



**CAWDA HIGH POINT RULE BOOK**  
**Includes Live Shows and Virtual**  
**Shows Rules**  
**Breed Awards**  
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# CAWDA RULEBOOK

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## CAWDA LIVE SHOW HIGH POINT RULES

The following rules pertain only to live/on showground horse shows offering Western Dressage classes. No virtual/online shows are accepted for this program. For information regarding the Virtual High Point Program, see CAWDA Virtual Show High Point Rules in this rulebook.

### A. THE COMPETITION

- A.1.** One horse/one rider combination: Riders may compete with multiple horses, but each horse/rider combination accumulates points separately. Exception: Therapeutic Riders may compete on one or more horses to accumulate points for a single High Point total.
- A.2.** Horse/Rider combination must ride in a minimum of three CAWDA Recognized live shows over the course of the High Point year. (Recognized shows are listed under “High Point Shows” on the CAWDA website.)
- A.3.** Horse/Rider combination must submit at least five scores from CAWDA Recognized live shows to qualify for Division awards. Horse/Rider scores qualify for Level, Freestyle and Therapeutic Rider awards when Division qualifications are met.
- A.4.** Recognized show entries which are either “scratched” or “disqualified” do not count toward the three shows/five scores rule.
- A.5.** Top five percentage scores will be summed to calculate total points in Division, Level, Therapeutic Rider and Freestyle awards; lower scores will be discarded. Open Intro, Amateur Intro, and Therapeutic Rider scores will not be counted for Division awards.
- A.6.** Level high points will be calculated in the same manner as Division high point. Points are accumulated for each level (maximum two consecutive levels) in which horse/rider entered.
- A.7.** In case of a tie, the horse/rider with the highest single test score is the winner; if the highest test scores are the same, the next highest test scores will be considered until the tie is broken. Open and Amateur Introductory scores will not be considered in the case of a Division tie.
- A.8.** Points may be submitted in Introductory\*, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5, Freestyle and Therapeutic Rider. No other specialty classes, such as WD Equitation, WD Suitability, WD Hack, will be counted. \*Introductory class points will only be applied toward Open and Amateur Introductory Level awards;

Introductory points will not count toward Open or Amateur Division awards. Youth Introductory scores will be applied for both the Division and Introductory Level awards.

- A.9.** Year-End Official Standings: Standings are official as of January 1 following the High Point competition year.

## **B. COMPETITORS**

- B.1.** CAWDA High Point competition is open to all competitors who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing except the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.
- B.2.** CAWDA Divisions are Open (reserved for professional riders and trainers), Amateur 18 & over, Youth 14-17, Youth 13 & Under.
- B.3.** Youth age will be considered as the rider's age on January 1 of the competition year, and will be considered that age throughout the competition year. (Note: Individual show rules may be different.)
- B.4.** Horse/rider combination may only compete in one division. Riders changing divisions during the High Point year will forfeit any points accumulated up to the time of division change. Open division riders are typically professional horse trainers and coaches.
- B.5.** Professional riders showing others' horses: the owner of the horse being shown, as well as the rider, must be a current member in good standing of both the CAWDA and WDAA at the time of point submission. If owner is not, he/she must join CAWDA (and WDAA if they are not a current WDAA member) before submitted show's high point 30-day deadline date.
- B.6.** Horse/Rider combination may qualify for Level awards in a maximum of two consecutive Levels (for example, Introductory and Basic, Level 1 and Level 2, but not Basic and Level 2). In the event that a horse/rider combination submits scores in more than two levels or submits scores from non-consecutive levels, rider will be asked (via e-mail) to declare for which levels they are qualifying, and that declaration will remain in effect through the remainder of the show year. Scores for Levels not declared will be discarded. This rule applies to Freestyle tests as well.
- B.7.** Therapeutic Rider may not qualify for other level or division awards. In the event that a rider submits scores in Therapeutic Rider and other levels, rider will be

asked (via e-mail) to declare for which level they are qualifying, and that declaration will remain in effect through the remainder of the show year.

