 **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 Ontario and CADORA National no later than July 1st, to qualify for their awards. You may use our OADG form to join these organizations along with your OADG application. Note: Cadora National does not include Cadora Ontario. Each must be joined separately.

**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 the OADG membership director Ontario Equestrian (OE) memberships or Equine Canada (EC) memberships 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](https://ottawadressage.ca/renew/). (<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**

Send form to membership@ottawadressage.ca accompanied by an e-transfer to the same email

Please state your full name(s) in the description box of the money transfer

When e-mailing your form, please include the question and answer that you will use for the e-transfer

**On Line Application**

You may apply using the online [Membership Form](https://ottawadressage.ca/memform/) (<https://ottawadressage.ca/memform/>).

Renew Membership | Ottawa Area Dressage Group (ottawadressage.ca)

Must be accompanied by an e-transfer.

**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.

**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 in the Local column at [Ottawa Local](https://ottawadressage.ca/localshows/) (<https://ottawadressage.ca/localshows/>).
* See [Awards](https://ottawadressage.ca/awards/) (<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
* Affiliated with Cadora Ontario
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| Ontario Equestrian\* | * Automatic Insurance Coverage
* Optional Insurance Coverage
* To 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!
* To participate in educational clinics, events and workshops offered exclusively to members
* To receive the official OE member newsletter
* To 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](https://ontarioequestrian.ca/membership/) (<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
* Access to CADORA Ontario scholarship programs
* Quebec residents competing on the Ontario Silver circuit must join CADORA Ontario to be eligible for year-end CADORA Ontario Silver awards.
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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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Please see <https://ottawadressage.ca/type/#chart> for Show Levels and Membership Requirements.