

## **BDCTA Awards Rules 2019 Revision**

Effective 2019 BDCTA show year.

### **General Rules**

- Riders and owners must be active members in good standing at the time scores are earned.
- Awards follows the membership year from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year, with scores due to the Awards Chair by the date specified on the website for the current year.
- A minimum of 4 volunteer hours are required to be eligible for any awards
  - Members may have hours donated/designated to them
  - Attendance at a minimum of 2 BDCTA meetings is required (Christmas party counts as 2 meetings), which count towards required hours (may be waived for 4 additional volunteer hours)
- To be eligible for Recognized Show awards, 4 additional volunteer hours are required if the member is not riding in any BDCTA show or clinic (for a total of 8 hours minimum)
- To be eligible for Schooling Show awards, members must ride in:
  - 2 BDCTA events
  - at least one class at a BDCTA show
  - Note- scores from BDCTA shows do not necessarily have to be submitted
  - Officers for the current year would be exempt from the riding requirements due to the large number of hours devoted to running the club and shows.
- Juniors/Young Riders are members who are 18 years of age or under as of the start of the membership/awards year (December 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Adult Amateurs are defined following USDF/USEA/USEF guidelines
- **Only complete, legible forms are accepted**
- BDCTA does not keep track of scores and members are responsible for submitting only scores from shows that follow USDF/USEA/USEF rules

BDCTA will present awards each year in the following disciplines as described below

- Dressage Recognized
- Dressage Schooling
- Driven Dressage Schooling
- Eventing Recognized
- Eventing 3 Phase Schooling
- Eventing Combined Test Schooling

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Scores for each of the above divisions must be submitted on a separate **Leading Horse** form
- Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, & Open Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place will be awarded for each level (see below) in both recognized and schooling divisions as warranted by submissions.
- Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place Leading Riders will be awarded for Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, & Open in both recognized and schooling divisions. Placings for each discipline must be submitted on separate **Leading Rider** forms; IE, a rider competing in both dressage and eventing must submit two different Leading Rider forms, one for each discipline to be considered for awards in each.

- **Scores-** the following criteria must be met for scores to be eligible for BDCTA year end awards
  - Placing will be determined by the highest average percentile score (for Dressage) or lowest average penalty points (for Eventing) for the levels detailed for each division
  - Awards for each division/level are presented to the Horse & Rider combination. Leading Rider awards are presented to riders in Dressage and riders Combined Training
  - Minimum of **3** scores/ top 3 scores should be submitted. Additional scores will be discarded
  - Minimum of 2 facilities (each BDCTA show counts as a separate facility).
  - Horse/Rider combinations are only eligible for 2 adjacent levels in each division (i.e., Intro, Training, but not Intro, First) during a year, but may submit scores for multiple divisions (i.e., Dressage, Combined Training).
  
- **Recognized Dressage Shows - Masters**
  - Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place recognized at the following levels as submissions warrant
    - Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Prix St Georges, Intermediaire I, Intermediaire II, Grand Prix
  
- **Recognized Events - Masters**
  - Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place recognized at the following levels as submissions warrant
    - Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced
  - Scores from completed Three Phase (Dressage, Cross Country & Show Jumping) are eligible, scores from Combined Tests are not.
  - Only submissions with no Cross Country jumping penalties are eligible (time penalties are allowed).
  
- **Schooling Shows - Medallion**

Schooling Shows submitted must utilize judges that meet BDCTA criteria for **BDCTA Schooling Show Awards**. To determine if a particular schooling show's choice of judges meets BDCTA criteria, please read the following:

  - Judges must meet at least **one** of the following criteria for scores to be eligible for **BDCTA Schooling Show Awards**:
  - - **If the judge is an "L" Graduate or a rated USEF judge ("r", "R" or higher): Scores for any class, any level will qualify for BDCTA Awards**
    - For scores from:
      - USEF Training Level Dressage tests
      - USDF Introductory Level Dressage tests

- USEF Novice, Beginner Novice Level Dressage tests or any of the dressage tests used for USEA lower levels (Tadpole, Amoeba):
  1. The judge must be a USDF, USEA or ARIA Certified Instructor. USDF certification must be for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Level. USEA certification must be ICP II (Instructor Certification Program).

