

## 2025 OADG AWARDS Criteria

**To be eligible for OADG year-end awards the following criteria must be met:**

- Both the Owner and Rider must be members of the OADG as per our Membership Rules, including foreign horses.
- Must accumulate three (3) Qualifying Scores. This applies to all scored awards unless otherwise stated. These are scores achieved from:
  - At least three (3) separate shows – the highest score from each show qualifies
  - At least two (2) different show locations (except for the schooling show series where one location is allowed)
  - At least two (2) different judges
- Year-end award forms must be received by the deadline published on the website page [www.ottawadressage.ca/awards](http://www.ottawadressage.ca/awards).
- It is the competitors' responsibility to verify published scores and report any necessary changes to the Awards Director by the deadline published on the OADG website. No changes to scores will be accepted beyond the published deadlines.
- Other awards may use this same criteria for scores, they will be indicated that OADG criteria will be used.

### **OADG Score tracking – things you should know.**

- Qualifying scores for all OADG local shows are tracked by the awards committee. Only scores 50% and above will be tracked.
- Refer to the OADG Website Shows page for the list of local shows. Only scores from these shows are accepted with the following exceptions:
  - Riders competing in shows outside of the Ottawa area (external) must submit an External Score Submission Form for Silver and Gold awards, including FEI awards for FEI classes at Gold or CDI shows. Only one (1) external score is permitted.
- External Scores Notes:
  - for FEI awards for FEI classes at Gold or CDI shows, one (1) external CDI as well as one (1) local CDI score is permitted. The external CDI score must be from within Canada.
  - for the CDI Achievement Award, three (3) CDI scores are required and may be from within or outside of Canada.
  - only qualifying scores from ALL Breed shows are admissible. Thus external scores from Breed specific shows do not count.
- Riders are expected to indicate a status of JR, AA or O – on their membership forms. For Silver, Gold and FEI, and CDI Achievement Award – AA riders must be declared by Equestrian Canada and will be verified. Undeclared AA riders will be placed into the

Open category. Schooling Circuit riders will use the status declared when they joined Ontario Equestrian.

- “Add on” scores are not tracked. Qualifying scores tracked are only for those tests in which the horse and rider have actually ridden.
- Bronze shows are not tracked and are not counted towards OADG awards.
- Interim results will be posted on the OADG Website Awards page partway through the season. It is the responsibility of riders to verify their own results including spelling of their name and their horse’s name.
- Qualifying scores from one circuit (Schooling, ESD, Silver, Gold, and FEI) cannot be counted towards another circuit.
- Test of Choice scores will be considered eligible scores provided the tests being ridden are outlined in the show’s prize list. Masters’ Test of Choice scores are not eligible except for the Senior Rider Award.
- Pony Classes - The OADG will capture unweighted scores from Test of Choice classes designated for Pony Classes
- If more than one judge judges the same ride, the average of the scores will be counted as the official qualifying score.
- Only Equestrian Canada approved dressage tests are eligible for OADG Awards. The only exception is the Walk Trot tests for ESD shows. The new EC Walk Trot test OR the Cadora Walk Trot tests may be used. For Schooling Shows, Cadora dressage tests will be used.

### **OADG Awards – things you should know**

- Award winners are determined by the three (3) highest qualifying scores received by each horse/rider combination during the show season.
- For year-end awards where there is only one competitor, a minimum average of 60% must be achieved to win Champion, if not, Reserve is awarded. This does not apply to the Schooling Series Awards.
- For Horse/Rider combinations competing in multiple circuits at the same or different levels: Qualifying riders will be placed according to the following criteria:
  - The highest level circuit (Gold followed by Silver, ESD and then Schooling) will be placed first.
  - For the second circuit placed in, lower circuit:
    - If the levels are the same or higher, (eg Gold circuit 2nd level and Silver circuit 3rd level), the placings will be as ridden.
    - If the levels are lower (eg Gold circuit 2nd level and ESD circuit 1st level), the placing will be after all other eligible Horse/Rider combinations are placed.
    - This does not apply to the Schooling circuit where Horse/Rider combinations competing there will always be placed above any other Horse/Rider combination from a higher circuit and at any level.
    - Consecutive levels (eg First and Second Level) are permitted within the same circuit (e.g. Silver circuit) and will be placed as ridden.

