



GRAND VALLEY DRESSAGE SOCIETY 2021 YEAR-END AWARD RULES

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AWARDS:

- All GVDS awards are based on the horse/rider combinations with the highest average score unless otherwise stated, during the competition year.
- In order to be eligible to receive year-end awards, members must volunteer a minimum of two (2) hours. You can call or email Barbara Progg, Volunteer Coordinator to volunteer at a show: starman7@comcast.net ; or 801.721.7111. Contact any GVDS officer to volunteer in another capacity.
 - In lieu of volunteering at a show or in another capacity for the club, a member may become a sponsor at the Platinum level (\$250). Sponsorship in lieu of volunteerism must be paid to Susan Gregg, Treasurer, by July 1, 2021.
- To be eligible for any year-end awards, all members must be in good standing with GVDS/RMDS or as a GVDS Supporting Members
- Owner and rider must be current GVDS/RMDS members or GVDS Supporting Members at the time scores are accrued, otherwise the scores cannot count toward year-end awards. (Exception: Pony Club Awards. A copy of USPC Card must be on file before October 15, 2021 and must volunteer a minimum of two (2) hours at GVDS events.)
- **There will be no changes to any year-end results after October 20, 2021.** Members are responsible for the accuracy of their scores. Members may request a final score check two (2) weeks after the October 2021 show. Score checks are encouraged throughout the year by contacting Cindy Petersen, Points Chairperson by email or phone. cindy@gjibbd.com or 970.263.9000.

GVDS ELIGIBLE SHOWS: Scores earned at the following shows will be used in calculating GVDS awards. **When two (2) shows are required, riders must show in at least two (2) of the five (5) different shows listed below.**

Riders must show and be judged under two different judges at the time the scores are earned. NOTE that the GVDS Schooling Show II and the GVDS Summer Recognized Show will have the same judge. See the website gvds.org for more information about the judges and show ratings.

1. 2021 GVDS Schooling Show I – April 24-25, 2021
2. 2021 GVDS Schooling Show II – June 4, 2021
3. 2021 GVDS Summer Recognized Show – June 5-6, 2021
4. 2021 GVDS Schooling Show III– August 28-29, 2021
5. 2021 GVDS Schooling Show IV October 9-10, 2021



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HORSE / RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average score at each level.
- Separate awards for Open, Adult Amateur (AA), Junior (13 and under), Young Rider (14-21), and Pony Division.

Minimum Requirements:

- **Introductory through Fourth Levels:** Two (2) different shows, four (4) rides at each level. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.
- **FEI Levels:** Two (2) different shows, two (2) rides at each level. The two (2) highest scores will be averaged.
- **Western Dressage - Introductory through Level 4:** Two (2) shows, four (4) rides at each level. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.
- **Gaited Dressage and Eventers:** Two (2) shows, four (4) rides. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.

HORSE OF THE YEAR – PONY DIVISION AWARDS

Minimum Requirements:

Introductory through Fourth Level: Two (2) shows, four (4) rides at each level. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.

- Scores can be earned in any rider's division class (AA, Open, Junior, Young Rider or Pony), as long as the pony is registered with RMDS/GVDS as a pony and meets the standards stated in Sec XIV, B. 5. At the start of the show season, the rider must declare what division the scores will be earned to – only one (1) division may be chosen.
- Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average (at each level).
- Separate awards for Open, Adult Amateur, Junior and Young Rider divisions.

FREESTYLE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Minimum Requirements:

Two (2) shows, two (2) rides. The two (2) highest scores will be averaged. Awards will be given to the horse and rider combinations with the highest average score. A separate award will be given for each division for these categories:



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- Each level Introductory through Third Level;
- Highest score in a Fourth Level or above;
- Western Dressage, each level Introductory through Level Four.

PAS DE DEUX/QUADRILLE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Minimum Requirements:

Two (2) shows, two (2) rides. The two (2) highest scores will be averaged. Awards will be given to the horse/rider team combinations with the highest average score.

- Highest score in a Pas de Deux/Quadrille, Western or classical at any level.
- Awards will be given for each level.
- **All** riders in a Pas de Deux or Quadrille must be GVDS/RMDS or GVDS Supporting Members for scores to count towards year end awards.

SPONSORED SPECIALIZED YEAR END AWARDS.

Minimum Requirements:

Two (2) shows, four (4) rides. The highest four (4) scores will be averaged.

For FEI: Two (2) shows, two (2) rides. The highest two (2) scores will be averaged.

- **Eligibility:** To be considered for each award, riders must send in their documentation for the specialized award (Breed, etc.) prior to October 20, 2021 unless noted differently below.
- **Highest Scoring Mule** – awarded to the mule/rider combination with the highest average at any level.
- **Overcoming Adversity** – In honor of Di Nugent, awarded by the show committee based on demonstrated effort in overcoming obstacles during the past show year. Requirements for this award may be waived at the discretion of the show committee or GVDS Executive Board due to special circumstances.



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SPECIAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Minimum Requirements:

Riders must have satisfied the Horse/Rider of the Year requirements to be considered for these awards.

Horse and Rider - (Age on December 1st of the competition year)

- **Older Is Better** - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average at any level, where the rider is 60 years of age or older.
- **Young Is Fun** - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average score at any level, where the rider is 21 years of age or younger.
- **Most Improved** - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the largest point spread between their lowest score at their **first** show and their highest score at their **last** show (at the same level).
- **Most Consistent** - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the smallest point spread between their highest and lowest scores (at the same level) throughout the year.
- **Single High Score** - Awarded to both the classical and Western horse/rider combinations with the single highest percentage score, excluding freestyles, or group classes.

PONY CLUB AWARDS

Open to Rocky Mountain Region Pony Club members: Lost Miner Ranch (Gunnison); Roaring Fork Hounds (Carbondale); and Yampa Valley (Steamboat Springs) Pony Clubs.

Minimum Requirements:

Two (2) shows, four (4) rides at the same level.

- US Pony Clubbers do *not* have to be GVDS members for these two (2) awards **but must submit a copy of their USPC Card to GVDS prior to October 20 of the current competition year, for their scores to count.** GVDS will offer two (2) awards: The highest average score for D Level and C Level horse/rider combinations. Scores can be earned from any eligible show. The following tests will count for each USPC Level:
 - D-1 and D-2 Levels: Introductory Tests A, B and C;
 - D-3 Level: Training Level Tests 2 and 3;
 - All C Level: First Level Tests 1 and 2.