

South Wind Dressage & Eventing Association 2025 Year End Awards Qualification Rules

DEFINITIONS OF SHOW TYPES

SWDEA Show: A horse show organized and hosted by SWDEA members, at any chosen facility. Scores are automatically recorded by SWDEA Score Keeper for year-end awards.

Sanctioned Show: A local horse show must be pre-approved by the SWDEA Board. Scores are automatically submitted by the show organizers to SWDEA's Score Keeper and may count towards SWDEA year-end awards. There is no cost for these scores to be submitted.

Other Shows: Only applies to **DRESSAGE, WESTERN DRESSAGE, EVENTING & COMBINED TEST.** Shows that are not hosted or affiliated with SWDEA for direct score submission by the show organizer. Riders must submit scores from these shows directly to the SWDEA Score Keeper through the SWDEA website (see score submission at www.swdea.com). Scores must be submitted within 30 days of the competition date.

ANTICIPATED 2025 SHOW CALENDAR

The 2024 SWDEA show year runs from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025, with the exception of the SWDEA Year End Show on November 8th, 2025 which counts as the last SWDEA show for the show year.

2025 SWDEA and Local Show Dates:

December 2024 – Gray Lily Online Dressage Show (sanctioned)
December 14th, 2024- SWDEA Jumper Show at Mahan Farm
January 11th, 2025 – Gray Lily Jumper Show (sanctioned)
February 1st, 2025- First Flight Jumpers (Sanctioned)
February 8th, 2025 – SWDEA Dressage, Jumpers & CT at Mahan Farm
March 22nd, 2025 – SWDEA Eventing, Dressage, Jumpers & CT at Mahan Farm
April 19th, 2025 – SWDEA Just Jumper Show at The Stables on Buck Lake
May 3rd, 2025 - Gray Lily Farm Event (sanctioned)
May 17th, 2025- First Flight Jumpers (Sanctioned)
June 7th, 2025 - Mahan Farm Spring Into Summer Event (sanctioned)
June 1st-June 30th, 2025 – Virtual SWDEA Online Dressage Show
July 15th - August 15th, 2025 – Virtual SWDEA Online Dressage Show
September 13th, 2025 - SWDEA Just Jumper Show at The Stables on Buck Lake
October 4th, 2025 – Mahan Farm Beat the Heat Event (sanctioned)
October 25th, 2025 - Gray Lily Farm Event (sanctioned)
November 8th, 2025 – SWDEA Eventing, Dressage, Jumpers & CT at Mahan Farm

DEFINITIONS OF RIDER CLASSIFICATIONS

Junior Rider: Any rider under the age of 18, as of December 1st of the show year. JR riders may NOT earn any money by teaching lessons or clinics, training, or exercising horses. If a rider under the age of 18 earning any money to teach or train/exercise, he or she will be classified as an Open Rider (see below).

Adult Amateur Rider: Any rider 18 years or older, as of December 1st of the show year. AA Riders may NOT earn any money by teaching lessons or clinics, training, or exercising horses. If a rider age 18 or over is earning any money to teach or train/exercise, he or she will be classified as an Open Rider (see below).

Open Rider: Any rider who earns any money by teaching lessons or clinics, training, or exercising horses at any point during the show year.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

Only current SWDEA members are eligible to qualify for year-end awards.

All scores for Dressage, Western Dressage, Combined Test, and Eventing must be earned under an "L" judge or higher.

There is no limit on the number of horses on which a rider may qualify.

Riders may not take a lesson or clinic with the Dressage Judge or house the Dressage Judge, within 30 days prior to the show.

If a horse's name is changed at any time during the show year, the rider must submit the change to the SWDEA Score Keeper within 30 days of the show. Any horse being shown by multiple riders must be shown under the same name by all riders.

GENERAL SCORING CRITERIA FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

Any rider must be a member of or join SWDEA by the date of show of which the score is earned and submitted.

All scores from Other Shows must be submitted within 30 days of the show date. See score submission criteria online.

No incomplete, retired during ride, eliminated (for any reason), disqualified, or scores which do not qualify, will not count, or be recorded, but the rider will receive credit for a SWDEA show participation if it is a SWDEA Hosted Show.

Scores count for each horse and rider combination in each discipline, class, division, or level.

The same horse/rider combination will only be eligible for awards in the two (2) highest levels or divisions they have competed in one (1) year.

YEAR END RIDER QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for SWDEA Year End awards, members must have qualifying scores in any division or class per discipline or level between Nov 1, 2024, and October 31, 2025, with the exception of the SWDEA 2025 Year End November show which counts as the last SWDEA show for the show year. AND satisfy the following requirements:

Option A: Compete in 2 SWDEA hosted Shows (not SWDEA Sanctioned shows) **AND** Volunteer 4 hours at a SWDEA hosted Show; OR

Option B: Compete in 2 SWDEA hosted Shows (not SWDEA Sanctioned shows) **AND pay a \$100 volunteer fee per member** by **October 31, 2025**; OR

Option C : (Board Members Only): Compete in 1 SWDEA hosted Show and be in good standing with the Board.