## **OADG – Awards Available – Automatically calculated by Awards Committee**

The Awards are as shown below. Please also refer to the specific eligible classes and categories for your show circuit at the end of this document. These awards are automatically calculated by the Awards Committee. No application is required.

Schooling Circuit Awards: Medallions for Champion, Reserve and Third Place

ESD, Silver, Gold Circuit Awards. Includes FEI Awards for FEI classes at Gold or CDI shows:

- Champion: Trophy & Stall Plaque
- Reserve: Stall Plaque
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Medallion

Merit Medallions: Three scores of 65% or higher in a level, as per OADG criteria. Awarded in ESD, Silver, and Gold and FEI show circuits to JR, AA and O competitors. (Technical classes only – not Freestyle, Equitation or 4/5/6 Year Old Classes)

OADG Year-end “Top 3” Special Cash Award to the competitor achieving the highest three qualifying technical scores (does not include Equitation, Freestyle or 4/5/6 Year Old Classes) in their respective circuits, as per OADG criteria.

- a. ESD JR, AA and O
- b. Silver JR, AA and O
- c. Gold JR, AA, O
- d. FEI AA, O
- e. FEI - One of the following FEI classes combined:  
JR, FEI Pony, FEI Children, YR and U25.
- f. Note: where a competitor is 19 years or older, they may be eligible for either FEI AA or O award in section d), or these combined classes in section e), but not both. In such a case, the higher Top 3 score determines their award.
- g. Where there is only one eligible competitor, a minimum average of 60% must be achieved to win this special award.

## **OADG – Year-end Awards for Members Available By Application**

### **CDI Competition Level – “CDI Achievement Award”**

Champion, Reserve and Third place is awarded to the best qualifying scores in the following groupings of FEI tests. All groupings compete for the single award. A CDI Achievement Award Form must be submitted by the deadline posted on the OADG website. (Excludes Freestyle and Young Horse classes):

FEI Children, FEI Pony, FEI JR, FEI YR, FEI U25, Small Tour (PSG & I1), Medium Tour (IA & IB), Big Tour (I2, GP & GPS).

## Team Challenge

One Team Award is offered in each of the following show circuits – ESD, Silver, and Gold and FEI.

### The Team

- The Team must declare which circuit they are competing in.
- A Team may only participate in one of the above show circuits.
- Team Declaration/Submission must be made by **May 31<sup>st</sup>** to the Awards Director. Scores from April and May will be accepted.
- Submission of the Team Declaration can be made after May 31<sup>st</sup> but after the due date only scores from competitions after the submission will be accepted.
- Scores must be submitted to Awards Director for year end awards by the due date published on the website.

### Team Members

- A Team shall be made up of three (3) or four (4) “Team Members”.
- A “Team Member” is defined as a rider/horse combination.
- A rider/horse combination can only participate on one Team.
- The horse with a different rider, or the rider with a different horse, can compete on a different Team.
- When submitting final scores, only the top scores from three (3) “Team Members” will be allowed.
- A horse on a Team may be ridden by a second rider on the same Team but not by all three (3) riders.
- A rider cannot ride more than one horse on the same Team.
- Therefore, the Team can consist of four (4) separate riders & three (3) separate horses or four (4) separate riders & four (4) separate horses.
- Each Team member at ESD, Silver, or Gold and FEI must have three (3) qualifying scores of 50% or higher from 3 different shows, two locations and two different judges, as per OADG awards criteria.

Riders can be a mix of JR, AA or O (except for ESD teams where only JR and AA riders are eligible).

Riders who have results from different levels within the same circuit must advise the Awards Director which qualifying scores they wish to have applied to the team challenge when scores are submitted by the due date published on the OADG website.

