awards, Medals, and Volunteer Award**

### **1. Who is eligible for ADS awards?**

Any rider who is a full ADS member with dues paid at the time a score is earned is eligible for ADS awards. Day members are not eligible for ADS awards. NO RETRO - NO EXCEPTIONS

### **2. What types of awards does ADS offer?**

ADS offers 4 types of year-end awards: Medal, Level, High Point and Memorial awards.

### **3. What are Medal awards and how do I qualify?**

Medals are awarded to any eligible horse/rider combination showing in at least one ADS schooling, rated or sanctioned show who earns a score of at least 60%. A 60% medal is awarded for scores of 60%-69.999%. A 70% medal is awarded for scores of 70% or over. Only one of each is given to any horse/rider pair.

### **4. What are Level awards and how do I qualify?**

ADS recognizes the Champion and Reserve Champion for each dressage level: intro through Grand Prix. A horse/rider pair who earns 2 scores within a single level at 4 shows with 4 different judges qualifies for a Level award - Exception is 3<sup>rd</sup> thru GP and freestyle - only 1 test per level is required. Level awards are presented in three divisions: Junior, Adult Amateur and Open. A horse/rider pair may not repeat as Champions at the same level but there is no limit on Reserve. A horse/rider pair may only win in one division.

### **5. How are Level awards calculated?**

The 2 highest scores received by a horse/rider pair at any one level at each individual show is used to calculate the Level awards. For example: Roy and Silver enter an ADS show and ride 3 training level classes with scores of 68.5, 59.4 and 66.3, The 2

highest scores of 68.5 and 66.3 are averaged for that show. Roy must now go on to earn two training level scores at three more shows in order to meet the four shows/two scores-at-each-show minimum requirement. Roy's top two training level scores from each of his 4 shows is used to calculate Roy's Training Level average. So, if Roy shows in more than 4 shows, he can pick his top 4 scoring shows with different judges to send in for awards. Exception is 3<sup>rd</sup> thru GP and freestyle - only 1 test per level is required. The horse/rider pair with the highest average score of all qualifying riders for each level is Champion and the second highest is Reserve Champion. Remember - you send in your own scores so you get to pick which shows you use.

#### **6. What are High Point awards and how do I qualify?**

The Year End High Point Award is presented to the horse/rider pair with the highest average of 2 scores each at 4 shows. A High Point award is given in each division: Junior, Adult Amateur, and Open. The top scores earned at any and all levels (intermingled) - excluding intro level tests - are counted. Horse/rider pairs may repeat as winners from year to year. Remember - you send in your own scores so you get to pick which shows you use.

#### **7. How are High Point awards calculated?**

High point awards are calculated in almost the same way as the Level awards. The calculation differs from Level awards in that a horse/rider's highest scores from a show are used without regard to the class level.

#### **8. What are the criteria for the Kari Barber Arnold Memorial award?**

The Kari Barber Arnold Memorial Award is given to a deserving ADS member for promoting sportsmanship and volunteerism. The award winner does not have to be an active competitor. A nominating committee appointed by the ADS President will determine the winner from a group of finalists.

#### **9. How many shows do I have to ride in to qualify for an ADS award?**

Different awards have different riding requirements. You only need to ride in 1 show to qualify for a Medal award. You have to ride 2 tests each in 4 shows with different judges to qualify for a Level award. You also have to ride in 4 shows with different judges to qualify for a High Point award. You don't have to ride at all to qualify for the Kari Barber Arnold Memorial award.

#### **10. Which shows count towards ADS awards?**

All ADS schooling, farm and rated shows, plus ADS-sanctioned (if any) shows count towards year end awards. Remember - you send in your own scores so you get to pick which shows you use.

#### **11. What are ADS "sanctioned" shows?**

Sanctioned shows are non-ADS shows that are officially recognized to qualify towards ADS year end awards. A sanctioned show may be a show hosted by another club. Different shows may be sanctioned each year, so be sure to check the current competition calendar to see whether a non-ADS show is sanctioned.

**12. Do all shows count equally for awards?**

Yes. Rated shows do not count double.

**13. What if I ride in more than 4 shows?**

You can possibly raise your average score by riding in more than 4 shows. You can drop off any show(s) over 4 with the lowest scores which lets you pick the top 4 shows you scored best in. Riding in more than 4 shows with different judges increases your show experience, increases your chance of winning an award, and increases your fun! Remember - you send in your own scores so you get to pick which shows you use.

**14. What if I earn several scores at one show?**

For Level awards, only your highest 2 scores from each level at each show is used no matter how many rides you have at the show. Only your highest 2 scores from any level at each show are used to calculate the High Point awards. Exception is 3<sup>rd</sup> thru GP and freestyle - only 1 test per level is required. Any ride of 60%+ earns a Medal award, but just 1 of each per horse rider pair. Remember - you send in your own scores so you get to pick which shows you use.

**15. What if I earn scores from different levels at one show?**

If you ride tests from different levels at the same show, the highest 2 scores from each level will be used to calculate your average for awards for those levels. Exception is 3<sup>rd</sup> thru GP and freestyle - only 1 test per level is required. For example: Roy and Silver enter an ADS schooling show and ride 2 training level classes with scores of 68.5, 59.4. They also enter two first level classes with scores of 66.3, and 62.4. The average of his 2 scores at training applies toward his training level year-end average and the average of his 2 scores at first applies toward his first level year-end average. Roy must earn 6 more training level scores and 6 more first level scores at 3 shows (2 scores at each level at each show) to qualify for both ADS Level awards at training and first level. In short, Roy may qualify for Level awards at both training and first levels at the same four shows, Remember - you send in your own scores so you get to pick which shows you use.