

# 2023 MEMBER HANDBOOK

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# NDA PRESIDENTS

1973–1978	Freeman (“Bud”) Godfrey
1978–1980	Lyle A. Petersen
1980	Lowell Boomer
1981	Susan Wiedman
1982	Rikki Beck (Haberlan)
1983–1985	Barbara Petersen
1985	Rikki Haberlan
1986	Clyde Hudson
1987–1988	Mary Wickenkamp
1989	Debbie Sedlacek
1990–1991	Clay Teske
1992	Cecile Perry
1993–1996	Sandy Reiber
1997	Missy Ellison
1998–1999	Mike Smith
2000–2002	Diane Usher
2003	Felice Rose
2004–2005	Cynthia Johnson
2006–2007	Beth Wood
2008	Margo Rehm
2009	Suzanne Eggert
2010	Gillian Howell
2011	Sydney Ash
2012–2013	Heidi Helmer
2014	Katie Miller
2015–2016	Melissa Ward
2017–2018	Jane Fucinaro
2019–2020	Melissa Ward
2021–2022	Carrie Cross
2023	Sheila Purdum

# 2023 NDA BOARD MEMBERS

		<i>Term Expires</i>
<i>President</i>	<b>Sheila Purdum</b>	2025
<i>Vice President</i>	<b>Linda Smith</b>	2023
<i>Secretary</i>	<b>Carrie Cross</b>	2024
<i>Treasurer</i>	<b>Sara Loseke</b>	2024
<i>Junior Rep</i>	<b>Claire Tucker</b>	2023
	<b>Tillie Jones</b>	2023
	<b>Margo Hamilton</b>	2023
	<b>Kathy Hanford</b>	2025
	<b>Karen Stricklett</b>	2024

## 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<i>Awards</i>	Kathy Hanford
<i>Competitions</i>	Mike Smith
<i>Education</i>	Karen Stricklett, Linda Smith
<i>Publicity</i>	Carla Rogowsky
<i>Equipment</i>	Ken Timmerman
<i>Fundraising</i>	Tillie Jones
<i>Junior/Young Rider</i>	Claire Tucker, Cece Holst
<i>Membership</i>	Angie McClelland
<i>Western Dressage</i>	Amanda Percival
<i>Volunteer</i>	Karin Nilsson
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Margo Hamilton
<i>Webmaster</i>	Carla Rogowsky

# YEAR-END AWARDS PROGRAM

## I. Purpose

To foster a high standard of horsemanship by sponsoring and promoting equestrian activities that encourages the use of classical dressage techniques.

To encourage dressage competitions in Nebraska.

## II. Objectives

To recognize outstanding performance in dressage competition by horses owned by NDA members.

To encourage NDA members to take part in the learning experience of dressage competition.

To augment and parallel the awards programs of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), while making allowances for local conditions.

To encourage NDA members' interest in Western Dressage activities at NDA sponsored educational events and the Schooling Show Medal Series.

## III. Funding

A recognition fee of \$25.00 shall be paid by each competition applying for NDA recognition.

All horses must be registered with NDA. The lifetime registration fee is \$40.00.

## IV. Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for year-end awards, a rider (or a person on behalf of the rider) must contribute to NDA in one of the following ways during the competition year in question:

1. Volunteer 6 hours of service at NDA-sponsored or NDA-recognized events.
2. Raise \$60.00 in sponsorship money.
3. Contribute a combination of hours of service and sponsorship money with each hour of service equivalent to \$10. e.g. 6 hours of service at NDA-sponsored or NDA-recognized events and raise \$60.00 in sponsorship money.

Rider must be an NDA member at the time scores are earned.

Horse must be registered with NDA at the time scores are earned and must be at least 36 months old at the time ridden.

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Horse must be owned or leased by a NDA member at the time scores are earned to be eligible for Horse Awards, Freestyle Horse of the Year, and FEI Young Horse Award. To verify ownership or lease arrangement, NDA relies on the USDF Horse Score Check. For all other awards, owner is not required to be a NDA member.

The number of scores that must be earned in order for a horse/rider team to be eligible for all NDA Year-End Awards except Freestyle Awards, Rider Rosettes and Qualified Riding Member Certificates is:

1. For Introductory through Fourth Levels: Earn a minimum of 4 scores at a given level from 2 competitions and 2 judges.
2. For FEI levels and Prix Caprilli levels: Earn a minimum of 2 scores at a given level from 2 competitions and 2 judges.

To be eligible for Horse Awards, Rider Awards, and the Schooling Show Medal Series at a given level, a horse/rider team must earn a median score of 55% at that level and must earn at least 1 score of 55% or above from the highest test of the level.

NDA perpetual trophies are the property of NDA and must be returned to the NDA Awards Chair at the recipient's expense by the following due dates. A competitor who fails to return all trophies on time may be disqualified from receiving Year-End awards at the discretion of the NDA Board of Directors.

1. Year-End perpetual trophies must be returned at the October Board Meeting or no later than October 15th.
2. Cornhusker Classic perpetual trophies must be returned three weeks prior to the Cornhusker Classic.

## **V. Scores for Classical NDA Year-End Awards**

A. The competition year is from October 1 of the previous year through September 30 of the current year. For a multi-day USEF single licensed show, the start day of the show will determine the competition year, and will be considered a single show for purposes of year-end awards.

B. Scores from the following types of competitions will be counted towards the specified NDA Year-End Awards:

1. Horse Awards: USEF/USDF-recognized competitions two of which must be in Region IV.

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2. Rider Awards: USEF/USDF-recognized competitions, two of which must be in Region IV.
3. Schooling Show Medal Series: NDA-recognized schooling shows.
4. Rider Rosettes: USEF/USDF-recognized competitions or NDA-recognized schooling shows.
5. Qualified Riding Member Certificate: USEF/USDF-recognized competitions or NDA-recognized schooling shows.
6. Freestyle Awards: USEF/USDF-recognized competitions, two of which must be in Region IV.
7. Sedlacek-Rose Swedish Warmbloods Award: NDA-recognized competitions (schooling shows or competitions that are USEF/USDF- and NDA-recognized).
8. Peter Rose Memorial Trophy: USEF/USDF-recognized or NDA-recognized schooling shows.
9. David Funk Memorial Award: USEF/USDF-recognized competitions.
10. FEI Jr/YR Award: USEF/USDF-recognized competitions.
11. NDA High Score of the Year Award: Classical dressage tests at USEF/USDF-recognized or NDA-recognized schooling shows.

## C. Submitting scores for Classical Year-End awards:

1. Competitors must submit ALL scores from ALL NDA-recognized and USDF/USEF recognized shows in which they competed during the competition year in question. A competitor who fails to submit all scores earned may be disqualified from receiving any NDA Year-End awards at the discretion of the NDA Board of Directors.
2. Scores must be submitted to the NDA awards chairperson and postmarked on or before October 5 following the end of the competition year.
3. Except as provided in 4, below, when reporting scores to the NDA awards chairperson, a competitor must use the NDA Score-Report Form available in the NDA Member Handbook, on the NDA website, and published in *The Contact*.
4. A competitor who is a Participating Member of USDF may submit scores earned at USDF/USEF-recognized shows by providing the NDA awards chair-person with a copy of his/her USDF Horse Score Check form. Biographical information and all other scores should be reported on a NDA Score-Report Form. (Note: USDF

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tracks and publishes the scores of “Participating Members” only. Therefore, only USDF Participating Members may obtain USDF Horse Score Check forms from USDF.)