### Exclusions:

- *Freestyles and Equitation on all circuits.*
- *Young Horse classes (FEI 4, 5, 6 Year Old) are excluded from the Gold circuit.*

## **Horse Owner of the Year Award**

Do you wish to recognize the owner of the horse that you are competing on? This award is to nominate a unique and supportive horse owner – who through their ownership of the horse, has demonstrated a commitment to the sport of Dressage and furthering another equestrian's skills, without any benefit to themselves.

- Submission of Horse Owner of the Year Award form and short essay is required.
- Decision is by voting of the OADG Board.

## **Volunteer of the Year Award**

Do you wish to recognize someone for their volunteer efforts? OADG members may nominate an OADG member who is an outstanding volunteer in the OADG community.

- Submission of Volunteer of the Year Award form is required.
- Provide a short paragraph on why the nominee deserves the award.
- Both nominator and nominee must be OADG members.
- Decision is by voting of the OADG Board.

## **Senior Rider of the Year Award**

Are you a senior rider 60 years of age or older? Then this award is for you!

- Sum of three (3) top qualifying scores by an AA or Open rider/horse team where the rider is 60 years or older.
- Scores must from the same circuit and follow the OADG awards criteria.
- Masters' Test of Choice scores are permitted.
- Submission of Senior Rider of the Year Award form is required.

## **Young Horse Award**

Will you be competing with a horse six (6) years of age or younger? We offer one Champion award and qualifying scores can be from any level within the same circuit – ESD, Silver and Gold.

- A horse six (6) years of age or under is considered a young horse.
- A young horse may have different riders.
- Scores must from the same circuit and follow the OADG awards criteria.
- Excludes Freestyles and Young Horse classes (FEI 4, 5, 6 Year Old).
- Submission of the Young Horse Award form is required.

## **Madison Crich Memorial Adult Amateur Award**

Madison Crich Memorial Adult Amateur Award was created to honour the memory of a local and well respected young adult who passed away in early 2015. Madison had many friends

and admirers in the dressage community and is remembered for her love of the sport and wonderful horsemanship.

This award is given to a current AA member of the OADG to be nominated by an OADG member and voted on by the OADG Board.

- This person demonstrates positive horsemanship, good sportsmanship and overall love of the horse and the sport. This person strives to make the dressage community a more positive place.
- Submission of a Madison Crich Memorial Adult Amateur Award form and a short essay are required.

### **Para-Equestrian Rider of the Year Award**

Are you a declared Equestrian Canada para equestrian member? If so, you can be awarded the Para-Equestrian Rider of the Year award.

- Submit the sum of three (3) top scores of 50% and above, as per OADG awards criteria.
- Para Test scores are to be submitted. However, non-para test scores will count where Para Tests are not offered at a show.
- Scores are to be from the same circuit.
- Excludes Freestyles and Young Horse (FEI 4, 5, 6 Year Old).
- Submission of the Para-Equestrian Award form is required.

### **PeeWee Award**

If you are going to turn 12 years old this year, or are younger, you qualify for the PeeWee Award. A rider is considered a PeeWee until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 12 years of age.

- Only applies to riders competing in the ESD and Schooling Show Circuits.
- Submit the sum of top three (3) qualifying scores of 50% or above, as per OADG awards criteria.
- Submission of the PeeWee Award form is required.

### **OADG Special Year End Award**

This one award needs no application and is not always granted. By discretion of the OADG Board of Directors an outstanding or noteworthy achievement is recognized at the Annual Banquet.

## Schooling Series Awards

Award	Level	Category
OADG Medallion	W/T Rider	JR
	W/T Rider	AA
	Equitation W/T	JR
	Equitation W/T	AA
	Equitation WTC	JR
	Equitation WTC	AA
	Training	JR
	Training	AA
PeeWee plaque	All levels combined	PeeWee (12 yrs & under)

## ESD (Equestrian Skills Development) Series Awards

Award	Level	Category
OADG	W/T Horse	JR/AA/O
	W/T Rider	JR/AA
	Equitation W/T	All categories combined
	Equitation WTC	All categories combined
	Training	JR/AA/O
	First	JR/AA/O
	Musical Combination	All
PeeWee	All levels combined	PeeWee (12 yrs & under)
Young Horse (6 years & under)	All levels combined (excludes Freestyles)	All categories combined
Team Challenge	All levels combined (excludes Freestyles)	All categories combined
Merit	W/T Horse	JR/AA/O
	W/T Rider	JR/AA/O
	Training	JR/AA/O
	First	JR/AA/O

## Silver Series Awards

- Qualifying scores from the Eastern Silver Championships may be used.
- Qualifying scores from the Western Silver Championship may be used but must be reported as an external score.
- FEI Freestyles will be included in the Silver Freestyle Awards at the equivalent EC Level.

