

Central Oregon Chapter of ODS Awards Criteria and Rules

League Show Awards

Ribbons will be given through 6th place.

High Score Ribbon will be given, one for each level, regardless of Amateur, Junior/YR or Open status.

Central Oregon Chapter Year End Award Categories:

Introductory Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Junior Training Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Amateur Training Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Open Training Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Junior First Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Amateur First Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Open First Level Champion and Reserve Champion

The following categories will be divided into Junior/YR, Amateur and Open if there are enough qualifying scores. Levels may be combined if there are not enough qualifying rides.

Second Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Third Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Fourth Level Champion and Reserve Champion
FEI and Above Level Champion and Reserve Champion
Musical Freestyle Champion and Reserve Champion
Quadrille Champion and Reserve Champion

Riders MUST be a member of the Central Oregon Chapter at the time the scores were earned.

The Level Awards will be based on the highest average score. A minimum of three scores from at least two of the COCODS League Show Series will be required. If there are more than three scores, the lowest score will be dropped, and the remaining scores averaged. The Horse/Rider combination with the highest average will be awarded the Championship, the second highest score will receive the Reserve Championship.

Additional Awards

Junior/Young Rider High Point

This award will go to the Junior/Young Rider with the highest score from any Level, except Introductory. The rider must show in at least two of the COCODS League shows to qualify.

Overall High Point Trophy

This award is a perpetual rotating trophy and will be given to the adult rider with highest score from any Level, except Introductory, Musical Freestyle, Quadrille or Pas de Deux. The rider must show in at least two of the COCODS League shows to qualify. The rider can be a professional or an amateur. It is suggested that the High Point Winner from the previous year present the award to the winner in the current year.

Chex in the Mail Amateur Encouragement Award

This is a new award donated by Marsha Williams. An Amateur Owner Horse/Rider combination who has a minimum of three scores from at least two of the COCODS League Show. If there are more than three scores, the lowest score will be dropped, and the remaining scores averaged. The highest average will be the award recipient. Scores from different levels (except Introductory) may be used to calculate this award—for example a horse/rider combination may be riding at Training and First level, and all scores are eligible.

NEW RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Amateur Rider Division

A rider that qualifies for this division is a non-professional rider as defined by the USEF Rules, although we will not require an Amateur card. See article 808 in the rule book. At this time, the Amateur Rider Division will only apply to Training & First Level at the League shows. Year End Awards may include other levels if there are enough qualifying riders/scores.

Open Division

This is open to any rider, including Amateurs and Junior/Young Riders. This is generally the division that the professional trainers ride in.

Introductory Level

This is a walk trot division for green horses or riders new to dressage. It may not be offered at all shows. A horse/rider combination is only eligible for this level for one calendar year.

Maiden Horse/Rider

A Maiden Horse/Rider combination has not won a blue ribbon at any recognized or schooling dressage show. Therefore, this class could include green riders on trained horses or accomplished riders on green or young horses.

Juniors/Young Riders

There is one class, Training Level Test 1 Junior/Young Rider that is strictly for Junior/Young Riders. Jr/YRs will be divided into a separate class only if there are 3 or more Jr/YRs competing in that particular class. A Junior rider has not reached their 18th birthday as of Dec 1st of the current year. A Young Rider is between the age of 16 and 21. Please refer to the USEF rule book for details on age divisions.

Limited Number of Entries

A rider will be limited to entering a maximum of 6 tests. A single rider can enter any number of horses with a maximum of 6 Tests total. Two days prior to the closing date and subject to available space, a rider that has entered the maximum 6 classes may request to enter more classes at the discretion of the Show Secretary. Please note that the total number of rides available per show is dictated by the Judge. According to USEF Rules, a horse and rider combination are limited to riding no more than 3 tests in one day for Fourth Level and below, and only in two consecutive levels.

Working Rider Program

We are implementing a mandatory \$10 Working Rider fee at each show. The rider or a suitable representative will be responsible for working a minimum of 2 hours at the show. At the end of the show, the \$10 fee will be refunded to the rider. All efforts will be made to schedule rides and jobs so that they are compatible and, where possible, to have stalls available while volunteers work. If a rider does not want to work at the show, then the \$10 goes into a fund to compensate other volunteers to work at the show. Entries will not be considered valid unless all competitors pay the Working Rider Fee with their entry.

Please save this information for future reference. Please also read “General Information about League Shows” in the Omnibus green pages L3-6. The USEF Rule Book is available online at www.usef.org. Direct any questions to Kristi Marshall, email: my4bayhorses@msn.com