



DRESSAGE NZ ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Recognition of Achievement

The Dressage NZ Achievement Awards (2024), supports and recognises the personal development, goals and individual dressage journey of riders.

Format

The Awards comprise two parts:

1. The first is recognition of performance, based on attaining competition percentages rather than placings.
2. The second is a series of questions to test the rider knowledge of the Scale of Training and components of the tests at the level they are competing.

Eligibility

- a. Any financial ESNZ member with a horse or pony registered with an annual dressage start may apply. Riders are permitted submit results from more than one horse they have competed, and backdated to 1st August 2019 when the USDF tests were introduced.
- b. Candidates must provide information the date, venue and name of the event and the Tests Name e.g.: Preliminary 1A. It is not necessary to send test sheets. (Freestyles do not count).
- c. Candidates completing the ridden tests and answered the questions successfully (as per each level), will be awarded the level of Rider Achievement Award Certificate (sent digitally), and Badge.
- d. Each award can only be earned once. If a rider earned any award under the previous system “**Rider Incentive Awards**” they are eligible to earn Awards at any level of the “**Rider Achievement Awards 2024**”

This award has two parts, which can be completed in any order. There is no time restriction on completion.

Part 1
Foundation Award – Preliminary/Novice - Bronze Badge Ride three tests at Preliminary and/or Novice gaining a final percentage score of at least 70% in each test at graded Competitions. These may be earned at any category of event.
Development Award – Elementary/Medium/FEI Pony - Silver Badge Ride three tests at Elementary and/or Medium gaining a final percentage score of at least 68% in each test at graded Competitions. These may be earned at any category of event.
Performance Award – Advanced Medium/Advanced/ FEI Junior /FEI PSG/Int I & Young Rider/ FEI Int A/B - Gold Badge Ride three tests at Advanced Medium and/or FEI Junior Tests and /or Advanced gain a final percentage score of 67% in each test. Ride two tests at FEI PSG and/ or Inter I and /or Inter A/B and/or FEI Young Rider Tests and gain a final percentage score of 65%. These are to be achieved at either Regional/Premier League/Island Championships / Under 25CH/National Championships or at the Horse of the Year Show.

Elite Award – Grand Prix - Platinum Badge

Ride two U25 Grand Prix, Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special and gain an overall percentage 70%. These are to be achieved at either Regional/Premier Leque/ Island/ Under 25/ National Championships or at the Horse of the Year Show.

Part 2 - Refer to separate questions document to be completed at each level

At each level (except Elite Award):

Answer the questions below, which relate to your level, to the satisfaction of one of the assessors below. The questions will be progressively more difficult at each level. If the compulsory questions have been answered already, in connection with a different Award, they do not have to be resubmitted. Please email your answers to an assessor using the Q & A answer sheet for the appropriate level.

Questions – Prelim/Novice (Foundation)

Compulsory questions for award:

1. Name and explain the “Scale of Training”?
2. Why is it important to follow it?

Answer 3 out of the questions below:

1. What is the purpose of the stretching exercise asked for in several tests?
E.g., Novice Test 2 A, Movement 4
2. Compare lengthen trot strides in Novice with medium trot in elementary.
3. Why is leg yielding introduced at Novice level?
4. Why is collection the last element of the training scale?

Questions – Elementary/Medium (Development)

Compulsory questions for award:

1. Name and explain the “Scale of Training”?
2. Why is it important to follow it?

Answer 3 out of the questions below:

1. What is the difference between a free walk on a long rein and extended walk?
2. Why is shoulder-in sometimes called the “mother of all exercises”?
3. What purpose does a “simple change through the walk” have?
4. When, and why, do we introduce a double bridle?

**Questions – Advanced Medium/ Advanced /FEI PSG/Int I/ FEI Junior & Young Rider/
FEI Int A/B - Gold Badge
(Performance)**

Compulsory questions for award:

1. Name and explain the “Scale of Training”?
2. Why is it important to follow it?

Answer 3 out of the questions below:

1. What causes walks to become lateral?
2. Should Judges always agree? Please explain your answer.
3. Why do most trainers teach piaffe before passage?
4. Our rules clearly state that in extended paces the frame of the horse should lengthen, yet we rarely see this. Please comment.

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