ASDS YEAR-END AWARDS GUIDELINES

To be eligible for ASDS Year-End Awards, each **horse** must be registered with ASDS on or before the start date of the competition for those scores to count, and both **rider**(s) and horse **owner must be current ASDS members**.

To qualify in **Training through Second Level**, a horse/rider combination must have a minimum of **six scores** from a minimum of **three different competitions**, including **two at 60% or higher from the highest test of the level**, and with a **Median Score of 58% or higher**.

To qualify in **Third and Fourth Level**, a horse/rider combination must have a minimum of **four scores** from a minimum **of two different competitions**, including **two at 58% or higher from the highest test of the level** and with a **Median Score of 58% or higher**.

To qualify in each **FEI level**, a horse/rider combination must have a minimum of **two scores** from a minimum of **two different competitions** with a **Median Score of 58% or higher**.

Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Rider awards are also subject to this eligibility rule. *USDF **Participating** Members are not required to keep track of and report their and their horse's scores for **national** awards. Please check the USDF website for score requirements – which are different from ASDS requirements. [USDF requires 8 scores from 4 shows and 4 different judges for Training Level through Fourth Level, 4 scores from 4 shows from 4 different judges for FEI levels. For all levels, USDF requires a median score of 60% or higher.]*

ASDS year-end awards are based on each horse/rider combination's **median percent score from the highest 80 percent of all eligible scores**; scores from all tests in a level *(except Introductory Level rides A, B, or C, musical scores, and miscellaneous classes)* are eligible. For FEI and musicals, if **less than** four scores are recorded, all will be used to calculate the median score. If **four** or more FEI or musical scores are recorded, the top 80% are used.

ASDS Year-End Awards will be given for median scores of 58% or higher in Training Level and above in each Division as follows:

Open: Champion, Reserve Champion and ribbons to 3rd place
Adult Amateur: Champion, Reserve Champion and ribbons to 3rd place
Junior/Young Rider: Champion, Reserve Champion and ribbons to 3rd place

Median percent scores are determined according to the methodology applied in the following example: Eligible percent scores achieved by each horse/rider combination at each ASDS-recognized competition throughout the year are placed in numerical order. The lowest 20% of scores are eliminated, and the

median score is found by successively striking the highest and lowest of the remaining 80% of the scores. If two scores remain, the median will be the average of the two.

In the following example, the horse/rider combination competed in a level in 9 classes, and the top 7 scores (roughly 80% of 9) were used in determining the median score of 63%.

Show Scores:	Top 80% of Scores:	Find The Median:
72%	72%	72% *first strike*
68%	68%	68% *third strike*
65%	65%	65% *fifth strike*
63%	63%	63% = the median
62%	62%	62% *sixth strike*
60%	60%	60% *fourth strike*
59%	59%	59% *second strike*
57%		
50%		

Competitors are reminded to check their scores at each competition. ASDS' dressage 'competition year' ends November 30.

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL AWARD

ASDS offers year-end awards to Junior/Young Riders and Adult Amateur riders in Introductory Level. To be eligible, riders must ride two tests, any combination of Introductory Tests A, B, and C, at a minimum of three different competitions. Scores are based on the number of rides the rider completes regardless of the number of different horses ridden. The awards will be based on each rider's median percent score from the highest 80% of all eligible scores. This level is intended to introduce the rider and/or the horse to the sport of Dressage. It does not exclude using the level to introduce green horses to Dressage.

HAWAIʻI VINTAGE AWARD

Limited to riders in Training Level and above who have achieved the age of 50 by the end of the calendar year for which the award is given and have submitted their birth date. The qualified rider with the highest 'vintage score' will win the award. The 'vintage score' will be the median score with the following adjustments:

Training Level median alone
At First and Second Levels median + 1 point
At Third and Fourth Levels median + 2 points
At FEI levels median + 3 points

MUSICAL FREESTYLE AWARD

Musical Freestyle scores will NOT be counted in the ASDS year-end median for the level. ASDS offers Champion and Reserve Year-End Awards to the highest median musical scores in each level provided the

horse/rider combination has performed at least four times (Training through Second Levels) or three times (Third Level and above) and the median score is 60% or higher.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

ASDS administers the following perpetual trophies:

- *CELEBRATION AWARD*
  Awarded to the Junior/Young Rider who achieves the highest year-end median score in any level, Training through FEI.

- *HANS MOELLER MUSICAL MEMORIAL AWARD*
  A porcelain statuette of a Lipizzaner horse, donated by Michael H.H. Handler, is awarded to the horse at any level, First through FEI, who earns the single highest musical ride score of the year.

- *MISS FAIR TROPHY OF EXCELLENCE*
  This trophy rewards the dressage horse who has shown the most potential, not necessarily performance, during dressage competitions throughout the year. At each competition, the judge who has participated for the entire show is asked to rank the three horses considered outstanding with respect to talent, brilliance, and potential, assigning point ratings of 10, 6 and 3. Ratings are placed in a sealed envelope and given to the President of ASDS for final determination. If, when the ratings are totaled at year's end, there is not one winner or if a tie exists between two or more horses, the award is not presented.

- *VAL FORWOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY*
  In the memory of long-time HCTA volunteer, Val Forwood, this award is presented annually to an ASDS volunteer who has contributed significantly throughout the year.

- *THE WALKER CUP*
  Honoring the memory of local horseman, Ted Walker, this award recognizes the ASDS non-professional competitor of any age who achieves a personal best in equestrian activities during the year. The Walker Cup recipient will have challenged himself or herself to progress in the sport.

- *HAWAI'I VINTAGE AWARD*
  Limited to riders, at Training Level and above, who have achieved the age of 50 by the end of the calendar year for which the award is given. The 'vintage' score will be the median score with possible adjustments. The qualified rider with the highest 'vintage' score will win the award.

- *JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER COUNCIL CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR*
  The Junior/Young Rider Council Contributor of the Year award is presented by the members of the JYRC to a person who has contributed a great deal of time and effort to the JYRC. The Contributor of the Year does not have to be a member of the JYRC to win the award; they just have volunteered their precious time and talent for the benefit of the JYRC.

- *RYFFARASEYN AWARD*
  Awarded to the non-professional horse/rider combination having the best scores/placing in two of the four disciplines in which Ryffaraseyn competed and excelled. One discipline must be Dressage, at Training Level or above (does not include musicals or other specialty classes). The other disciplines may be: Low Hunter, Non-Pro Rider or Children's Hunter. Hunter Junior Exhibitor or Amateur Adult Hunter, Western Performance (trail, Western riding, stock horse, pleasure), or Combined Training. This award is made in the hope of encouraging the enjoyment of all-around performance for non-professional riders with their horses and is especially aimed at riders less than 18 years of age—the people Ryffar enjoyed the most!

- *DARIA GAGNON MEMORIAL AWARD*
  In memory of Daria Gagnon, who exemplified the dedicated amateur in Dressage. This Award will be given to the Adult Amateur rider with the highest median score. (Levels: Training – Grand Prix.)

To view past Perpetual Trophy winners, visit the ASDS Website and click on 'ASDS Perpetual Award Winners' under the 'Resources' tab.