

VADA-CH END OF YEAR AWARD RULES 2025 and beyond All Riders

	Schooling Shows Intro – 4 th Level FEI Level, Musical Freestyle	Licensed Shows Intro – 4 th Level USDF/FEI Musical Freestyle
Year-End Award Period	The competition year for VADA-CH awards is December 1-November 30. Only current Individual or Family VADA-CH members are eligible.	The competition year for VADA-CH awards is December 1-November 30. Only current Individual or Family VADA-CH members are eligible.
Performance Level Classes	<p>Ribbons will be awarded to 10th place for Intro to 1st level, to 8th place for all other levels.</p> <p>Ribbons will be awarded at each level (levels and Jr/Sr maybe combined for MFS), divided into Junior/Young Rider (rider 21 or under as of Jan 1, 2023) and Senior.</p>	<p>Ribbons will be awarded to 10th place for Training and 1st level, to 8th place for all other levels. Ribbons will be awarded at each level (levels and Jr/Sr maybe combined for MFS), divided into Junior/Young Rider (rider 21 or under as of Jan 1, 2023) and Senior.</p> <p>For senior riders at USEF and FEI levels, open and adult amateurs will be pinned separately (must provide copy of current US Equestrian AA card to be eligible, otherwise will be pinned in open).</p> <p>Opportunity classes will count for the level being ridden and may be mixed with non-opportunity classes for purposes of achieving the required number of scores.</p>
General Requirements	Tests must be judged by a USDF L graduate or by a USEF Licensed Judge. Scores from virtual shows or fix-a-tests may not be used.	Tests must be judged by a USEF Licensed Judge. Scores from all open classes will count towards awards. If a test has been scored by more than one judge (i.e., judge at C and B). the combined average score as calculated at the show will count.
Volunteer Requirements	Competitors are required to complete eight hours of volunteer service at VADA-CH sponsored events to be eligible for awards. Event managers may submit volunteer names as a group to the VADA-CH Volunteer Coordinator; however, members are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their volunteer service is documented and reported using the VADA-CH online tool.	Competitors are required to complete eight hours of volunteer service at VADA-CH sponsored events to be eligible for awards. Event managers may submit volunteer names as a group to the VADA-CH Volunteer Coordinator; however, members are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their volunteer service is documented and reported using the VADA-CH online tool.
Horse/Rider Pair Scores	<p>Intro through Fourth Level 4 scores all at the same level from tests ridden by the same horse/rider pair. • At Intro Level, 1 score must be Intro B. Intro C is not required for year-end awards but can be used. • For Training thru Fourth level, 1 score must be from the highest level.</p> <p>FEI Levels, Musical Freestyles 3 scores all at the same levels from tests ridden by the same horse/rider.</p>	<p>Intro through Fourth Level 4 scores all at the same level from tests ridden by the same horse/rider pair. 2 scores must be from the highest test of the level.</p> <p>FEI Levels (including FEI young/junior rider) 4 scores all at the same level from tests ridden by the same horse/rider pair.</p> <p>Musical Freestyles (including USDF, FEI) 3 scores all at the same level from tests ridden by same horse/rider pair.</p> <p>Young Horse (including USEquestrian 4-year-old and FEI 5-year-old and FEI 5-, 6-, or 7-year-old) 3 scores all at the same level from tests ridden by same horse/rider pair.</p>