## **C. AWARDS**

- C.1.** Overall high point awarded in each division; and Level and Freestyle awards by level/division designation. Therapeutic Rider tests awarded by Therapeutic Rider level (all tests) only. Any 1st place level award with less than 3 riders may receive a lesser award at the discretion of the CAWDA Board.
- C.2.** All Therapeutic Rider tests will be considered as one class/level per division (Amateur, Youth 13-under, Youth 14-17) for the High Point Therapeutic Rider awards.
- C.3.** Therapeutic Rider tests are not counted toward Division awards.
- C.4.** All freestyle levels will be considered as one class per division (Open, Amateur, Youth 13-under, Youth 14-17) for the High Point Freestyle awards.
- C.5.** Freestyle scores are not counted toward the Division awards.
- C.6.** Year-end awards will be given as follows for Divisions: Champion: award and ribbon; Reserve Champion: award and ribbon; Places 3-10: ribbon only.
- C.7.** Year-end awards will be given as follows for Levels, Freestyle and Therapeutic Rider: Champion: award and ribbon; Reserve Champion: ribbon only; Places 3-10: ribbon only.
- C.8.** All Year-end Awards will be presented at the CAWDA Awards & Recognitions Ceremony/Ceremonies.

## **D. RECOGNIZED SHOWS**

- D.1.** CAWDA Recognized shows are listed on the CAWDA High Point shows schedule. Scores from any show not listed on the schedule prior to the show being held will not be accepted for points. This includes shows that had appeared on past High Point schedules. Any competitor who wants to show at a show not listed on the schedule should contact CAWDA at [info@kawda.org](mailto:info@kawda.org). It is the CAWDA Board's discretion on whether to include a show that has not been listed at least 30 days prior to the show.
- D.2.** No virtual/online shows will be accepted for the CAWDA Live/on showgrounds High Point program, including those virtual shows hosted by CAWDA.

- D.3.** No more than two scores per level will be accepted from one show per day. If more than two are submitted, the lowest scores will be discarded.
- D.4.** Scores will only be accepted for all breed (non-breed restricted) classes. In the event a show has both breed-restricted and non-restricted classes, only classes that are non-breed restricted will be accepted.
- D.5.** The CAWDA show year runs January 1 to the last weekend in October. No shows scheduled after the last weekend in October through December 31 will be recognized as a CAWDA High Point show. Recognized shows postponed due to unforeseen circumstances which are rescheduled after the last weekend in October will count toward the following year's CAWDA High Point.

## **E. SCORE SUBMISSION**

- E.1.** To submit scores for High Point, rider must send copy of test face sheet containing judge's signature, date of show, and percentage score either by mail to CAWDA, 785 Tucker Road #G410, Tehachapi CA 93561 or e-mail to: [pointskeeper@kawda.org](mailto:pointskeeper@kawda.org). (Scores may be verified with show management before qualifying for high point submission. In case of a discrepancy between the show scores submission and the rider's submission, the show submission will prevail. It is the rider's responsibility to check the recorded score at the show.)

Note: Be sure the copy of the test face sheet that you send contains all these items:

Test ridden (e.g., WDAA Basic Level Test 3)  
Judge's signature  
Name of show or show venue  
Date of show  
Your Name  
Your horse's name (the name you showed under)  
Final score points and percentage

You do not need to submit the part of the test score sheet containing comments, collective marks or individual movement scores.

- E.2.** Scores must be submitted to CAWDA no later than 30 days after the date of the Recognized show in order to be counted (i.e., the deadline date). Rider must be a current CAWDA and WDAA member at the time of submission of score sheet. If rider is not, he/she must join CAWDA (and WDAA if they are not a current WDAA member) before the submitted show's high point deadline date.

- E.3.** Corrections to Test Scores – It is the rider’s responsibility to ensure that the test was correctly summed. In the event that a test was summed incorrectly, the rider should contact the show management at the show and request an initialed change and sign off. If a rider identifies an error in summing after the show is over but within 30 days of the show, the rider should contact the show management and request an initialed change. The show management must also send an email to [pointskeeper@kawda.org](mailto:pointskeeper@kawda.org) indicating their approval of the change. Any changes to scores more than 30 days after the show will not be accepted by CAWDA.
- E.4.** It is the rider’s responsibility to ensure his/her points are correctly recorded on the website. Questions regarding point calculations should be sent to [pointskeeper@kawda.org](mailto:pointskeeper@kawda.org).
- E.5.** Total point accumulation will be posted on the CAWDA website weekly.
- E.6.** Year-End Correction Period: After the last recognized show, competitors have 30 days to review their total scores and request any changes. After the 30-day period, no change requests will be accepted.
- E.7.** Year-End Audit: After the year-end Correction Period, CAWDA will perform a scores audit at its discretion which will be completed by December 31.

