

GCDA YEAR END AWARDS 2015-2015 SEASON

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GCDA YEAR END AWARDS

1. RIDER and OWNER must both be active GCDA members as of May 31st of each awards year.
2. Eight hours(8) of volunteer time must be completed for EACH Horse/Rider combination over the course of the show season. Volunteers are responsible for signing in the Volunteer Sign-up Book or verifying their volunteer hours with show management. A Volunteer MAY designate their hours to another person, but must identify this person at the time volunteer hours are earned, not at the end of the GCDA season.
3. **Only GCDA season shows will be considered for all year end awards.**
4. Horse/rider combinations must ride a minimum of 3 GCDA shows selected from the GCDA October Schooling Show, GCDA Fall Fling, GCDA Opener, GCDA March Schooling Show, GCDA Grand Finale I & II, GCDA May Show and GCDA June & August Shows.
5. It is the rider's responsibility to verify scores & to immediately notify GCDA Show Secretary or Manager of any discrepancy within 1hour of their class placings as posted at each show. GCDA Year End Awards Eligibility & Volunteer Criteria must be completed no later than Oct 15th of the awards year. GCDA Point Keeper & Awards Committee will decide the final Year End Awards placings/groupings and results and all results will be considered final.

LEVEL AWARDS, Open and Amateur - The same Horse/Rider combination must:

1. Introductory through Second Level must ride a minimum of three (3) tests.
2. Horse/Rider combination must show the highest test of the level twice.
3. The three highest tests will be averaged. Two of those three must be the highest tests of the level.
4. Third Level through FEI (includes FEI 5 & 6 YR OLD Test) must ride a minimum of three (3) tests.
5. Third & Fourth Level must ride highest test of the level at least once(1).
6. Three highest tests will be averaged. One of those must be the highest test of the level.
7. In Hand must show a minimum of three tests. Highest three tests will be used.
8. No Freestyle, Pas De Deux scores will be considered.
9. In order to be named Champion, score averages must be 60% or better, and the same Horse/Rider combination may not be Level Champion more than 2 consecutive years, except for Grand Prix.

BREED AWARDS

1. There must be a minimum of three Horse/Rider combinations to make a division.
2. Average of the highest three (3) scores – Intro through Second Level.
3. Average of the highest three (3) scores – Third Level through FEI.
4. No Freestyle, Pas De Deux or In Hand scores will be considered.
5. If there are not enough Horse/Riders to make up a specific breed division, The Awards Committee will decide the groupings. (EX: Warmblood, Open, etc)

MUSICAL FREESTYLE AWARDS

The same Horse/Rider combination must:

1. Three scores are required.
2. Average of the highest scores is used.
3. The Awards Committee will decide the awards grouping.

PAS DE DEUX AWARDS

The same two Horse/Rider combinations must:

1. Three scores are required.
2. Average of the highest scores.
3. Awards Committee will decide the awards groupings.

MEDAL AWARDS

Based on the placing for each test. First place points: Scores must be 60% or better for Intro through Second Level to count; 57% or higher for Third Level through FEI to count. For example: 1st place = 6 points, 2nd place = 5 points, 3rd place = 4 points, and so on.

- Gold Medal -35 or more points
- Silver Medal – 24 to 34 points
- Bronze Medal – 15 to 23 points

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SPONSORED AWARDS – All General Requirements must be fulfilled for all Sponsored Awards, except GCDA Volunteer of the Year and Excellence Awards. The Awards Committee and the Sponsors will decide the award placings/ groupings.

THE WHISTLE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR QUARTER HORSES

1. Must be a GCDA Member.
2. Must show in three shows under three different judges.
3. Average of three highest rides: Must be 60% or better through Second Level and 58% or higher Third Level and above.
4. Must be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association.
5. A copy of AQHA papers must be on file with GCDA.

LUND ANIMAL HOSPITAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Trophy for the winner – carrots for the horse. \$100.00 donation in the winner's name given to the Horse Protection Association of Florida. Members may nominate the competitors who:

1. May not get the best scores.
2. Strives to do their best.
3. Treats their horse and fellow competitors with kindness.

Nominated competitors must fulfill General Requirements for Year End Awards. These will be verified by the Board of Directors for GCDA.

THE INGRED LIN MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirements. Award is based on the rider who exhibits outstanding riding skills, volunteering and perseverance. The GCDA Board will accept and consider all recommendations from the membership

GCDA EXCELLENCE AWARD

The GCDA Board will accept and consider all recommendations from the membership. Based on the person who best exemplifies the qualities of good sportsmanship, enthusiasm for the sport of dressage, and support for their fellow GCDA members as well as GCDA. Winner may be a non-rider and/or Non member.

GCDA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Based on the volunteer who provides the greatest support to GCDA. The GCDA Board will accept and consider all recommendations from the membership. Winner may be a non-rider and/or Non member.

THE GCDA HIGH SCORE OF THE YEAR AWARD- Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirements. There will be 2 divisions: 1)USEF High Point (Training Level thru 4th Level); and 2) FEI High Point. Award is based on the highest single USEF and FEI score attained at a GCDA show during the show season. No Freestyle, Pas De Deux or In Hand scores.

THE GCDA FEI HIGH SCORE FREESTYLE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirements. Award is based on the highest single FEI Freestyle score attained at a GCDA show during the show season.

THE JOANNE JACKSON MEMORIAL AWARDS

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirement. Presented to the GCDA members who attain their Bronze, Silver or Gold Metal Awards from USDF during the show season. Rider must provide a copy of the Award to GCDA Awards Committee to be eligible.

THE GCDA HIGH SCORE LUSITANO AWARD-SPONSORED BY INTERAGRO LUSITANOS

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirements. Award is based on the highest single score attained at a GCDA show by a Lusitano horse during the show season. No Freestyle, Pas De Deux or In Hand scores.