D. Median Scores will be calculated as follows:

1. When only four scores are earned, all 4 scores will be used in calculating the median.
2. When five or more scores are earned, the top 80% of all scores earned count toward the median.
3. The median is the middle score when the top 80% of the scores used to do the calculation are ranked from highest to lowest.
4. For an even number of scores, the two middle scores are averaged.
5. In the case of FEI and Freestyle competitors who submit only two scores, the scores will be averaged.

E. An “adjusted median” will be used when competitors riding at different levels are competing for the same award. The adjusted median takes into account the greater difficulty of higher-level tests. The following calculations are used in arriving at the adjusted median score

1. Introductory Level median score is multiplied by 1.00
2. Training Level median score is multiplied by 1.00
3. First Level median score is multiplied by 1.01
4. Second Level median score is multiplied by 1.02
5. Third Level median score is multiplied by 1.03
6. Fourth Level median score is multiplied by 1.04
7. FEI Prix St. Georges median score is multiplied by 1.05
8. FEI Intermediate I median score is multiplied by 1.06
9. FEI Intermediate II median score is multiplied by 1.07
10. Grand Prix median score is multiplied by 1.08

F. Ties will not be broken; however, subsequent places will be skipped as appropriate.



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## VI. Classical Dressage Awards

### A. Horse Awards

1. Ribbons will be awarded through at least fourth place at all levels based on median score. The champion at each level from Introductory through Fourth Level also receives a perpetual trophy. The FEI perpetual trophy (excluding FEI Jr/YR perpetual trophy) will be awarded to the horse with the highest adjusted median at any one FEI level.
2. The horse with the highest adjusted median score, all levels eligible except Introductory, will be named NDA Horse of the Year and will receive the NDA perpetual trophy.
3. The horse with the second highest adjusted median score, all levels eligible except Introductory, will be named NDA Reserve Horse of the Year.
4. Except at Grand Prix, a horse may be named NDA Horse of the Year only once at a given level.

### B. Rider Awards

1. Rider divisions defined:
  - a. Adult Amateur: Must be an amateur within the definition set forth by the USEF and must be able to produce a current USEF amateur card upon request of the NDA Board of Directors.
  - b. Adult Non-Amateur: May not hold a USEF amateur card, may not compete in any classes restricted to Adult Amateurs and may not receive NDA year-end awards for Adult Amateurs in the same awards year.
  - c. Junior/Young Rider: Must be 21 or younger as of January 1 of the awards year. Junior/Young Riders must report birth date to membership chairman. (There is a place on the membership application form where Junior/Young Rider birth date can be reported.)
2. Ribbons will be awarded through at least fourth place for scores earned at USDF recognized shows at all levels in the following divisions:
  - a. Juniors 14 years and younger
  - b. Juniors 15 -21 years
  - c. Adult Amateur
  - d. Open

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## C. Schooling Show Medal Series

1. Purpose
  - a. To encourage and reward participation in NDA recognized schooling shows.
  - b. To recognize achievement in horsemanship as demonstrated through competition in an educational environment.
2. Awards
  - a. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for scores earned at NDA-recognized schooling shows in the following divisions:
    - i. Juniors 14 years and younger
    - ii. Juniors 15-21 years
    - iii. Adult Amateur
    - iv. Open
  - b. The medals will be awarded in each of the following levels:
    - i. Dressage: Introductory, Training, First and Second Level
    - ii. Prix Caprilli: Low x-rails, Training and First Level. (Prix Caprilli scores do not count towards any other awards).
    - iii. Western Dressage Introductory, Basic, Level 1, and Level 2. Western Dressage will be governed as per the WDAA guidelines.
  - c. In the event of a tie for a given medal, multiple medals will be awarded.
  - d. Scholarships that can be used at NDA-sponsored events will be awarded as determined by the NDA Board of Directors, based on the number of NDA-recognized schooling shows attended and/or the number of classes ridden in at such shows. The scholarship amounts and the manner of distribution will be determined by the NDA Board.

## D. Freestyle Awards

1. In addition to meeting the general eligibility requirements described in Section IV, A through D, above, a horse/rider team must:
  - a. Have a minimum of 2 freestyle scores from 2 different competitions and 2 different judges.
  - b. Earn a freestyle median of 55% or above at a given level.
  - c. Earn 1 score of 58% or more from the highest test of the level or the level above. This score will not be used in calculating the freestyle median.

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2. Ribbons will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion at each eligible level.
3. Freestyle scores will count for freestyle awards only.
4. The horse with the highest adjusted median freestyle score, regardless of level, will be named the NDA Freestyle Horse of the Year and will receive the NDA Freestyle perpetual trophy.

## E. Rider Rosettes

1. May be earned over one or more years of competition.
2. Must be based on scores from at least two different competitions (at least one of which must be an NDA-recognized competition) and two different judges.
3. Will be awarded for the following achievements:
  - a. White Rosette, 3 scores of 55% or better at a given level
  - b. Red Rosette, 3 scores of 60% or better at a given level
  - c. Blue Rosette, 3 scores of 65% or better at a given level
4. A rider will receive only the highest-level rosette earned for a given set of scores submitted.
5. After receiving the highest rider rosette at a given level, a rider is no longer eligible to earn rider rosettes at that level.
6. It is the responsibility of the rider to apply to the awards chairperson for a rider rosette. Application is made by filling out the "Rider Rosette" portion of the NDA Score-Report Form.

## F. NDA Qualified Riding Member Certificate

1. An NDA member will become a Qualified Riding Member (QRM) the first time he/she earns a score of 55% at Training or First Level, at an NDA-recognized competition.
2. An NDA Qualified Riding Member will be awarded a QRM Certificate and be announced in the NDA Member Handbook at the time the certificate is earned.
3. It is the responsibility of the rider to apply to the awards chairperson for recognition as a QRM. Application is made by filling out the "Qualified Riding Member" portion of the NDA Score-Report Form.
4. This program began in 1983 and is not retroactive.