## **F. MISCELLANEOUS**

- F.1.** CAWDA fees: CAWDA Recognized high point shows charge \$3 per Western Dressage entry. CAWDA has no per class qualifying fees.
- F.2.** Show management has the right to cancel a CAWDA Recognized show at its discretion. CAWDA has no authority to compel show management to hold a scheduled show or reschedule a show, or set any policies or rules governing the show. CAWDA is not financially or otherwise liable for any claims brought in conjunction with any show.
- F.3.** CAWDA reserves the right to change these rules at any time at its discretion.

## CAWDA VIRTUAL SHOW HIGH POINT RULES

The following rules pertain only to CAWDA virtual/online horse shows. No CAWDA recognized live/on showgrounds shows are accepted for this program. CAWDA offers a CAWDA Recognized Live/On Showgrounds High Point Program. For information on that program, please see the Live Show Rules in this rulebook.

### VIRTUAL “PER SHOW” RULES

#### **G. VIRTUAL “PER SHOW” RULES**

- G.1. All CAWDA recognized virtual shows are open to current CAWDA members and non-members. CAWDA members must also be current WDAA members.
- G.2. Competitors must adhere to WDAA Virtual Show rules, CAWDA Virtual Show Rules, and Show Management rules. In case of a conflict in those rules, Show Management will bring the conflict to the attention of the CAWDA Board.
- G.3. “Open” in regard to classes denotes class is open to all competitors regardless of CAWDA designation. “Open” in regard to Virtual Year End High Point awards denotes CAWDA member status (i.e., Open/Professionals, Amateur, Youth 14—17, Youth 13 & Under). In regard to Virtual Per Show Awards denotes declared virtual show rider status for that show.
- G.4. Classes will be judged 10 days after the video submission phase ends. Results will be posted on the hosted platform 48 hours afterward. Copies of the completed test sheets will be e-mailed to the competitor. (\*Subject to change by Show Management.)
- G.5. Per Show Awards: CAWDA Virtual Shows will have three per-show High point awards: Highest scoring Youth/Junior (Age 17 and under), Amateur, and Open. In case of a tie for any per-show High Point award, tie will be broken by the competitor who has the highest total collective marks. (\*Subject to change by Show Management.)
- G.6. CAWDA Virtual Show scores count toward the year-end CAWDA Virtual High Point Awards program. CAWDA Virtual show scores do not count toward the CAWDA Live/On Showgrounds High Point year-end program.
- G.7. All virtual shows are WDAA Recognized and qualifiers for WDAA members for the WDAA World Show and WDAA Lifetime Points program (\*Subject to WDAA rules and changes; Subject to change by Show Management).



- G.8. Show Management reserves the right to change officials, combine or cancel classes, modify the schedule or make any other changes to the show. Show Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause.

## **VIRTUAL YEAR END HIGH POINT RULES**

### **H. THE COMPETITION**

- H.1. One horse/one rider combination: Riders may compete with multiple horses, but each horse/rider combination accumulates points separately. Exception: Therapeutic Riders may compete on one or more horses to accumulate points for a single High Point total.
- H.2. Horse/Rider combination must ride in a minimum of three CAWDA Virtual shows over the course of the Virtual High Point year. (Recognized shows are listed under “Virtual High Point Shows” on the CAWDA website.)
- H.3. Horse/Rider combination must ride at least five classes from CAWDA Virtual shows to qualify for Virtual Division awards. Horse/Rider scores qualify for Level, Freestyle and Therapeutic Rider awards when Virtual Division qualifications are met.
- H.4. Recognized show entries which are either “scratched” or “disqualified” do not count toward the three shows/five classes rules.
- H.5. Top five percentage scores will be summed to calculate total points in Division, Level, Therapeutic Rider and Freestyle awards; lower scores will be discarded. Open Intro, Amateur Intro, and Therapeutic Rider scores will not be counted for Division awards.
- H.6. Level high points will be calculated in the same manner as Division high point. Points are accumulated for each level (maximum two consecutive levels) in which horse/rider entered.
- H.7. In case of a tie, the horse/rider with the highest single test score is the winner; if the highest test scores are the same, the next highest test scores will be considered until the tie is broken. Open and Amateur Introductory scores will not be considered in the case of a Division tie. (Note: This rule applies to the CAWDA Virtual High Point. Individual show ties will be decided by show management.)
- H.8. Points will be applied in Introductory\*, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5, Freestyle and Therapeutic Rider. No other specialty classes, such as WD Equitation, WD Suitability, WD Hack, will be counted. \*Introductory class points