Any member may have their volunteer hours donated by anyone who volunteers for you.

SCORE SUBMISSION

THE PROCEDURE IS LISTED ON WEBSITE AT WWW.SWDEA.COM

Complete the form on the SWDEA website or send a direct email to the scorekeeper. This must include the rider's name, horse's name, date of show, name of show, judge's name, and include a picture or hyperlink, of the final scores.

All scores must be submitted within 30 days of the horse show; October scores must be submitted by October 31, 2025, to count toward year-end awards.

All scores submitted must match the appropriate SWDEA division in order to be eligible to count for a year end award.

Other Shows: There will be a \$10.00 submission fee for each score submitted from Other Shows. **Submitted scores which do not qualify will NOT be recorded nor will a submission fee refund be issued.** The \$10.00 submission fee must be paid in full at the time of the score submission or it will NOT be recorded or counted towards year end awards.

Incomplete score submissions will not be counted toward year end awards. It is the responsibility of the member to follow up with the Score Keeper to make sure all documents were received and recorded correctly.

NOMINATED AWARDS

The criteria for submitting nominations for these awards will be determined by the SWDEA Board each year.

NOMINATED AWARDS:

SWDEA MVP (Most Valuable Person) Award – This award is presented to the nominated individual (spouse, significant other, sibling, parent, etc.) who has shown support for a SWDEA member's personal riding activities as well as for SWDEA.

Adult Volunteer of the Year Award – This award will be presented to the adult member who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer effort throughout the year.

Junior Volunteer of the Year Award - This award will be presented to the JR member who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer effort throughout the year.

Susan Wager Adult Sportsmanship Award - This award is in memory of Susan Wager and will be presented to the SWDEA adult member who has shown exceptional spirit and determination when met with difficult times and exhibits exceptional sportsmanship.

Debbie Lillibridge Junior Sportsmanship Award - presented to the SWDEA JR member who has shown exceptional spirit and determination when met with difficult times and exhibits exceptional sportsmanship.

The SWDEA President and SWDEA Board may also present special awards and recognitions each year.

DRESSAGE SPECIFIC AWARDS CRITERIA

The following information applies to classical Dressage tests, Intro through Grand Prix. Equitation, Rider Tests, Freestyle, and Musical Freestyle scores may not be submitted for High Average Dressage or High Point Dressage year-end awards. See separate Musical Freestyle criteria.

Only USEF or USDF test scores will be considered. Dressage scores from Eventing or Combined Test may not be used towards year end awards.

All dressage scores must **be 60% or above** to be considered qualifying.

Awards MAY be divided by rider classification (JR/AA/Open) for all Levels.

Note: If the same horse/rider wins the high average and high score, the member may receive one nice award and two ribbons.

DRESSAGE – HIGH AVERAGE:

All levels will be awarded Champion through sixth place.

The HIGH AVERAGE SCORE will be based on the average of the top highest scores earned or submitted.

The Rider's average will be calculated by the

- Top 4 scores for Intro, Training, and First Level; and
- Top 3 scores for Second Level and Above.

To be eligible for awards at least one (1) score counting toward the average must be earned at the highest test for that level (Training Level and above), except for Introductory level which will use Test B as the highest test.

Scores must be earned from a minimum of two different Dressage judges.

Note: The Prix St. George High Average Champion will receive the Patti O'Sullivan Menard Award.

DRESSAGE – HIGH POINT:

All levels will be awarded a High Point award; all general criteria must be met for eligibility.

To qualify for a Dressage High Point Year End award the horse/rider combination must have at least two qualifying scores in the Division and meet all general criteria.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE, PAS DE DEUX, QUADRILLE:

All musical rides will be combined into one category/level for year-end awards.

WESTERN DRESSAGE SPECIFIC AWARDS CRITERIA

The following information applies to Western Dressage tests, Intro through Level 3 only. Equitation, Rider Tests, and/or Musical Ride scores may not be submitted for High Average Western Dressage or High Point Western Dressage year-end awards. See separate Musical ride criteria.

Awards MAY be divided by rider classification (JR/AA/Open) for all Levels.

All dressage scores must be **60% or above** to be considered qualifying.

Note: If the same horse/rider wins the high average and high score, the member may receive one nice award and two ribbons.

WESTERN DRESSAGE - HIGH AVERAGE:

All levels will be awarded Champion through sixth place.

The HIGH AVERAGE SCORE will be based on the average of the top highest scores earned or submitted.

The Rider's average will be calculated by using the:

- Top 4 scores for Intro, Basic, and Level 1; and
- Top 3 scores for Level 2 and Above.

To be eligible for awards at least one (1) score counting toward the average must be earned at the highest test for that level to include Intro Level and above.

Scores must be earned from a minimum of two different Dressage judges.