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## G. Special Awards

1. *Sedlacek-Rose Swedish Warmbloods Award*

This year-end award has been donated by Sedlacek-Rose Swedish Warmbloods for the adult amateur rider who earns the highest single score in a Training Level test at any NDA-recognized competition, whether schooling show or a USDF/USEF-recognized show. All qualifying criteria for year-end awards must be met. *(Established 1989)*

2. *Peter Rose Memorial Trophy*

The junior with the highest adjusted median score, regardless of level, will be named the NDA Youth Champion and will receive the Peter Rose Memorial Perpetual Trophy. Scores earned at either NDA-recognized schooling shows or USDF/USEF-recognized shows will be considered. *(Established 1992)*

3. *David Funk Memorial Award*

The adult with the highest adjusted median score at Second Level or above will receive the David Funk Memorial Award. Scores earned at USEF/USDF-recognized shows will be considered. *(Established 2002)*

4. *The President's Award*

The President's Award is a special recognition to be given on a discretionary basis by the NDA President to a member who has demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to NDA. The many educational programs, competitions, and recreational opportunities available to NDA members would not exist without the dedicated efforts of volunteers who donate their most valuable assets—time and work—for the benefit of the NDA Membership. To the winners of the President's Award go the sincere thanks and gratitude of the members of NDA, as well as a monetary token of appreciation. *(Established 1990)*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>President</b>
1990	Beth Wood	Clay Teske
1991	Martha Worcester	Clay Teske
1992	Sandy Reiber	Cecile Perry
1993	Daina Moore	Sandy Reiber
1994	Katherine Reiber	Sandy Reiber
1995	Steve Sorenson	Sandy Reiber
1996	Linda Backer	Sandy Reiber
1997	Rod & Vineta Rehm	Missy Ellison
1998	Dot Lathrop	Mike Smith
1999	Cynthia Johnson & Sandy Harman	Mike Smith

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2000	Ly-Lee Funk	Diane Usher
2001	Peggy Harris	Diane Usher
2002	Chris Reed	Diane Usher
2003	Vicki Luther	Felice Rose
2004	Sandie McConnell	Cynthia Johnson
2005	Mike Smith	Cynthia Johnson
2006	Cynthia Johnson	Beth Wood
2007	Diana Spaulding	Beth Wood
2008	Karen Stricklett	Margo Rehm
2009	Heidi Helmer	Suzanne Eggert
2010	Sydney Ash	Gillian Howell
2011	Heidi Helmer	Sydney Ash
2012	Amy Blum & Lisa Van Stratten	Heidi Helmer
2013	Mike Smith	Heidi Helmer
2014	Tish Gade-Jones	Katie Miller
2015	Jennifer Rawlinson	Melissa Ward
2016	Kathy Hanford	Melissa Ward
2017	Amy Blum	Jane Fucinaro
2018	Kathy Lewis	Jane Fucinaro
2019	Margo Hamilton	Melissa Ward
2021	Christine Walker	Carrie Cross
2022	Kathy Hanford	Carrie Cross

## 5. *David Funk Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award*

The David Funk Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award is a special recognition to be given on a discretionary basis by the NDA Board to a member who has demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to NDA. In 2002 NDA tragically lost one of its most active volunteers. Dr. David Funk, DVM, died during an attempt to save a blind calf from drowning in a farm pond. Dr. Dave was a constant supporter of NDA. He was a regular fixture at NDA events, helping in every aspect of ensuring the event's success—from hauling horses to hauling equipment, from healing horses to fixing fences, Dr. Dave was there! The David Funk Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award was established to recognize those who contribute so generously of their time. A monetary token of appreciation may accompany this perpetual trophy. (*Established 2002*)

## 6. *FEI Jr/YR Award*

The FEI Jr/YR Award is awarded to the declared Junior or declared Young Rider

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with the highest adjusted average from their top three sets of scores (a set consists of one Team test score and one Individual test score earned at the same show) on one horse. The Award was donated by the Wang Family to encourage participation within Region 4 and to recognize the hard work and dedication necessary to represent Region 4 at the National and International levels. *(Established 2007)*

7. *FEI Young Horse Award*

The FEI Young Horse Award is awarded to the horse with the highest adjusted median score recorded for a FEI 4, 5, or 6 year old level. A minimum of two scores and all Horse Awards requirements must be met. The Award was donated by Missy Fladland to encourage participation in the Young Horse program within NDA and Region 4 and to recognize the hard work and dedication necessary to compete in these classes. *(Established 2009)*

8. *NDA High Score of the Year Award*

The High Score of the Year Award is awarded to the member who earned the highest single score at any level for the given competition year. All year-end award requirements must be met, as outlined in Section IV (Eligibility) of the Year-End Awards Program rules, including four scores from two competitions, which may be either USDF/USEF-recognized shows or NDA-recognized schooling shows. This award was donated by Karin Nilsson. *(Established 2012)*

## VII. Scores for Western Dressage NDA Year-End Awards

A. The competition year is from October 1 of the previous year through September 30 of the current year.

B. Scores from the following types of competitions will be counted towards the specified NDA Year-End Awards:

1. Horse Awards: USEF/WDAA Recognized competitions 2 are required. Riders must be WDAA and USEF Competing Members at time of show to be eligible for Horse Awards.
2. Rider Awards: USEF/WDAA Recognized competitions 2 are required. Riders must be WDAA and USEF Competing Members at time of show to be eligible for Rider Awards.
3. Schooling Show Medal Series: NDA recognized schooling shows.
4. Rider Rosettes: USEF/WDAA recognized competitions or NDA-recognized schooling shows.

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5. Qualified Riding Member Certificate for Basic or First Level: USEF/WDAA recognized competitions or NDA recognized schooling shows.
6. Western Freestyle Awards: USEF/WDAA recognized competitions, 2 are required. Riders must be WDAA and USEF Competing Members at time of show to be eligible for Horse Awards.
7. Western Dressage Year End High Point Award: Western dressage tests at USEF/WDAA-recognized or NDA-recognized schooling shows.

## C. Submitting scores for Western Dressage Year-End awards:

1. Competitors must submit ALL scores from ALL NDA-recognized and USEF/WDAA recognized shows in which they competed during the competition year in question. A competitor who fails to submit all scores earned may be disqualified from receiving any NDA Year-End awards at the discretion of the NDA Board of Directors.
2. Scores must be submitted to the NDA awards chairperson and postmarked on or before October 5 following the end of the competition year.
3. Except as provided in 4, below, when reporting scores to the NDA awards chairperson, a competitor must use the NDA Score-Report Form available in the NDA Member Handbook, on the NDA website, and published in The Contact.
4. A competitor who is a Participating Member of WDAA and USEF Competing Member may submit scores earned at USEF/WDAA recognized shows by providing the NDA awards chair-person with a copy of his/her WDAA Horse Score form and membership numbers. Biographical information and all other scores should be reported on a NDA Score-Report Form.

## D. Median Scores will be calculated as follows:

1. When only two or three USEF/WDAA scores are earned, all scores will be used in calculating the median.
2. When five or more scores are earned, the top 80% of all scores earned count toward the median.
3. The median is the middle score when the top 80% of the scores used to do the calculation are ranked from highest to lowest.
4. For an even number of scores, the two middle scores are averaged.

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5. In the case of Freestyle competitors who submit only two scores, the scores will be averaged.

E. An “adjusted median” will be used when competitors riding at different levels are competing for the same award. The adjusted median takes into account the greater difficulty of higher-level tests. The following calculations are used in arriving at the adjusted median score

1. Western Dressage Introductory Level median score is multiplied by 1.00
2. Western Dressage Basic Level median score is multiplied by 1.00
3. Western Dressage Level 1 median score is multiplied by 1.01
4. Western Dressage Level 2 median score is multiplied by 1.02
5. Western Dressage Level 3 median score is multiplied by 1.03

F. Ties will not be broken; however, subsequent places will be skipped as appropriate.

## VIII. Western Dressage Awards

### A. WD Horse Awards

1. Ribbons will be awarded through at least fourth place at all levels based on median score. The champion at each level from Western Introductory to Third Level also receives a perpetual trophy.
2. The horse with the highest adjusted median score, all levels eligible except Introductory, will be named NDA Western Horse of the Year and will receive the NDA Western perpetual trophy.
3. The horse with the second highest adjusted median score, all levels eligible except Introductory, will be named NDA Western Reserve Horse of the Year. (These do not include NDA recognized schooling shows.)
4. A horse may be named NDA Western Horse of the Year only once at a given level.