will only be applied toward Open and Amateur Introductory Level awards; Introductory points will not count toward Open or Amateur Virtual Division awards. Youth Introductory scores will be applied for both the Virtual Division and Introductory Level awards.

- H.9. Year-End Official Standings: Standings are official as of January 1 following the High Point competition year.

## **I. COMPETITORS**

- I.1. CAWDA Virtual High Point competition is open to all participants who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing except the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.
- I.2. Competitors must be CAWDA Members at the time the final results for the CAWDA Virtual High Point Show they competed in are posted on <https://SpotlightHorseShows.com> in order to qualify for year-end Virtual High Point Awards.
- I.3. CAWDA Divisions are Open (reserved for professional riders and trainers), Amateur 18 & over, Youth 14-17, Youth 13 & Under.
- I.4. Youth age will be considered as the rider's age on January 1 of the competition year, and will be considered that age throughout the competition year. (Note: This applies to CAWDA Divisions. Individual show rules may be different.)
- I.5. Horse/rider combination may only compete in one division. Riders changing divisions during the Virtual High Point year will forfeit any points accumulated up to the time of division change. Open division riders are typically professional horse trainers and coaches.
- I.6. Professional riders showing others' horses: the owner of the horse being shown, as well as the rider, must be a current member in good standing of both the CAWDA and WDAA at the time of entering the virtual show.
- I.7. Horse/Rider combination may qualify for Level awards in a maximum of two consecutive Levels (for example, Introductory and Basic, Level 1 and Level 2, but not Basic and Level 2). In the event that a horse/rider combination rides in more than two levels, rider will be asked (via e-mail) to declare for which levels they are qualifying, and that declaration will remain in effect through the remainder of the competition year. Scores for Levels not declared will be discarded. This rule applies to Freestyle tests as well.

- I.8. Therapeutic Rider may not qualify for other level or division awards. In the event that a rider competes in Therapeutic Rider and other levels, rider will be asked (via e-mail) to declare for which level they are qualifying, and that declaration will remain in effect through the remainder of the competition year.

## **J. AWARDS**

- J.1. Overall high point awarded in each division; and Level and Freestyle awards by level/division designation. Therapeutic Rider tests awarded by Therapeutic Rider level (all tests) only. Any 1st place level award with less than 3 riders may receive a lesser award at the discretion of the CAWDA Board.
- J.2. All Therapeutic Rider tests will be considered as one class/level per division (Amateur, Youth 13-under, Youth 14-17) for the Virtual High Point Therapeutic Rider awards.
- J.3. Therapeutic Rider tests are not counted toward Virtual Division awards.
- J.4. All freestyle levels will be considered as one class per division (Open, Amateur, Youth 13-under, Youth 14-17) for the Virtual High Point Freestyle awards.
- J.5. Freestyle scores are not counted toward the Virtual Division awards.
- J.6. Year-end awards will be given as follows for Divisions: Champion: award and ribbon; Reserve Champion: award and ribbon; Places 3-10: ribbon only.
- J.7. Year-end awards will be given as follows for Levels, Freestyle and Therapeutic Rider: Champion: award and ribbon; Reserve Champion: ribbon only; Places 3-10: ribbon only.
- J.8. All year-end Awards will be presented at the CAWDA Awards & Recognitions Ceremony/Ceremonies.

