

Area II Year End Awards Rules 2023

All rules herein refer to the current year of the Area II Awards Program, and not to any previous years.

The Area II Year End Awards program is its own program and not associated with any other program or membership.

1. Eligibility

1.1. Horse and Rider must be registered as a combination. **(Exception: For Future, New, or Young Event Horse registration, the horse must have a registration number to be in the USEA database, rider/handler not required.)**

1.2. Riders must be USEA Members.

1.3. Horses must be registered in accordance with USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) regulations and must be registered with USEA (United States Eventing Association).

1.4. Juniors and Young Riders must be qualified to compete as such under the definitions set down by the USEF and the USEA.

1.5. Amateur Adults must be eligible to compete as such under the USEA rules.

1.6. All qualifying competitions must be USEA Recognized Area II Tests, Horse Trials, Three Day Events, DX/CT or other recognized Tests or competitions as described in the USEA rulebook eligible for year end scores.

1.7. Internationally recognized divisions will not count toward Area II year end awards.

2. Fees

2.1. The fee per horse and rider combination for the year is \$25.00 until August 1; the fee doubles to \$50.00 per horse and rider combination after August 1 until a date set by the Awards Coordinator in the last third of the season, prior to the closing entry date of the last two recognized USEA horse trials in the Area.

2.2. The closing date will be published in social media and on the USEA Area II website **or official publication**. No registrations will be accepted after the published deadline to prevent unfair advantage by late registrations.

2.3. A horse may be ridden over the season by multiple riders, but only one Junior OR Amateur riders' scores on the same horse at the same level will count in one year. In this case, it is the responsibility of the rider to contact the Pointkeeper and specify which rider will be eligible for year end scores.

2.4. No changes to horse or rider registration can be made once registration is completed.

2.5. Registration is not complete until **accurate information is provided**, and payment is made.

3. Scoring Calculations

3.1. Area II Year End Awards scoring classification will be calculated in the following manner:

- 3.1.1. Scores at the end of the year are averaged. The best (lowest) average is placed first, next best placed second, and so on.
- 3.1.2. The horse and rider combinations' best four (4) scores in Area II USEA recognized competitions, if available, will be counted.
- 3.1.3. If a rider does not have the minimum of four (4) competition scores in a division, they will be placed below those with four or more.
- 3.1.4. Divisions with less than six (6) completion scores among all registrants will be adjusted to less than 4 minimum scores. However, three (3) scores from an individual horse and rider combination will be a minimum for year end awards/trophy presentations.
- 3.1.5. The Awards Chairperson, with permission of the Area Council, reserves the right to modify the average number of competitions required in these rules.
- 3.1.6. A division must have four eligible registrants for year end award trophy presentations and/or other awards.
- 3.1.7. Ties will be broken first by the amount of double clear competitions recorded. Further ties remain tied and prizes duplicated, with year end trophies engraved with both names.

3.2. For a horse trial offering split divisions, points will be awarded at cross-country level ridden. (For example, N/T division – Training dressage test, Novice cross country & Training stadium jumping test – points will be awarded at Novice Level).

<p>3.3. USEA official results will be utilized for all scores.</p>
<p>3.4. Successful completion of a Classic Three-Day Event will allow a 0.5 “Boost point” per horse and rider combination in the respective registered division. This is a .5 point deducted from the final year end average score of a registrant, to lower the actual score. This is meant to reflect the added difficulty of completing a classic three day event. Only one such completion will be applied per year per horse rider combination, and it must be in the respective division. (I.e., a novice three day completion will not count toward Beginner Novice or Training division year end placings.)</p>
<p>3.5. Successful completion of confirmed volunteer hours in Area II events 4 hours or more per rider will allow one 0.5 “Boost” point per horse and rider combination (in chosen division/best placed division). Hours must be performed by rider, confirmed in Eventingvolunteers.com program online, by the last event of the Area II year/season, and can only be applied once per year per division. This is 0.5 deducted from the final year end score of a registrant to lower the actual score to reflect the service of volunteering to the sport. (For FEH, YEH or NEH, the boost will be added.)</p>
<p>3.6. To clarify, Volunteer hours are not required, but now are an incentive to riders who have registered for year end awards. Volunteer hours may also be performed for the Area (outside of a recognized event) with approval of the Awards coordinator, under direction of the Area Chair and Council, as long as they are clocked and confirmed in the program.</p>
<p>3.7. Scores count for the entire season, regardless of when an eligible horse and rider combination register during the year, provided it is before the deadline for registration noted in 1.2.</p>
<p>4. Administration</p>
<p>4.1 Scores will be posted periodically throughout the year on the official Area II website and/or publication.</p>
<p>4.2. All scoring will be final at a day designated by the Awards Chair, under direction of the Area Chair and Council, following the last USEA recognized horse trial of the Area II season.</p>
<p>4. 3. Publication of final scores will take place on the Area II website, and/or official publication through email, social media, newsletter, etc. at the discretion of the Awards chair, under direction of the Area Chair and Council.</p>
<p>4.4. Any discrepancies noticed by registrants may be brought to the Awards Chair <u>at any time throughout the year</u>, up until 10 days following the last event of the year, or 10 days following the date the USEA publishes the official results of the last event of the year.</p>
<p>4.5. No changes to final scores may be made after the 10-day corrections window closing, as designated in 4.4. Registrants may be barred from this program for excessive protesting or questioning of scores after they have been deemed final in 4.2. above.</p>
<p>4.6. <u>It is the responsibility of the rider to check published scores THROUGHOUT THE YEAR and contact Awards Chair/Pointkeeper or Awards Committee member to inform them of any discrepancy BEFORE the 10-day corrections window closes. (emphasis added)</u></p>
<p>4.7. Year End trophies and ribbons will be presented to the appropriate recipients at the end of the competition year in a manner to be approved by the Area Council.</p>
<p>4.8. If an annual meeting is held with an awards ceremony, recipients are expected to attend in-person to receive their awards.</p>
<p>4.9. Mailing costs of awards may be billed to recipients.</p>
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