### B. WD Rider Awards

1. Rider divisions defined:
  - a. Adult Amateur: Must be an amateur within the definition set forth by the USEF and must be able to produce a current USEF amateur card upon request of the NDA Board of Directors.



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- b. Adult Non-Amateur: May not hold a USEF amateur card, may not compete in any classes restricted to Adult Amateurs and may not receive NDA year-end awards for Adult Amateurs in the same awards year.
  - c. Junior/Young Rider: Must be 21 or younger as of January 1 of the awards year. Junior/Young Riders must report birth date to membership chairman. (There is a place on the membership application form where Junior/Young Rider birth date can be reported.)
2. Ribbons will be awarded through at least fourth place for scores earned at USEF/WDAA recognized shows at all levels in the following divisions:
    - a. Junior (18 and under)
    - b. Adult Amateur (19 and over)
    - c. Open

## C. WD Schooling Show Medal Series

1. Purpose
  - a. To encourage and reward participation in NDA recognized schooling shows.
  - b. To recognize achievement in horsemanship as demonstrated through competition in an educational environment.
2. Awards
  - a. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for scores earned at NDA recognized schooling shows in the following divisions:
    - i. Juniors 14 years and younger
    - ii. Juniors 15-18 years
    - iii. Adult Amateur
    - iv. Open
  - b. The medals will be awarded in each of the following levels: Western Dressage Introductory, Basic, Level 1, and Level 2.
  - c. In the event of a tie for a given medal, multiple medals will be awarded.
  - d. Scholarships that can be used at NDA-sponsored events will be awarded as determined by the NDA Board of Directors, based on the number of NDA recognized schooling shows attended and/or the number of classes ridden

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in at such shows. The scholarship amounts and the manner of distribution will be determined by the NDA Board.

## D. WD Freestyle Awards

1. In addition to meeting the general eligibility requirements described in Section IV, A through D, above, a horse/rider team must:
  - a. Have 2 freestyle scores from 2 different judges.
  - b. Earn a freestyle median of 55% or above at a given level.
  - c. Earn 1 score of 58% or more from the highest test of the level or the level above. This score will not be used in calculating the freestyle median.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion at each eligible Western level.
3. Freestyle scores will count for freestyle awards only.
4. The horse with the highest adjusted median freestyle score, regardless of level, will be named the NDA Western Freestyle Horse of the Year and will receive the NDA Western perpetual trophy.

## E. WD Rider Rosettes

1. May be earned over one or more years of competition.
2. Must be based on scores from at least two different competitions (at least one of which must be an NDA-recognized competition) and two different judges.
3. Will be awarded for the following achievements:
  - a. White Rosette, 3 scores of 55% or better at a given level
  - b. Red Rosette, 3 scores of 60% or better at a given level
  - c. Blue Rosette, 3 scores of 65% or better at a given level
4. A rider will receive only the highest-level rosette earned for a given set of scores submitted.
5. After receiving the highest rider rosette at a given level, a rider is no longer eligible to earn rider rosettes at that level.
6. It is the responsibility of the rider to apply to the awards chairperson for a rider rosette. Application is made by filling out the "Rider Rosette" portion of the NDA Score-Report Form.

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## F. WD Qualified Riding Member Certificates

1. An NDA member will become a Qualified Riding Member (QRM) the first time he/she earns a score of 55% at Basic or First Level, at an NDA-recognized competition.
2. An NDA Qualified Riding Member will be awarded a QRM Certificate and be announced in the NDA Member Handbook at the time the certificate is earned.
3. It is the responsibility of the rider to apply to the awards chairperson for recognition as a QRM. Application is made by filling out the "Qualified Riding Member" portion of the NDA Score-Report Form.

## G. WD Special Awards

1. *Western High Point Award*  
Western Dressage High Point Award is awarded to the Western Dressage competitor with the highest score received for the given competition year. This award is sponsored by Felice Rose to encourage the furtherance of Western Dressage in NDA. (Established 2011)
2. *The S&L Stables Basic Level High Point Horse Award*  
WDAA Basic Horse of the Year Award is sponsored in memory of The Unknown Woman (Gracie) and The Bar Exam (Turner). (Established 2018)
3. *The S&L Stables High Point AQHA Award for Classic or Western Dressage*  
In Honor of "Miss Blues Seeker," this award is open to registered AQHA horses in both English and Western, schooling show or USEF rated shows.

*Sponsors are always welcome to create additional awards in memory of a special person or horse.*

## IX. NDA Show Recognition

A. To obtain NDA recognition for a schooling show, competition management must:

1. Apply to the NDA Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the show and pay the required fee.
2. Use a United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) licensed dressage judge or a USDF "L" Program graduate
3. Meet the following standards in conducting the competition:
  - a. Use a regular sized dressage arena, either 20 meters x 60 meters or

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20 meters x 40 meters, as appropriate for the tests offered. Slight modifications to fit available space are allowed. The size(s) to be used must be specified in the prize list.

- b. The arena must be marked with the regulation letters appropriately placed, and at least the corners and middle of the long sides indicated with boards, poles, etc.
- c. Use USEF/USDF tests.
- d. Use WDAA tests Introductory through Level 2 tests for Western Dressage.
- e. Require competitors to adhere to the following equipment requirements:
  - i. Simple snaffle bridle mandatory through Second Level (except for Western Dressage classes);
  - ii. English-style saddle mandatory (except for Western Dressage classes);
  - iii. Rider must wear boots or hard-soled shoes with heels;
  - iv. Humane spurs and a whip no more than 4-feet long are allowed;
  - v. No tiedowns, martingales, sidereins, or similar devices are allowed;
  - vi. Rider must wear ASTM/SEI certified helmet at all times** when mounted; and
  - vii. Western Dressage riders' equipment is governed by the WDAA guidelines (though ASTM/SEI certified helmets are still required)
- f. Make ride times and class schedule available to competitors by noon the day before the competition.

B. NDA recognition will be extended to any USEF/USDF Recognized Competition that applies to the NDA Board at least 30 days prior to the competition and pays the required fee, unless waived by NDA Board of Directors.

C. Any NDA-recognized competition must be publicized to all NDA members at least 15 days prior to the competition.

D. Competition management is responsible for reporting all scores from the competition to the NDA awards chairperson within 30 days of the competition.

E. If any of the foregoing requirements are not met, the NDA Board of Directors may, at its discretion, revoke a show's recognition, and the recognition fee will be forfeited. If a show's recognition is revoked, no scores earned at the show will count towards any NDA awards.