## **K. RECOGNIZED SHOWS**

- K.1. CAWDA Recognized Virtual shows are listed on the CAWDA Virtual High Point shows schedule.
- K.2. No Live/on-showgrounds CAWDA recognized shows will be accepted for the CAWDA Virtual High Point program.
- K.3. No more than two scores per level will be accepted from one show. If more than two are submitted, the lowest scores will be discarded.

## **L. SCORE SUBMISSION**

- L.1. Scores from CAWDA Virtual shows are automatically recorded in the Virtual Shows High Point standings. Competitor is not required to submit tests from CAWDA recognized Virtual shows.
- L.2. Corrections to Test Scores – It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that the test was correctly summed. In the event that a test was summed incorrectly, the rider should contact the Hosted Show management and CAWDA at [pointskeeper@kawda.org](mailto:pointskeeper@kawda.org). The Hosted Show management will make the correction if applicable and notify CAWDA of the corrected score. Corrections will be accepted within 30 days of the Virtual show results posting or before December 31 if it is the last show of the virtual program. No changes will be accepted the deadline.
- L.3. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure his/her points are correctly recorded on the website. Corrections must be requested within 30 days of the Virtual show results posting or before December 31 if it is the last show of the virtual program. Questions regarding point calculations should be sent to [pointskeeper@kawda.org](mailto:pointskeeper@kawda.org).
- L.4. Total point accumulation will be posted on the CAWDA website following the close and final results posting of each virtual show.
- L.5. Year-End Audit: CAWDA will perform a scores audit at its discretion which will be completed by December 31 of the competition year.

## **M. MISCELLANEOUS**

- M.1. CAWDA and/or Hosted Show Management has the right to add or cancel a recognized virtual show.
- M.2. CAWDA reserves the right to change these rules at any time at its discretion.

## CAWDA BREED AWARDS

- N.1. Breed Awards are awarded to a nominated horse competing in either or both CAWDA Live Shows and/or Virtual Shows High Point programs.
- N.2. Breed Awards apply to nominated horses only. See the CAWDA website for information on how to nominate a horse.
- N.3. Horse may only be nominated for one breed category.
- N.4. The Horse within its breed category with the highest points will win the Breed Award. Points will be calculated by the Horse's top five scores submitted.
- N.5. Introductory Level, Freestyle, and Therapeutic Rider scores to count regardless of rider's status (i.e., Open, Amateur, Youth).
- N.6. Horse may be ridden by more than one rider. Top five scores will be selected from all qualified rider/horse combinations. If the horse/rider combination is competing in both the Live Show and Virtual High Point programs, and qualifies in one program but not the other, horse/rider will be considered qualified for the breed award and scores from both programs will count. If a horse/rider combination is not qualified in either program, no scores in that combination will count.
- N.7. No equitation, suitability, hack or other "flat" classes to count.
- N.8. In case of a tie, highest single score submitted will determine the winner.
- N.9. Each breed award must be sponsored. Breeds with no sponsors will not receive awards.
- N.10. Horse may be nominated throughout the High Point season, regardless of whether the breed is sponsored.

## CAWDA EDUCATION AWARDS

- O.1. Education Awards are open to Open/Professional, Amateur, and Youth (Age 17 & under) Live Shows and/or Virtual Shows competitors.
- O.2. The competitor must have participated in at least one Western Dressage or other equine-related educational event during the High Point Competition Year and be qualified in the current year CAWDA Live Shows or Virtual Shows High Point program. See CAWDA Live Shows High Point Rules or CAWDA Virtual Shows High Point Rules for high point qualification requirements.
- O.3. Open/Professional competitors may attend a Western Dressage or other equine-related educational event, or may teach or present a Western Dressage or other equine-related educational event such as a clinic or seminar. Auditing may be accepted provided the attendee can show proof of attending the event. Teaching riding lessons or training (outside of a clinic or seminar) does not count for professional qualification.
- O.4. Youth and Amateur members may attend a Western Dressage or other equine-related educational event, such as a clinic, seminar, Train The Trainers™ program, or a judges' seminar as a participant. Auditing may be accepted provided the attendee can show proof of attending the event.
- O.5. Mentor activities count toward the qualifying educational event.
- O.6. Participation and auditing will be subject to verification with the event organizer.
- O.7. Any Western Dressage or Equine-Related event may qualify. Events do not have to be CAWDA-sponsored. Contact [info@cawda.org](mailto:info@cawda.org) for questions regarding whether an event qualifies.
- O.8. CAWDA Board reserves the right to review, verify and approve the educational event.
- O.9. All applications must be submitted no later than December 1 of the High Point competition year.
- O.10. The qualified Open, Amateur and Youth rider with the highest cumulative five scores at their highest level ridden at the end of the CAWDA Live Show or Virtual High Point competition year will be awarded the Education Award for that division. (For example, if the competitor showed Basic and Level 1, highest five scores in Level 1 would qualify.)

