

Dear Members,

May 2024

As you are preparing for competitions this year, know we have made some changes to our award criteria. Language in the section under the subtitle **Scores must meet the following conditions** now reads as follows:

- FOR INTRO, BASIC AND LEVELS ONE (1), TWO (2) AND THREE (3), FIVE scores must be submitted coming from at least 3 different judges and from at least 3 different shows. One of the five scores submitted must come from the highest test of that level (Test 4)
- FOR LEVELS FOUR (4) AND FIVE (5), THREE scores must be submitted coming from at least 3 different shows and at least three different judges. One of the three scores submitted must come from the highest test of that level (Test4).

This language is found in the rules in both Virtual Year End Awards Program and Live Show Year End Awards. Please review the entire Awards document prior to sending in your scores for 2024! If you have any questions, please contact us.

The next segment in our educational series, Conversations with Ida Norris, will be held on May 14, 2024, at 7:00 EST. The topic for the May conversation is **Movements Explained Levels 2-5**. This is the last in the series of Conversations with Ida Norris. As a member you may join the Zoom presentation for free. Nonmembers can join us by going to our website [www.wdami.org](http://www.wdami.org) clicking on the subtitle Shop, click on the Ida Norris button to pay \$10 via PayPal. Hope to see you on May 14, 2024, at 7:00 EST.

We hope to fill a clinic being held September 6, 7 and 8, 2024 with clinician Donna Richardson. She will be teaching 45-minute lessons for \$150 per lesson. The clinic will be held at Sunset Oakes Farm in Howell, MI. If you wish to attend this clinic, please send a \$100 deposit by July 6, 2024 to: WDAMI, 9075 Brudy Rd, Wolverine, MI 49799. The deposit will go toward a 45-minute lesson with Donna.

The WDAMI 2024 Online Virtual Show schedule has been posted on our website [2024 WDAMI Online Shows](#). This event has been supported by western dressage riders across the country. Please work this into your plans for 2024. WDAMI has awards for Virtual Shows as well as Live Shows [Prizes / Awards \\* \(wdami.org\)](#).

In addition, we have posted an Event List for 2024 on our website, [Events \\* \(wdami.org\)](#). This list highlights the live show opportunities throughout the state.

Many thanks to those who have renewed their memberships for 2024. If you have not renewed, you can easily renew your membership with WDAMI on our website under the subtitle, [Contact / Join \\* \(wdami.org\)](#). You must also join the national organization, Western Dressage Association® of America and you can do that at their website. If you wish to send a check for your membership(s), you can send \$70(both memberships) or \$25(WDAMI membership) to: WDAMI, 9075 Brudy Rd. Wolverine, MI 49799.

Quote of the Month: "Use hands and legs sparingly and maintain balance through the seat." Nuno Oliveira

Be kind to each other and find joy and happiness in every moment.

Til next time, may you be blessed each day.

Suzanne Morisse, President