# 2022 PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

## CLASSICAL DRESSAGE HORSE AWARDS

### Horse of the Year

Champion	Leandro N ridden by Jami Kment	75.626%
Reserve Champion	Luke's Shadow ridden by Gracia Huenefeld	73.276%

### Training Level

Champion	Luke's Shadow ridden by Gracia Huenefeld	73.276%
Reserve Champion	Blue Man Tango ridden by Ashley Steckelberg	68.803%
Third Place	Custom Made V ridden by Claire Tucker	68.180%
Fourth Place	Bella Rose ridden by Darian Kauk	65.862%
Fifth Place	Denali ridden by Skylar Frisbie	64.828%
Sixth Place	Bravado SHS ridden by Cyrus Harner	64.655%

### First Level

Champion	Leandro N ridden by Jami Kment	74.877%
Reserve Champion	Custom Made V ridden by Claire Tucker	71.528%
Third Place	Frosty Fox ridden by Stacey Knox	68.681%
Fourth Place	Made in America ridden by Gracia Huenefeld	68.333%
Fifth Place	Bella Rose ridden by Darian Kauk	67.361%
Sixth Place	Can Danse ridden by Miya Higgins	64.439%

### Second Level

Champion	Flavio ridden by Joslyn Schoemaker	63.245%
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### Third Level

Champion	Honor ridden by Kylee Kment	69.278%
Reserve Champion	Montagny Von der Heide ridden by Lexie Kment	68.640%
Third Place	Winselo ridden by Karin Nilsson	62.625%

### FEI

Champion	Qi Gong TF ridden by Tillie Jones	72.485%
Reserve Champion	Montagny Von der Heide ridden by Lexie Kment	68.640%
Third Place	Winselo ridden by Karin Nilsson	62.625%

### Freestyle Third Level

Champion	Montagny Von der Heide ridden by Lexie Kment	73.218%
Reserve Champion	Honor ridden by Kylee Kment	71.490%

### Freestyle Horse of the Year

Champion	Montagny Von der Heide ridden by Lexie Kment	75.414%
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# 2022 PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

## WESTERN DRESSAGE HORSE AWARDS

### WD Horse of the Year

Champion Miss Gold N Trigger ridden by Kimmie Peterson 68.043%

### WD Intro Level

Champion One Lazy Krymsun ridden by Amanda Percival 64.500%

Reserve Champion ZZ's Dun O'Lena ridden by MJ Hart 63.000%

### WD Third Level

Champion Miss Gold N Trigger ridden by Kimmie Peterson 68.043%

## CLASSICAL DRESSAGE SPECIAL AWARDS

### Peter Rose Memorial Trophy

Tillie Jones riding Qi Gong TF at I1 72.485%

### David Funk Memorial Trophy

Gracia Huenefeld riding Cocota HGF at PSG 68.559%

### FEI Jr/YR Award

Kylee Kment riding Honor at Third 71.243%

### Classical Dressage High Score of the Year

Gracia Huenefeld riding Luke's Shadow at Training 77.414%

## WESTERN DRESSAGE SPECIAL AWARDS

### Western Dressage High Point Trophy

Kimmie Peterson riding Miss Gold N Trigger at WD Third 70.890%

### S&L Stables High Point AQHA Award for Classic or Western Dressage

Kimmie Peterson riding Miss Gold N Trigger at WD Third 70.890%

# 2022 PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

## CLASSICAL DRESSAGE RIDER AWARDS

### Training Level

Jr. 14 & under	Champion	Ashley Steckelberg riding Blue Man Tango	68.803%
	Res. Champion	Claire Tucker riding Custom Made V	68.180%
Jr. 15 to 21	Champion	Darian Kauk riding Bella Rose	65.862%
	Res. Champion	Skylar Frisbie riding Denali	64.828%
	Third Place	Cyrus Harner riding Bravado SHS	64.655%
	Fourth Place	Cece Holst riding Bravado SHS	61.810%
Open	Champion	Gracia Huenefeld riding Luke's Shadow	73.276%

### First Level

Jr. 14 & under	Champion	Claire Tucker riding Custom Made V	71.528%
Jr. 15 to 21	Champion	Darian Kauk riding Bella Rose	67.361%
	Res. Champion	Miya Higgins riding Can Danse	64.439%
Adult Amateur	Champion	Stacey Knox riding Frost Fox	68.681%
Open	Champion	Jami Kment riding Leandro N	74.877%
	Res. Champion	Gracia Huenefeld riding Made in America	68.333%
	Third Place	Mechaela Gates riding Tequilas Siete	63.611%

### Second Level

Jr. 14 & under	Champion	Joslyn Schoemaker riding Flavio	63.2445%
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### Third Level

Jr. 15 to 21	Champion	Kylee Kment riding Honor	69.278%
	Res. Champion	Lexie Kment riding Montagny Von der Heide	68.640%
Adult Amateur	Champion	Karin Nilsson riding Winselo	62.625%

### FEI Prix St. Georges

Jr. 15 to 21	Champion	Lexi Kment riding Chivalry	66.177%
Open	Champion	Gracia Huenefeld riding Cocota HGF	65.294%

### FEI Intermediate 1

Jr. 15 to 21	Champion	Tillie Jones riding Qi Gong TF	68.382%
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# 2022 PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

## WESTERN DRESSAGE RIDER AWARDS

### WD Intro Level

Adult Amateur	Champion	Amanda Percival riding One Lazy Krymsun	64.500%
	Res. Champion	MJ Hart riding ZZ's Dun O'Lena	63.000%

### WD Third Level

Adult Amateur	Champion	Kimmie Peterson riding Miss Gold N Trigger	66.061%
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## QUALIFIED RIDER CERTIFICATES

Cece Holst  
Claire Mathis  
Claire Tucker  
Darian Kauk  
Katelyn Greckel  
Lara Schenck  
Mechaela Gates

## RIDER ROSETTES

<b>Blue</b>	Intro	Quinn Kreuger riding Bernardo OSF
	Training	Claire Tucker riding Custom Made V Cyrus Harner riding C.F. Darths Satin Moose
	First	Claire Tucker riding Custom Made V Alexa Starner riding Coal Creek Devious Boy Darian Kauk riding Bella Rose
	Intermediate 1	Tillie Jones riding Qi Gong TF
	Western Intro	Lara Schenck riding Ilsebet McCallister Smith riding Marigold
	Western Fourth	Kimmie Peterson riding Miss Gold N Trigger



# 2022 PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

<b>Red</b>	Intro	Claire Mathis riding Moana Sloane Gorham riding Volume
	Training	Cece Holst riding Bravado SHS Claire Mathis riding Moana Darian Kauk riding Bella Rose
	First	Mechaela Gates riding Tequilas Siete Skylar Frisbie riding Denali
<b>White</b>	Second	Mechaela Gates riding Tequilas Siete
	Western Intro	Amanda Percival riding One Lzy Krymsun

## SCHOOLING SHOW MEDAL SERIES

<b>Intro</b>			
Jr. 14 & under	Gold	Megan Steckelberg riding Blue Man Tango	69.000%
	Silver	Samantha Steckelberg riding The Black Roman	68.440%
	Bronze	Quinn Krueger riding Bernardo OSF	65.250%
<b>Training Level</b>			
Jr. 14 & under	Gold	Claire Tucker riding Custom Made V	70.286%
	Silver	Claire Mathis riding Moana	60.095%
<b>First Level</b>			
Jr. 15-21	Gold	Alexa Starner riding Coal Creek Devious Boy	67.636%
	Silver	Miya Higgins riding Can Danse	65.000%

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Emily Markel and Christine Walker

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this non-profit organization is NEBRASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION.