- O.11. See the CAWDA website under Education for required documentation and registering a qualifying event.

## CAWDA RIDER MEDALS PROGRAM

- P.1. CAWDA annually awards Bronze, Silver, and Gold Level, Therapeutic Rider, and Freestyle Medals to qualified competitors along with Platinum and Diamond Club Membership awards.
- P.2. **Platinum Club:** CAWDA awards Platinum Club membership when rider completes all three regular Medals (Bronze, Silver, and Gold).
- P.3. **Diamond Club:** CAWDA awards Diamond Club membership when rider completes all three regular Medals and all three Freestyle Medals.
- P.4. Rider must be a member in good standing with CAWDA and WDAA when applying for a medal.
- P.5. Rider may earn scores toward Medals over time, in any order, and on multiple horses.
- P.6. Live Shows and Virtual Shows riders: At each level, Rider must submit two tests from two different judges at two different CAWDA recognized live shows or CAWDA Virtual shows. (For example, if you are earning a Bronze medal, you will need to submit two Basic tests - one 65%+ from Show A with Judge A and one 65+ test from Show B with Judge B; the same goes for your L1 two tests.) See Requirements for Medals below.

Therapeutic Riders: Tests may only be used once. (For example, if you get a 65% and use that score for the Bronze medal, you cannot use that same test for the Silver medal.)

P.7. **Requirements for Medals:**

**Bronze Level Medal:** two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Basic Level & two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 1.

**Silver Level Medal:** two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 2 & two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 3.

**Gold Level Medal:** you need four (4) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 4 and/or Level 5 (any combination of the two levels).

**Therapeutic Bronze Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 60% or higher at Leadline and/or Coached.



**Therapeutic Silver Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 65% or higher at Leadline and/or Coached.

**Therapeutic Gold Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 70% or higher at Leadline and/or Coached.

**Bronze Freestyle Medal:** two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Intro Freestyle & two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Basic Freestyle.

**Silver Freestyle Medal:** two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 1 Freestyle & two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 2 Freestyle.

**Gold Freestyle Medal:** two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 3 Freestyle & two (2) percentage scores of 65% or above at Level 4 and/or Level 5 Freestyle.

- P.8. Rider may submit current tests or scores from past CAWDA High Point years (2014-) provided rider was a CAWDA member at the time the score was earned and can provide the test face sheet with complete information (see below).
- P.9. All tests for each medal must be submitted at the same time, any time during the year.
- P.10. CAWDA does not automatically record scores for this program from High Point scores submissions; rider must submit scores separately for the Rider Medal Program.
- P.11. See the CAWDA Website under Rider Medals for details on how to submit scores and apply for Medals.
- P.12. Gold Medalists may apply for a Gold Medalist buckle from the WDAA. Inquire at [info@cawda.org](mailto:info@cawda.org) for details.

## CAWDA JUDGES' SCHOLARSHIP

CAWDA offers an annual Western Dressage Judges' Scholarship to a selected CAWDA member who is considering becoming a Western Dressage judge or is in the process of going through the Western Dressage licensing program. All adult CAWDA members are eligible to apply except for those who are already USEF licensed large R USEF western dressage judges. (Small "r" judges going for their large "R" may also apply.)

Western Dressage judges are the cornerstone of our discipline. We are excited to be able to offer this award and welcome those who accept the challenge of becoming a licensed judge to apply.

The Judges' Scholarship application can be found on CAWDA website at <https://cawda.org>.

