

2024 Eventing Year-End Award Rules for
GDCTA-RECOGNIZED ” SCHOOLING SHOWS
SPECIAL NEEDS

1. All awards will be based on a horse/rider combination meeting these eligibility requirements.
 - A) To be eligible a Horse/Rider Combination must have at least three scores from GDCTA Recognized shows. NO Base score needed. TWO clear jumping rounds must be submitted. These jump rounds can be in either XC or stadium, or both. You can earn BOTH clear rounds at one three phase with no XC or Stadium jump penalties. **Horse and Rider must complete with a score NOT a letter. Per the Show Office, jumps may be set at a different height with no penalty.**
 - B) Scores will be based on the official show results posted by each show. However, you must be a GDCTA member and have indicated that you wish to participate in the awards program **AT THE TIME THE SCORES ARE EARNED**. You may register your intent to participate by checking the appropriate box on the membership form when you join or by contacting the Membership Chairperson.
 - C) A list of members participating in the awards program will be kept on the website. It is the **competitor’s responsibility** to check frequently to make sure that their name is on the list and to contact the Schooling Awards Chairperson if it is not.
 - D) A Horse/Rider combination showing at more than two levels during the competition year will only be eligible for awards at the two highest levels shown. If the minimum requirements as listed in 1(A) above are not met at the highest level, eligibility for the lowest level is still lost. For example, a Horse/Rider Combination competing at Starter, Beginner Novice and Novice failing to meet eligibility requirements for Novice is still only eligible for Beginner Novice awards.
 - E) A Horse/Rider Combination qualifying at any given level in the USEA Recognized Program is not eligible for the GDCTA Schooling Show Awards Program at that level or below. Riding in USDF Recognized dressage and GDCTA Recognized Schooling Eventing IS permitted, as IS riding in USEA Recognized Eventing and GDCTA Recognized Schooling dressage. If riding USEA recognized Eventing and GDCTA Recognized Schooling Eventing, the Schooling Eventing MUST be at a higher level than the USEA Recognized Eventing level.
 - F) A Horse/Rider Combination that has WON a Year-End Championship for a particular level WILL be eligible for awards at that level or below.
1. Alternative Equipment may be used (depending on rider needs) including bitless bridles, special saddles, etc.
2. Awards will be presented in the following categories: Professional, Adult and Junior. A professional is defined to be anyone who engages in the activities described in USEF rule GR1306.
3. Awards will be offered at Amoeba, Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice and Training.
4. Scores from all GDCTA Recognized events conducted in the continental United States will be eligible for inclusion in this Awards program. **If a Horse/Rider Combination competes more than once in any class (CT and/or 3 Phase) during any given show, only the best score will count.**
5. **Restricted classes which are not open to all competitors, such as breed, pony and championship, are not eligible to count toward year-end awards.**
6. Eventing awards are based on total penalty points and not placing in a class. Award results will be tabulated by taking the average of the 3 lowest total penalty points.
7. The awards year will run from October 1st of the previous year to September 30th of the current competition year. Since the GDCTA membership year runs December 1st through November 30th, members are encouraged to rejoin early to avoid problems with eligibility.
8. **No Changes to the awards standings can be made after Oct. 31st of the current competition year.**
9. The GDCTA Board of Directors reserves the right to divide or combine divisions or categories as it sees fit during the competition year.
10. Coaches are allowed to Coach from the sidelines as special needs riders are not fully capable to react in situations during riding tests and jumping for safety reasons only.