 **OTTAWA AREA DRESSAGE GROUP**

 **MEMBERSHIP RULES**

 OADG is a local group affiliated with both CADORA Ontario & Cadora National.

**ELIGIBILITY AND DEADLINES**

* All memberships run from January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year.
* The OADG membership deadline is April 1st, to retain voting privileges and for January-March scores to be included towards year-end awards
* After April 1st, membership will be accepted but show scores will only be included towards year-end awards from the date of joining.
* Rider and at least one owner of the horse must be members to be eligible for year-end awards
* All OADG members participating in OADG shows and clinics must be members of the Ontario Equestrian (OE) or equivalent PTSO e.g. Cheval Quebec for insurance purposes. It is recommended that clinic organizers ask for participant OE or PTSO number.
* Memberships must be renewed with CADORA National no later than July 1st, to qualify for their awards. You may use our OADG form to join CADORA National along with your OADG application. Note: Cadora National does not include Cadora Ontario. Each must be joined separately. You may join CADORA Ontario on the OE website.

**RECEIPT OF MEMBERSHIP**

* Membership is valid as of the date the completed **form** and **fee** are both received by the OADG membership director.
* Please do not send to the OADG membership director any Ontario Equestrian (OE), Equine Canada (EC) or Dressage Canada (DC) memberships. These should be sent directly to the respective OE or EC membership offices.
* For more information about memberships, please visit the OADG Website at [Renew Membership | Ottawa Area Dressage Group (ottawadressage.ca)](https://ottawadressage.ca/renew/)

**HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM:**

**In person to any OADG Director before April 1.**

**Mail to arrive by APRIL 1ST to address on membership form**

Make cheque payable to: Ottawa Area Dressage Group (or OADG)

No post-dated cheques will be accepted. Mailing address is on the Membership Form.

**Email by APRIL 1ST**

Email the form to membership@ottawadressage.ca accompanied by an e-transfer to the same email address. Please state your full name(s) in the description box of the money e-transfer and use the secret question answer “OADGmembership”.

**On Line Application**

In lieu of emailing the form, you may complete the online form at <https://ottawadressage.ca/memform/>

followed by an e-transfer emailed to membership@ottawadressage.ca. Please state your full name(s) in the description box of the money e-transfer and use the secret question answer “OADGmembership”.

**MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES**

A membership in any level of OADG, CADORA Ontario or CADORA National is not mandatory for a rider or horse to compete in dressage competitions. However, it is necessary for both the rider and at least one owner of the horse (if different) to be members in order to be eligible for any year-end awards or competition grants sponsored by the OADG, CADORA Ontario or CADORA National. A OADG horse owner may register as a “Non

Competitor”, if not already registering as a rider. See the Membership Chart at <https://ottawadressage.ca/type/>

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

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| LOCAL – OADG Ottawa Area Dressage Group  | * Eligible for local OADG year-end awards for FEI, Gold, Silver, ESD, Schooling (non- Permit) competitions.
* Local OADG shows are designated ‘Y’ in the Local column at <https://ottawadressage.ca/localshows/>
* See <https://ottawadressage.ca/awards/> for awards criteria
* OADG Local group newsletter, group sponsored activities
* Eligible to ride in OADG sponsored clinics
* Eligible to vote in local OADG group elections at AGM, and stand for director positions
* Affiliated with Cadora Ontario
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| Ontario Equestrian | * Automatic Insurance Coverage
* Additional optional insurance coverage
* Support and join programs such as the Ontario Young Riders teams, GRIT (Great Rider Intensive Training), physical and cognitive therapeutic riding programs, community outreach programs for both horses and riders, and much more!
* Participate in educational clinics, events and workshops offered exclusively to OE members
* Receive the official OE member newsletter
* Receive member only benefits, special discounts and exclusive offers
* All OADG members participating in OADG shows and clinics must be members of OE (or equivalent PTSO) for insurance purposes. It is recommended that clinic organizers ask for participant OE/PTSO number.
* See website for more information: [Membership - Ontario Equestrian](https://ontarioequestrian.ca/membership/)
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| CADORA-ON Cadora Ontario Association Inc. | * Eligible for Cadora Ontario, Silver, Bronze awards
* Rider and at least one owner of the horse must be members by July 1st to be eligible for year-end awards.
* CADORA Ontario newsletters
* Vote in CADORA-ON elections and stand for director positions
* Access to CADORA Ontario scholarship programs
* Quebec residents competing on the Ontario Silver circuit must join [CADORA-ON](http://ontario.cadora.ca/dressage-membership/) to be eligible for year-end CADORA Ontario Silver awards.
* Join [CADORA-ON](http://ontario.cadora.ca/dressage-membership/). OADG no longer collects CADORA-ON memberships.
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| NATIONAL -Cadora National Inc. | * Rider and at least one owner of the horse must be members by July 1st to be eligible for year-end awards.
* One CADORA Omnibus
* CADORA National quarterly newsletters
* Purchase CADORA National supplies
* Eligible for CADORA National FEI, Gold awards
* Vote in CADORA National elections at AGM and stand for Director(if renewed by July 1st )
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