- Q.1. Applicant must be 18 years old or older and be a member in good standing of CAWDA and WDAA at the time of application.
- Q.2. Applicant must be qualified to apply for and become a licensed judge according to USEF and WDAA rules.
- Q.3. Applicant must have the means and ability to complete the judges' program. Applicant must, in good faith, intend to complete the program.
- Q.4. The CAWDA Judge's Scholarship is a reimbursement award – selected applicant must attend and pay for all his/her expenses in attending the annual WDAA Judges Seminar including the registration fee. CAWDA will reimburse the applicant for the WDAA JUDGES SEMINAR ONLY. All other expenses incurred during/relating to the seminar will be the responsibility of the applicant. Applicant must present proof of attendance to the CAWDA Board for reimbursement, payment which will be made within one month from receiving proof of attendance.
- Q.5. One applicant for the scholarship will be selected annually; decision to continue scholarship awards will be voted on by the CAWDA Board each year. CAWDA reserves the right not to award if it does not receive a suitable application.
- Q.6. Awarded applicant will be selected by the CAWDA Board based on their completed application and Board interview.
- Q.7. Decision of the Board is final; no appeal process is permitted.
- Q.8. If the selected applicant is unable to attend the Judges Seminar for any reason, applicant will notify the CAWDA Board as soon as possible. The CAWDA Board

will decide whether to award the scholarship to a runner-up or to cancel the award for the current year.

- Q.9. CAWDA assumes no liability or financial responsibility for selected applicant in the course of completing their Judging license.
- Q.10. Neither CAWDA, WDAA or USEF guarantees the selected applicant will be granted their judge's license. Decision for granting the license rests with USEF upon applicant's completion of all requirements for the USEF licensing program. CAWDA has no influence over WDAA's or USEF's decisions.
- Q.11. Deadline for submission of application for the award is November 20 of the current year.
- Q.12. The CAWDA Board will review all applications within 2 weeks after the deadline. The top 3 applicants will be asked to attend an online interview meeting. The Board will complete the selection process one week after the last interview is conducted and will notify all applicants of its decision as soon as possible.

## CAWDA RIDER SCHOLARSHIP

CAWDA is proud to announce our annual Rider Scholarship program. Scholarships are available to three CAWDA members (one amateur, one junior/youth, and one trainer/professional) for up to \$200 reimbursement for western dressage clinics and/or training. Applications are available on the CAWDA website at <https://cawda.org/rider-scholarships>.

- R.1. Riders must be CAWDA members in good standing for at least two years, including the current year, to be eligible.
- R.2. Rider's clinic/lesson fee will be reimbursed up to but not more than \$200. Rider must provide proof of payment. Lesson may be taken virtually.
- R.3. One award will be given annually to one Amateur, one Junior/Youth and one Professional rider who applies before the deadline.
- R.4. Clinic/lesson must be completed within that calendar year.
- R.5. A rider who has been awarded the scholarship may not apply for another scholarship for 2 years.
- R.6. If there is more than one applicant, scholarships will be awarded based on the decision of the CAWDA Rider Scholarship Committee.
- R.7. If application is not chosen, it can be resubmitted the following year.
- R.8. Following the clinic/lesson, rider must submit a small summary of what they learned during their clinic/lessons to share with others in the CAWDA Newsletter and on the CAWDA website.
- R.9. Scholarship application must be submitted between April 1 and April 30 of the current year. No late applications accepted. Scholarships will be announced May 31.
- R.10. Application questions:

Before filling out the online application, applicant should be prepared to answer the following questions:

- CAWDA membership number
- How long have you been a CAWDA member?
- A paragraph describing the purpose for which you intend to use the scholarship funding. What are your education objectives or goals the funding would help you accomplish?

- List of western dressage accomplishments, including CAWDA year end awards, WDAA World or International awards, CAWDA Rider medals, WDAA horse Lifetime awards, etc.
- A brief history of your previous or current instructors and/or clinicians, including how long you have trained with them.
- Highest level you have competed and what level(s) you are currently competing in, either live shows or virtually.
- Equine volunteer work you've done in the past few years; e.g., horse shows, rescue horse facility, therapeutic riding program, etc.
- Upload a photo of you and your horse, and (optionally) a video link of your riding.