## **ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The corporation shall have perpetual existence and shall continue until it is dissolved by operation of law or by vote of the requisite number of members as provided in the Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation Act.

## **ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The purpose of the corporation is to foster a high standard of horsemanship through employment of classical dressage techniques. In furtherance of this goal, the corporation will disseminate educational material, sponsor and promote equestrian activities such as clinics, seminars, and competitive events, and encourage others to do likewise. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE IV - POWERS**

The corporation shall have and exercise all powers and rights conferred upon corporations organizing and existing under the Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation Act and any additional powers and rights conferred upon such corporations by subsequent legislative acts.

## **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Qualifications; Classes.**

The qualifications and rights of members shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation. The Bylaws shall also designate the class or classes, if any, of members.

### **Section 2. Election.**

The initial members of the corporation shall be elected at the first meeting of incorporators. Additional members shall be elected or appointed as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation.

### **Section 3. Meetings.**

The annual meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held as prescribed in the Bylaws. Special meetings of the members may be called at such time and in such manner as may be provided from time to time in the Bylaws. One-fourth of the number of current voting members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

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## ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by Board of Directors which shall have and exercise all the powers of the corporation. The numbers, terms of office, manner of election and qualifications of members of the Board of Directors, together with the time and place of meetings and the number of Directors constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation.

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) Directors, namely:

Rikki Beck, 505 Queen City Ave., Hastings, NE 68901  
Lowell Boomer, Rt. 1, Roca, NE 68430  
Shirley Brickman, 1710 Jackson, Beatrice, NE 68310  
Michael Bruckner, Rt. 1, Roca, NE 68430  
Robyn Carmichael-Eden, 8304 Underwood, Omaha, NE 68114  
Freeman A. Godfrey, 311 S. 51st St., Omaha, NE 68132  
Merrilee D. Hansen, 11805 Skylark Dr., Omaha, NE 68114  
Lyle Petersen, Rt. 1 Box 187, Waverly, NE 68462  
Charlene Shidisky, 3702 Coffey Ave., Omaha, NE 68123  
Susan Weidman, 2030 Pinedale, Lincoln, NE 68520  
Burnham Yates, 2900 Bonacum Dr., Lincoln, NE 68502  
Janalee Salestrom, 3113 Maplewood, Omaha, NE 68134

## ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Such officers shall be appointed at the annual meeting by and from the Board of Directors, who in turn have been elected by a majority of the voting members present or represented by a proxy. The officers shall hold office and serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. One or more of said offices may be held by the same person, except the office of President and Secretary. Each such officer, insofar as permissible under law, and provided in the Bylaws or Resolutions of the Board of Directors, may be relieved of responsibility for exercise of authority or performance of duties incident to his office, the exercise or performance of which has been assigned to subordinate officers.

## ARTICLE VIII – LIMIT OF LIABILITY

The private property of incorporators, members, directors, and officers of this corporation shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts.

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## **ARTICLE IX – BYLAWS**

Initial Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors. Bylaws of the corporation may be adopted, amended or repealed by a 2/3 majority vote of members present or represented by proxy at any regular meeting or special meeting.

## **ARTICLE X – INUREMENT OF INCOME; OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS; LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

The corporation shall have no capital stock and shall declare no dividends.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its other members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law).

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate or otherwise intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code), as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such

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purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE XII – REGISTERED AGENT; REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the corporation shall be 800 Sprague Road, Roca, Nebraska 68430; and the registered agent at such address shall be Diane Usher.

## **ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by resolution of the Board of Directors, adopted by vote of at least two-thirds of the directors in office, setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote of the members, and by adoption by vote of two-thirds of the members present at or represented by proxy, and voting at any regular or special meeting of the members. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member not less than ten and not more than fifty days prior to the date set forth for such meeting.

## **ARTICLE XIV – LAWS**

This corporation intends to become, and is, organized under Section 21-1901 to 21-1991, Nebraska R.R.S. 1943, as amended.

## **ARTICLE XV – REFERENCES**

All references in these Articles of Incorporation to the Internal Revenue Code refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, of the United States of America, and references to specific sections thereof are references to such sections as they may be revised in the future, or as they may be replaced by corresponding provisions of any subsequent Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America.

Signed in duplicate this 12th day of April, 1977, by the following incorporators:

Freeman A. Godfrey, 311 S. 51st St., Omaha, NE  
Lowell Boomer, 1212 O St., Lincoln, NE

*(Adopted 12 April 1977)*

*(Revised 1 June 1983, 18 November 2000, and 14 November 2015)*

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## ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the NEBRASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION, herein referred to as the Association.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Association is to foster a high standard of horsemanship through employment of classical dressage techniques. In furtherance of this goal, the Association will disseminate educational material, sponsor and promote equestrian activities such as clinics, seminars, and competitive events, and encourage others to do likewise. The Association will participate in any program or activity deemed advisable by its membership, provided that such participation does not conflict with conditions governing a nonprofit educational organization as defined by the United States Department of Internal Revenue. The Association will cooperate with other local and national organizations and individuals interested in the development and promotion of better horsemanship.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

### *Section 1. Classes of Membership*

There shall be four classes of membership: Individual, Family, Junior, and Junior/Pony Club-4-H. (Revised November, 2007)

A) An Individual Member shall have the right to vote, hold office, and participate in all Association activities.

B) A Family Membership shall entitle two designated members of a family living in the same household to vote in all Association elections and to hold office and participate in all Association activities. Each family shall annually designate by name the two family members who will exercise the foregoing privileges of membership. Any additional family members living in the same household may obtain a non-voting membership by the payment of a per capita fee equal to the USDF Group Member dues in effect for the membership year in question. A non-voting family member shall be entitled to hold office and participate in all Association activities, including the Awards Program. Any family member who resides outside the family home for the primary purpose of attending school shall be considered to be a resident of the family household and thereby eligible to participate in the Family Membership, either as a voting or non-voting member.

C) A Junior Member shall be an individual under the age of 21 as of January 1 of the membership year, and shall have the right to vote, hold office, and participate in all Association activities. (Revised November 20, 1999)

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D) Except as provided in this section, a Junior/Pony Club-4-H Member shall have all the membership rights of and shall meet all the membership requirements specified for a Junior Member. A Junior/Pony Club-4-H Member: shall be a member of Pony Club or 4-H at the time he or she applies for NDA membership; shall be entitled to reduced dues, as established by the board; shall not receive a mailed copy of the NDA newsletter but shall have online access only. This membership category shall be in effect starting with the 2008 NDA membership year. (Added November, 2007)

## ***Section 2. Amount of Dues***

The amount of annual dues for each class of membership shall be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association. Prior to each Annual Meeting of the Association, the Board may alter the membership dues for the ensuing membership year. If the Board does not take action on the question of membership dues prior to the Annual Meeting, the dues in effect at the time of the Annual Meeting shall continue in effect throughout the ensuing year.