Award	Level	Category
OADG	Introductory	JR/AA/O
	Training	JR/AA/O
	First	JR/AA/O
	Second	JR/AA/O
	Third	JR/AA/O
	Fourth	JR/AA/O
	FEI Children, JR Pony & Young Rider	JR & Young Rider
	FEI Prix St George	AA & O combined
	Training Freestyle	All categories combined
	First Freestyle	All categories combined
	Second Freestyle (incl. FEI Pony & Children Freestyle)	All categories combined
	Third Freestyle (incl. FEI JR Freestyle)	All categories combined
	Fourth Freestyle (incl. FEI YR Freestyle)	All categories combined
Eastern Ontario Silver Freestyle Championship	Two technical classes plus freestyle class	All categories combined.
Young Horse (6 years & under)	All levels combined (excludes Freestyles)	All categories combined
Team Challenge	All levels combined (excludes Freestyles)	All categories combined
Merit	Introductory	JR/AA/O
	Training	JR/AA/O
	First	JR/AA/O
	Second	JR/AA/O
	Third	JR/AA/O
	Fourth	JR/AA/O



## Gold Series Awards

Award	Level	Category
OADG	Introductory	JR/AA/O
	Training	JR/AA/O
	First	JR/AA/O
	Second	JR/AA/O
	Third	JR/AA/O
	Fourth	JR/AA/O
	First Freestyle	All categories combined
	Second Freestyle	All categories combined
	Third Freestyle	All categories combined
	Fourth Freestyle	All categories combined
Young Horse (6 years & under)	All levels combined (excludes Freestyles)	All categories combined
Team Challenge	All levels combined (excludes Freestyles, FEI 4, 5, 6 Young Horse classes)	All categories combined
Merit	Introductory	JR/AA/O
	Training	JR/AA/O
	First	JR/AA/O
	Second	JR/AA/O
	Third	JR/AA/O
	Fourth	JR/AA/O

## OADG FEI Awards for FEI classes at Gold or CDI shows

Award	Level	Category
OADG	FEI Pony Individual & Team	JR
	FEI Pony Freestyle	JR
	FEI Children Individual & Team	JR
	FEI Junior Individual & Team	JR
	FEI Junior Freestyle	JR
	FEI Young Riders Individual & Team	Young Rider
	FEI Young Rider Freestyle	Young Rider
	Prix St. George (JR)	JR
	Prix St. George (AA)	AA
	Prix St. George (O)	O
	Intermediate I	All categories combined
	Intermediate A, B	All categories combined
	Intermediate II	All categories combined
	Advanced Freestyle Intermediate	All categories combined
	Grand Prix & Grand Prix Special U25	U25
	Grand Prix & Grand Prix Special	All categories combined
	Grand Prix Freestyle	All categories combined
	FEI 4 Year Old	All categories combined
	FEI 5 Year Old	All categories combined
	FEI 6 Year Old	All categories combined
Merit	All Levels noted above except freestyle and FEI 4/5/6 Year Old classes.	JR/AA/O/YR/U25

## OADG CDI Achievement Award

- Three (3) qualifying scores from three (3) shows within or outside of Canada at two (2) different locations.

Award	Level	Category
OADG	<p>One Award. Competitors apply in their respective levels below: FEI Children, FEI Pony, FEI JR, FEI YR, FEI U25, Small Tour (PSG &amp; I1), Medium Tour (IA &amp; IB), Big Tour (I2, GP &amp; GPS).</p> <p>All Levels noted above except freestyle and FEI 4/5/6 Year Old classes.</p>	As applicable for the Level applied. Note: award submission form required.