## APPENDIX – DOCUMENT REVISIONS

### Version 1.5 – Revised 03/01/23:

ORIGINAL: **B.1.** CAWDA High Point competition is open to all competitors who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing, except those judging a CAWDA recognized high point show or the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.

REVISED: **B.1.** CAWDA High Point competition is open to all competitors who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing, except those judging a **current year** CAWDA recognized high point show or the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.

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ORIGINAL: **I.1.** CAWDA Virtual High Point competition is open to all participants who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing, except those judging a 2022 CAWDA Virtual high point show or the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.

REVISED: **I.1.** CAWDA Virtual High Point competition is open to all participants who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing, except those judging a **current year** CAWDA Virtual high point show or the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.

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ORIGINAL: **I.2** Competitors must be CAWDA Members at the time of the CAWDA Virtual High Point Show in order to qualify for year-end Virtual High Point Awards.

REVISED: **I.2** Competitors must be CAWDA Members at the time **the final results for the CAWDA Virtual High Point Show they competed in are posted on <https://SpotlightHorseShows.com>** in order to qualify for year-end Virtual High Point Awards.

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### Version 1.6 – Revised 04/24/23:

ADDED: **Rider Scholarship (Section R)**

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### Version 1.7 – Revised 07/26/23:

REMOVED: **B. COMPETITORS**

**B.1.** CAWDA High Point competition is open to all competitors who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing, except ~~those judging a current year CAWDA recognized high point show or~~ the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.

**REMOVED: I. COMPETITORS**

**I.1.** CAWDA Virtual High Point competition is open to all participants who are both WDAA and CAWDA members in good standing, ~~except those judging a current year CAWDA Virtual high point show or~~ the designated CAWDA Points Keeper.

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**Version 1.8 – Revised 10/26/23:**

**REMOVED: CAWDA RIDER SCHOLARSHIP**

**Section Introduction** Scholarships are available to three CAWDA members (one amateur, one junior/youth, and one trainer/professional) for up to \$200 reimbursement for western dressage clinics and/or training ~~with other trainers.~~

**R.2.** Rider's clinic/lesson fee, ~~with a trainer outside of their normal trainer,~~ will be reimbursed up to but not more than \$200. Rider must provide proof of payment. Lesson may be taken virtually.

**R.9.** Scholarship application must be submitted between March 1 and April 30 of the current year. No late applications accepted. Scholarships will be announced May 31. ~~(Note: For 2023 only, applications will be accepted between July 1 and August 31. 2023 scholarships will be awarded on September 30).~~

**REVISED: CAWDA RIDER SCHOLARSHIP**

**R.1.** Riders must be CAWDA members in good standing for at least ~~3~~ **two years**, including the current year, to be eligible.

**R.9.** Scholarship application must be submitted between ~~March 1 and April 30~~ **April 1 and April 30** of the current year. No late applications accepted. Scholarships will be announced May 31.

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**Version 1.9 – Revised 03/18/24:**

**ADDED P.6. Live Shows and Virtual Shows riders:** At each level, Rider must submit two tests from two different judges at two different CAWDA recognized live shows or CAWDA Virtual shows. (For example, if you are earning a Bronze medal, you will need to submit two Basic tests - one 65%+ from Show A with Judge A and one 65+ test from Show B with Judge B; the same goes for your L1 two tests.) See Requirements for Medals below.

Therapeutic Riders: Tests may only be used once. (For example, if you get a 65% and use that score for the Bronze medal, you cannot use that same test for the Silver medal.)

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**ORIGINAL:** (In re: Therapeutic Medals – **P.7. Requirements for Medals**)

**Therapeutic Bronze Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 65% from either Leadline Walk Only test or Coached Walk Only test.

**Therapeutic Silver Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 65% at either Leadline A or Coached 1 or 2 Tests.

**Therapeutic Gold Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 70% at either Leadline B or Coached 3 Tests.

**REVISED:** (In re: Therapeutic Medals – **P.7. Requirements for Medals**)

**Therapeutic Bronze Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 60% or higher at Leadline and/or Coached.

**Therapeutic Silver Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 65% or higher at Leadline and/or Coached.

**Therapeutic Gold Level Medal:** you need four (4) scores of 70% or higher at Leadline and/or Coached.