OR

2. The judge must have a successful show record at Third Level or above for Dressage or Preliminary Level or above for Eventing with USEF. A *successful show record* is one in which the individual has ridden two or more horses at Third Level or Preliminary Level with two or more scores above 60% (40 penalty points or less).
- **Members are responsible for verifying that the judges meet one of the above qualifications when submitting scores.** A list of licensed judges, instructors and competition records are available at [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org), [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com) or [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org)
  - **Dressage Schooling Shows**
    - Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place will be awarded for the following levels as submissions warrant
      1. Introductory, Training, First, Second, Third & above
  - **Eventing Schooling Shows**
    - Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place will be awarded for the following levels as submissions warrant
      1. Amoeba (USDF Intro A or B/ jumps 18”), Tadpole (Walk/Trot/Canter test 2’), Frog (jumps 2’3”) Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate & above
    - Three Phase and Combined Test events will be recognized separately
      1. A Combined Test is defined as having a dressage phase and a single jumping phase.
        - If submitting Cross Country or Derby as the jumping phase, no jump penalties are allowed.
      2. Three Phase scores must not have any Cross Country jump penalties to be eligible
    - Scores may only be submitted for completed events (no eliminations or withdrawals).

- **Leading Rider**
  - Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place Leading Riders will be awarded for Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, & Open in both recognized and schooling divisions.
  - Based on the placing.
  - Riders are responsible for accurately reporting their placing.
  - There is no minimum or maximum number of placings.
  - All placings, including Freestyles, will be eligible .
  - Points earned from placing at BDCTA shows will count double towards year-end leading rider.
  
- Champion-6<sup>th</sup> Place for **Musical Freestyle** will be awarded for both schooling and recognized divisions as submissions warrant.
  
- **Other Awards**
  - **Volunteer of the Year-** member who has contributed the most to BDCTA in the awards year- nominated by the outgoing officers or membership. Volunteer hours required.

**FRANCES DUDLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
BIRMINGHAM DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING, INC.**

A scholarship in the amount of **\$250** is to be awarded to a BDCTA member annually to be utilized for the education of that member in his/her designated sport of dressage or eventing.

**Qualifications**

1. The member must be one **in Good Standing** with BDCTA, Inc. having paid annual dues.
2. The member must contribute a minimum of **eight (8) volunteer hours** from the calendar year to receive scholarship funds. These hours may be completed by volunteer participation in BDCTA, Inc., shows, clinics, Hunter Pace, or any other sponsored BDCTA, Inc. event. Writing articles for the newsletter, attending meetings, or assisting the volunteer coordinator will be acceptable as well. **Attendance at two (2) meetings** is mandatory and counts for two (2) of the required eight (8) volunteer hours. The hours must be verified by the Board of Directors. *Riding* in a BDCTA, Inc. show or event does NOT count toward completion of volunteer hours.
3. Assistance in the growth and promotion of BDCTA, Inc. in the form of **recruiting new members will be weighed heavily**. If a scholarship applicant has recruited a new member or members for the Association, that application will be considered more favorably than that of another who has not recruited a new member. A new member is defined as one who has never been a BDCTA, Inc. member or a past member who has rejoined after one year or more of absence.
4. The applicant must **submit an essay** to the Board of Directors (deadline TBA) outlining educational goals and the proposed use of the scholarship funds.
5. Eligibility requirements shall be **completed by the close of the membership year (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)**.
6. If no applications are submitted for the current year- no scholarship will be awarded.
7. Recipient must submit written documentation to the BDCTA Board concerning educational dressage and/or eventing lessons/clinics/camps on a quarterly basis.
8. Recipient will be announced at the Awards Dinner; monies will be distributed throughout the year upon receipt of proof of completion of or participation in clinics, lessons, or other agreed on educational endeavors.