WESTERN DRESSAGE – HIGH POINT:

All levels will be awarded a High Point award; all general criteria must be met for eligibility.

To qualify for a Western Dressage High Point Year End award the horse/rider combination must have at least two qualifying scores in the Division and meet all general criteria.

WESTERN DRESSAGE – MUSICAL FREESTYLE, PAS DE DEUX, QUADRILLE:

All musical rides will be combined into one category/level for year-end awards.

EVENTING SPECIFIC AWARDS CRITERIA

All Eventing scores must be from a 3-phase show format: Dressage, Show Jumping, and Cross Country. Final SCORES are those tallied after all three Eventing phases are complete. Event riders must accrue SCORES using any SWDEA comparable Eventing divisions:

Tadpole 18", Starter 2'3", Beg. Novice 2'7", Novice 2'11, Training 3'3",
Modified 3'5" and Preliminary 3'7".

All final scores must be **no higher than 60 penalty points** to be considered qualifying.

Awards MAY be divided by rider classification (JR/AA/Open) for all Levels.

Note: If the same horse/rider wins the Low Average and Low Score, the member may receive one nice award and two ribbons.

EVENTING – LOW AVERAGE:

The Low Average Score will be based on the average of the lowest three (3) scores submitted at each level.

Scores must be earned from a minimum of two different Dressage judges.

EVENTING – LOW POINT:

All levels will be awarded a Low Point award; all general criteria must be met for eligibility.

To qualify for an Eventing Low Point Year End award the horse/rider combination must have at least two qualifying scores in the Division and meet all general criteria.

COMBINED TEST SPECIFIC AWARDS CRITERIA

All Combined Test (CT) scores must be from a 2-phase show format: Dressage and Show Jumping. CT Riders must accrue qualifying SCORES using any SWDEA comparable CT divisions:

Amoeba 12", Tadpole 18", Leapfrog 2', Starter 2'3", Beg. Novice -2'7", Novice 2'11,
Training 3'3", Modified 3'5" and Preliminary 3'6"-3'7".

All final scores must be **no higher than 50.00 penalty points** to be considered qualifying.

Awards MAY be divided by rider classification (JR/AA/Open) for all Levels.

Note: If the same horse/rider wins the low average and low score, the member may receive one nice award and two ribbons.

Final SCORES are those tallied after both CT phases are complete.

COMBINED TEST – LOW AVERAGE:

All levels will be awarded Champion through sixth place.

The Low Average Score will be based on the average of the three (3) lowest scores submitted. Scores must be earned from a minimum of two different Dressage judges.

COMBINED TEST – LOW POINT:

All levels will be awarded a Low Point award; all general criteria must be met for eligibility.

To qualify for a Combined Test Low Point Year End award the horse/rider combination must have at least two qualifying scores in the Division and meet all general criteria.

JUMPER SPECIFIC AWARDS CRITERIA

All Jumper scores must be earned from a Show Jumping format.

Year End Jumper awards are based on the number of points accrued at each of the height divisions:

Ground Poles, Walk/Trot Cross Rails, 12", 18", 2', 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3', 3'3", 3'6"

Awards MAY be divided by rider classification (JR/AA/Open) for all divisions.

Awards for the Overall High Point Rider and Overall High Point Horse MAY be given.

Points accrue for each horse/rider combination, in each class. Points follow the **RIDER** for Ground Poles and the Walk Trot Cross Rails divisions.

In order to qualify for a Jumper Year End award **in any 12" Jumper or higher jumper division**, the horse/rider combination needs to have earned a minimum of 30 points in the division during the show year.

In order to qualify for a Jumper Year End award in **Ground Poles or Walk/Trot Cross Rails** divisions, the horse/rider combination needs to have earned a minimum of **20 points** in the division during the show year.

For the Ground Poles and Walk Trot Cross Rails Divisions, class scoring will be based on the following point system:

- Course completed and rider has no refusals they shall earn 1st place.
- Course completed and/or incurs no more than 1 fault they shall earn 2nd place.
- Course completed and/or incurs no more than 2 faults they shall earn 3rd place.
- Course completed and/or incurs no more than 3 faults they shall earn 4th place.
- Course completed and/or incurs no more than 4 faults they shall earn 5th place.
- Fall of rider is automatic Disqualification and no ribbon or points will be awarded

Points will be earned from placing in each class, at each height. All Jumper classes at SWDEA hosted and SWDEA sanctioned shows will be awarded single points except for the SWDEA Year End Show which shall count as double points. Jumper Points earned from non-sanctioned shows will not be considered for year end points. The number of points earned per class placing from SWDEA Hosted and SWDEA Sanctioned Shows are provided in the table below.

CLASS PLACE	SWDEA Hosted	SWDEA Sanctioned	SWDEA YEAR END SHOW
1	7	7	14
2	5	5	10
3	4	4	8
4	3	3	6
5	2	2	4
6	1	1	2