## ***Section 3. Date of Payment***

Dues shall be due on or before November 20 for the following membership year. Anyone who fails to submit his or her dues payment by that date may be dropped from the NDA GMO roster required to be reported to USDF by December 1. Memberships may be purchased at any time during the membership year, but no reduction in membership fee shall be allowed. (Revised November, 2007)

## ***Section 4. Revocation of Membership***

Any member may be dropped from the membership for conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association. A two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors shall be required to effect a revocation of membership. Prior to voting on a motion of revocation, the Board must notify, in writing, the member subject to the motion that 1) a vote will be taken on a motion to revoke his or her membership, and 2) he or she may request a hearing before the Board of Directors prior to the vote. If no hearing is requested, the Board may proceed directly to a vote. A person whose membership is revoked may apply for reinstatement to Association membership at any time after the revocation takes effect. A two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for reinstatement.

## ***Section 5. Membership Year***

The 2006 membership year shall run from December 1, 2005, through November 30, 2006, and all subsequent membership years shall run from December 1 through November 30. The fiscal year of the organization shall be January 1 to December 31. (Revised November 19, 2005)

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## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

### ***Section 1. Officers***

The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The Association may have other officers as determined by the Board of Directors.

### ***Section 2. Election***

All officers shall be appointed at the annual meeting by and from the Board of Directors, who in turn have been elected by a majority of voting members present or represented by proxy. (Revised November 14, 2015)

### ***Section 3. Term of Office***

All officers shall serve for a one year term of office beginning on January 1 following their election. They shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

## **ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### ***Section 1. President***

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association. The president may call a special meeting of the Association, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The president shall not vote on any issue except to break a tie.

### ***Section 2. Vice President***

The vice president shall, in the absence of the president or upon his or her request, perform all the duties of the latter. In the event that the office of president becomes vacant, the vice president shall succeed the president.

### ***Section 3. Secretary***

The secretary shall give notice and keep minutes of all meetings of the Association, and be responsible for maintaining records of all business transacted at meetings.

### ***Section 4. Treasurer***

The treasurer shall be the general financial officer of the Association. He or she shall collect monies due the Association, keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, deposit all monies and other valuables in depositories designated by the Board of Directors, and pay all bills of the Association. He or she shall report to the Board, when so requested, the financial status of the Association. He or she shall make an annual report to the Association of its financial condition.



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## ARTICLE VI –BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### *Section 1. Number*

Commencing January 1, 1983, the Board of Directors shall consist of nine elected Association members. Four of the nine seats shall be occupied by the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Association. The individuals appointed to each of these Association offices shall hold the same offices on the Board of Directors. One of the nine seats shall be filled by a junior member of the Association, provided that a junior member who is willing and able to assume all of the duties and responsibilities of board membership is identified by the nominating committee, or nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. In the event that no junior member is nominated for the position, it will be filled by an adult member. (Revised November 14, 2015)

### *Section 2. Election*

Board members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of voting members present or represented by proxy. Each Board member's term of office shall commence on January 1 following his or her election. Board members shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

### *Section 3. Reduction*

On January 1, 1984, three seats on the Board of Directors occupied by members whose terms are due to expire in 1983 shall be automatically eliminated, thereby reducing the number of seats from twelve to nine.

### *Section 4. Election Protocol*

At the 1983 Annual Meeting, the membership shall elect one Board member whose term of office shall be three years (1984-1986). At the 1984 Annual Meeting, the membership shall elect one Board member whose term of office shall be two years (1985-1986), and three Board members whose terms of office shall be three years (1985-1987). At the 1985 Annual Meeting, the membership shall elect one Board member whose term of office shall be one year (1986), and three Board members whose term of office shall be three years (1986-1988). Beginning with the 2011 Annual Meeting, the membership shall, each year, elect two Board members, each of whom shall serve a three-year term of office, and one junior Board member, who shall serve a one-year term of office.

### *Section 5. Responsibilities*

A) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the Association.

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B) The Board of Directors shall make and enforce the rules of the Association and of the Board. It shall use its discretion in adopting rules recommended by the respective committees or the general membership.

## ***Section 6. Quorum***

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a simple majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

## ***Section 7. Vacancies***

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall name a member to fill such vacancy until a successor can be elected to complete the unexpired term.

## ***Section 8. Records and Reports***

The Board of Directors shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall report at the Annual Meeting of the Association, or at any general meeting, any matters which, in its judgment, require the action of the members.

## ***Section 9. Time & Place of Meetings***

All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall direct. Members of the Association may attend any Board meeting. Board meetings will be held only after at least five days' notice to Board members. Whenever possible, notice of Board meetings shall be printed in the Association newsletter.

## ***Section 10. Executive Session***

The Board of Directors may go into executive session for the purpose of discussing and/or voting on a motion to revoke an individual's membership under Article III, Section 4 of these Bylaws, and at other times as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Minutes taken in conjunction with such an executive session should state only that the Board went into executive session, and the numerical outcome of any vote taken during the executive session on the motion of revocation.

## ***Section 11. Delegation to Committees***

The Board of Directors shall delegate to the various committees such duties and powers as it shall deem necessary or desirable.

## ***Section 12. Compensation***

The Directors shall receive no compensation for services as Directors, nor shall they be

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compensated for expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors.

## ***Section 13. Additional Duties***

The Board of Directors shall establish the fiscal year of the Association, safeguard the securities, properties, and assets of the Association, approve all major expenditures and the annual budget, and determine dues and assessments.

## ***Section 14. Appointment as Chairmen***

Directors, other than the president and secretary, may be appointed as committee chairmen.

## ***Section 15. Impeachment, Recall and Removal from Office***

Any Board member may be removed from office, and/or from the Board of Directors, for failure to effectively and faithfully discharge his or her duties, or for conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association. Malfeasance or misconduct includes, but is not limited to, chronic absence from scheduled meetings of the Board, and failure to follow the rules of the Association as specified in the Bylaws. Articles of impeachment may be presented to the Board by any board member, without petition, or by any general member presenting a petition signed by at least one-fourth of the voting membership of the Association, at any regular or special meeting. The Articles of Impeachment shall specify the nature of the misconduct and/or dereliction of duty, the dates, or periods of time during which the misconduct or dereliction occurred, and whether the action sought is removal from office on the Board, removal from the Board, or both. The Articles of Impeachment shall be considered by the Board at a special or regular meeting to be held not sooner than fourteen days nor more than thirty days following their presentation.

A simple majority vote of the Board of Directors present at that meeting shall be necessary to impeach any Board member and/or officer.

Following a vote to Impeach, the Board shall, within five days: 1) notify the member subject to the action that the Articles of Impeachment have been approved; 2) furnish a written copy of the Articles of Impeachment to the Impeached member; 3) notify the member that he or she may request a hearing before the Board prior to a vote to remove from office; and, 4) notify the member of the date, time and place of the meeting at which the hearing will be held.

