



## Awards Programs for MSED A

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**Rider Achievement Awards, Dressage High Percentage Awards,  
Combined Training Low Penalty Awards, Year-End Performance Championship Award**



### 1) Categories of Awards:

- a) Rider Achievement Awards (awarded once per award per level per lifetime of rider)
- i) Dressage
- (1) To be eligible for an award, a rider must have at least two qualifying scores from two different judges.
  - (2) Awards may be earned at any MsEDA or USDF sanctioned show during any award year.
  - (3) The minimum percentage scores required to win an achievement award at a particular level appear in the table below. The award will always be made at the highest level of achievement earned by the rider.

Level	Bronze	Silver	Gold
<b>Introductory</b>	58	61	64
<b>Training Level</b>	58	61	64
<b>First Level</b>	56	59	61
<b>Second Level</b>	56	59	61
<b>Third Level</b>	56	59	61
<b>Fourth Level</b>	55	58	60

- ii) Combined Training
- (1) White Ribbon Completion Award--To be awarded to any rider who completes two cross-country courses in any one-award year.
  - (2) Placement Awards
    - (a) To be eligible for an award a rider must have placed in one of the top six placing at two MsEDA or USEA sanctioned events.
    - (b) Awards may be earned during any award year.
    - (c) Awards are organized by level as indicated below:

Level	Award
Preliminary Level	Purple Ribbon Club
Training Level	Blue Ribbon Club



Novice Level	Red Ribbon Club
Beginner Novice Level	Yellow Ribbon Club

iii) Horse-Rider Combination Awards.

(1) Dressage High Percentage Awards (Based on Median Average Scores)

(2) Combined Training Low Penalty Awards (Based on Best Average Low Penalty Points)

## 2) Horse-Rider Combination Divisions

- a) Dressage
  - i) Junior
  - ii) Adult Amateur
  - iii) Open
- b) Combined Training
  - i) Junior
  - ii) Senior

## 3) Rules Applying to All Awards

- a) Scores will count only for members of MsEDA whose dues have been paid at the time the scores are earned.
- b) The award year will run from January 1 to December 31.
- c) Scores will count only from MsEDA sanctioned shows and events or USDF, USEF, and/or USEA sanctioned shows and events.
- d) Reporting of Scores
  - i) MsEDA Sanctioned Shows and Events— It is the responsibility of the competitor to mail accurate test copies to the MsEDA official responsible for recording, verifying and tallying all scores and points. Such copies must include the name and date of the competition, the horse and rider's name, the test ridden, the score and percentage of the test ridden, and the judge's signature.
  - ii) USDF, MISA and/or USEA sanctioned shows and events not sanctioned by MsEDA--It is the responsibility of the competitor to mail accurate test copies to the MsEDA official responsible for recording, verifying and tallying all scores and points. Copies of the front of the test ridden should include the name and date of the competition, the horse and rider's name, the test ridden, the score and percentage of the test ridden, and the judges signature.
- e) All scores must be submitted and postmarked no later than December 23" of the award year.
- f) Ties--In the event of a tie, the competitor with the most points or scores earned for the award from MsEDA sanctioned shows will be declared the winner. In the event a tie still exists, it will not be broken and duplicate awards will be made.
- g) MsEDA will award certificates and/or ribbons in all divisions where there are a sufficient number of member competitors (See Section 5 below). In addition, donated prizes and/or trophies may also be awarded. Unless the donor specifies the division in which the prize. And/or trophy is to be given, they will distributed in order to the division or divisions with the largest number of competitors. In other words, if there is but one prize to distribute the largest division champion will receive it. If there are two prizes, the largest division champion gets one prize and the next largest division champion gets the next prize, etc. In the event that there are still prizes, which can be distributed, the reserve champions will be awarded prizes following the same scheme. The MsEDA Executive Committee or its designee will decide which prizes are distributed to which divisions.



- h) In the event that there are in-sufficient number of member competitors, it is at the discretion of the Award Committee whether or not that award will be given out for that Award year.

#### 4) Division Definitions

- a) Dressage
- i) A dressage competitor is a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the award year in which they reach the age of 21. (Basically the same as USDF).
  - ii) Adult Amateurs--Adults conforming to the definition of an Amateur as specified in the current USEF Rule Book.
- b) Combined Training
- i) A combined training competitor is a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the award year in which they reach the age of 18. (Basically the same as USEA).
  - ii) Competition Division--Competitors may compete in only one division within an area. That is, they may compete either as a Junior or an Adult or in an open division. However, it is possible for a competitor to compete, for example, as a Junior in Dressage and as a Senior in Combined Training.
- c) Selecting the Division--It is the responsibility of the competitor to inform the MsEDA official responsible for keeping the scores of the division in which they are eligible.

#### 5) Rules that Apply to Specific Award Categories.

- a) Dressage High Percentage Awards
- i) Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in Junior, Adult Amateur and Open at all levels.
  - ii) First through Grand Prix, with at least five competitors eligible at the end of the award year in Junior, Adult Amateur and Open. In the event there is an insufficient number of competitors at a particular level, levels will be combined with the next lower level or levels until the required number is achieved.
    - (1) To qualify, the horse/rider combination must have at least six scores from at least two different sanctioned dressage competitions from two different judges, either MsEDA, or USDF. Scores achieved at Combined Training and Combined Test competitions are not eligible, as the new USEA dressage tests no longer correspond to the dressage levels.
    - (2) Awards will be based upon the Median Average. All eligible scores will be recorded and the top 80% of these scores will be used in calculating the median. Combinations with the highest median averages will win the awards.
- b) Combined Training Low Average Score Awards.
- i) Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary in Junior, and Senior, provided there are at least five competitors eligible at each level at the end of the award year. In the event there is an insufficient number of competitors at a particular level, levels will be combined with the next lower level or levels until the required number is achieved.
  - ii) To qualify, the horse/rider combination must have completed at least three, three phase MsEDA or USEA sanctioned events at a particular level.
  - iii) Awards will be based upon the Arithmetic Average of penalty points received. All eligible scores will be recorded and the lowest 80% of these scores will be used in calculating the arithmetic average. Combinations with the lowest averages will receive the awards.