Impeached members shall notify the president of the Association of their desire for a hearing before the Board within fifteen days of the date of the Impeachment action. If no hearing is requested, the Board may proceed directly to a vote at the next regular

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or special meeting. If the Impeached member requests a hearing, it shall be scheduled at the next special or regular meeting of the Board. The vote to remove from office may be taken immediately following the hearing, or at some future meeting, at the discretion of the Board. A two-thirds majority of the entire Board shall be necessary to remove a Board member from office on the Board or from his or her Board membership. If both actions were specified in the Articles of Impeachment, they shall be voted on separately - first to remove from office; then to remove from the Board. Impeached members shall be notified in writing by the Board of the outcome of the vote to remove from office on the Board, and/or from Board membership. Removal from office and/or the Board of Directors shall be automatic whenever a Board member is absent from more than 50% of the regular meetings in any year. Vacancies created by these actions shall be filled in accordance with Article VI, Section 7 of these Bylaws. (Revised November, 2007)

## **ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

### ***Section 1. Standing Committees***

The standing committees of the Association shall consist of Membership, Competitions, Education, Publicity, Awards, Fund Raising, and Equipment Management, and Junior/ Young Rider. Special committees may be established as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. (Revised November 20, 2004)

### ***Section 2. Appointment***

All committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

### ***Section 3. Nominating Committee***

A Nominating Committee, consisting of three members, may be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting. None of the committee members can be members of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers and candidates for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

### ***Section 4. Duties of Standing Committees***

The duties of the standing Committees shall be as follows:

- A) The Membership Committee shall be responsible for the collecting of dues, issuing of membership cards, keeping an accurate membership list, and recruiting new members.
- B) The Competitions Committee shall be responsible for the organization and conduct of all competitions sponsored by the Association.
- C) The Education Committee shall be responsible for clinics and special programs.

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D) The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for seeing that all activities of the Association receive appropriate publicity and for the editing and publishing of any newsletter which may be issued by the Association.

E) The Awards Committee shall be responsible for determining which members and horses should receive year-end awards, based on rules established by the Board of Directors, and obtaining and distributing the necessary ribbons and trophies. The committee may also, at the discretion of show management, oversee or assist with ordering and preparing for distribution the ribbons and awards to be presented at NDA-sponsored shows.

F) The Fund Raising Committee shall be responsible for obtaining advertising and sponsorships for association events and publications.

G) The Equipment Management Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all equipment owned by the association is accounted for at all times, stored properly, and repaired or replaced when necessary.

(Revised November 20, 2004)

H) The Junior/Young Rider Committee shall be responsible for coordinating information and activities and facilitating communication to and with junior members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS**

### ***Section 1.***

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association and such other meetings as called by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have at least six regular meetings per year, with one of the meetings occurring in January, at which time the Board of Directors shall establish the regular meeting schedule for the rest of the year. In addition to the regular meetings, the President may call special meetings of the Board whenever, in his or her opinion, the business of the Association requires it. (Revised November, 2007)

### ***Section 2. Notification***

The membership shall be given reasonable written notice of the time and place of membership meetings.

### ***Section 3. Annual Meeting***

Annual meetings of the Association shall be held. Members shall be notified at least thirty

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days in advance of the meeting. Election of board members and appointment of officers shall take place at this meeting. (Revised November 14, 2015)

## ***Section 4. Order of Business***

The order of business for meetings of the Board of Directors and of meetings of the Association shall be:

- 1) approval of minutes,
- 2) reports of officers,
- 3) reports of committees,
- 4) unfinished business,
- 5) new business,
- 6) adjournment.

## ***Section 5. Annual Meeting Order of Business***

The order of business for the Annual Meeting shall be:

- 1) reports of officers,
- 2) unfinished business,
- 3) election of board members,
- 4) appointment of officers,
- 5) new business,
- 6) adjournment.

(Revised November 14, 2015)

## ***Section 6. Quorum & Proxies***

At a meeting of the members, a quorum shall consist of one-fourth of the number of current voting members. Members may be represented by proxies. In order to be valid, a proxy statement shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the president before or at the meeting at which the proxy is to be exercised. The proxy statement shall be signed and dated by the member designating the proxy, and it shall name the proxy. A person need not be an Association member to serve as a proxy.

## **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS**

### ***Section 1.***

The Bylaws of the Association may be amended or repealed by the members of the Association at any membership meeting. A proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be

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presented in writing to the membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the members at which it will be voted on.

## **Section 2.**

A vote of two-thirds of the voting members present or represented by proxy at a meeting shall be necessary to pass an amendment to the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE X – DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of the Association or any termination of its activities, all of its assets shall be paid over or transferred to: 1) the United States Dressage Federation, or 2) any other organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to which are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. The provisions provided in Article X hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be rescinded, altered, or amended in any manner whatsoever.

## **ARTICLE XI – NDA REPRESENTATIVE TO USDF ANNUAL MEETINGS**

NDA will send one to three representatives to the USDF Annual Meeting. For each board-approved representative, NDA will pay for either one round trip airline ticket at lowest available rate or mileage paid at the current reimbursable rate established by the IRS; whichever is lower;

One hotel room at the lowest occupancy rate;

USDF meeting registration fees for one person;

USDF Awards Banquet for one person;

A per-diem food allowance equal to the U.S. General Services Administration's Meals & Incidental Expenses (M&IE) rate for the city in which the Annual Meeting is held that year.

(Revised November 19, 2016)

# 2023 SCHOOLING SHOW CALENDAR

April 29

## **Spring Fling Schooling Show**

Lancaster Event Center – Lincoln, NE

May 13

## **Shaggy Horse Dressage Show**

Middle Cross Stables – Roca, NE

May 26

## **Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show**

Quail Run Horse Center – Elkhorn, NE

June 24

## **11th Annual Providence Farm Schooling Show**

Providence Farm – Palmyra, NE

July 8

## **Still Waters Dressage Schooling Show**

Still Waters Equestrian Academy – Hickman, NE

July 15

## **Summer Solstice Schooling Show**

S&L Stables – Bennett, NE

August 12

## **Still Waters Dressage Schooling Show**

Still Waters Equestrian Academy – Hickman, NE

September 24

## **NDA Schooling Show Championships**

Lancaster Event Center – Lincoln, NE

*To ride in the championship, riders must qualify:*

<b>Level</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>Jr/YR</b>
Intro/WD Intro	66%	61%	61%
Training/WD Basic	64%	60%	60%
First/WD Level 1	64%	60%	60%
Second/WD Level 2	62%	59%	59%

Minimum 2 qualifying scores



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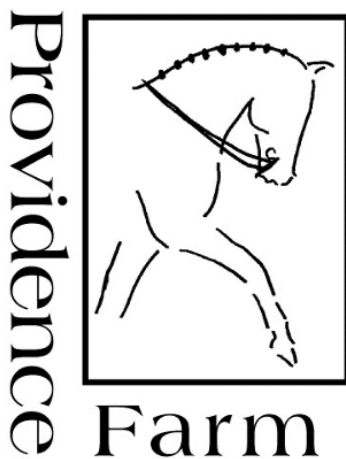
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