



Ottawa Area Dressage Group

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Newsletter



OADG is a chapter of CADORA Inc. OADG is a Dressage Canada affiliated riding club.

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From the Board – January 2012

NEWSLETTERS are going PAPERLESS for EVERYONE

Upon your 2012 membership renewal, the only option to receive a newsletter is by email (or none).

In addition to the regular newsletter you will also be getting the regular **all important newsbriefs** that are sent out between newsletters. Newsbriefs are VERY SHORT, and contain things such as updated dates for shows and clinics, and reminders for deadlines for clinics, awards, shows...

RENEW BY MAY 31st 2012 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL OADG YEAR-END AWARDS:

New for 2012 is your OADG Membership must be renewed by May 31st in order to be eligible for year end OADG awards: The OADG has aligned with the CADORA Inc and CADORA Ontario awards program deadlines. This requires that people join by May 31st (new or renewal) to be eligible for year-end awards. All scores up to and including May 31st are eligible for year-end awards even if you were NOT yet a member. That means you don't have to panic at that horse show in May thinking darn I cannot use these scores because I'm not a member. You can join up until May 31st and still use scores from through-out May for year-end awards.

If you do **NOT** join by May 31st you will **not** be eligible for any OADG, CADORA Ontario or CADORA National year-end awards.

You receive one free CADORA Inc. Omnibus if you take out a full CADORA National membership (Senior or Junior). See the membership form attached to this newsletter for full membership information. The earlier you get your membership in, the more likely you are to receive the first mailing of the Omnibus.

Note: CADORA National Memberships must be received by March 21st to ensure inclusion in the spring mailing of the 2012 Omnibus. After March 21st processing and mailing of membership information will be less frequent due to the limited number of memberships received and limited time available for the volunteers to process those memberships.

Electronic Payment Options: The OADG is looking into the possibility of electronic payment options in 2013 for things such as membership renewals, clinic payments, banquet ticket payments. The OADG needs to know how many people would use this option before we start looking at the logistics and costs of implementing such an option. Please respond to Cathy Gordon webmaster@ottawadressage.ca if you would (or would not) be interested in this type of payment method. If we don't get enough responses we will not pursue this avenue.

2011 OADG Award Winners: Congratulations to all the award winners! There were 149 trophies, stall plaques, medallions, and cash awards given out at the OADG Awards Banquet for various Schooling, Silver, Gold, FEI, and Young Horse categories. In addition, there were special awards for Volunteer of the Year (Caroline Anderson), Horse Owner of the Year (Joan Bryant), and OADG Senior Award (Catherine Maguire), and the Dr. Brian Mills Top Junior Gold/FEI Award (Kerry Houlahan). The full list of winners is available on the OADG website on the awards page: www.ottawadressage.ca.

2011 AGM and Party: The OADG Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, November 27th 2011 at the home of Basia Anders. The executive summary and minutes from this meeting will be available on the OADG website.

Resolutions passed at the 2011 AGM:

- Newsletters will be paperless in 2012
- Membership deadline is May 31st of each calendar year.

2011 – A Year In Review:

2011 saw a continued increase in participation at local area horse shows. Many shows were full well before the closing dates, and many had very long days. For 2012 there are more shows to choose from, and this will hopefully help with overcrowding as people won't HAVE to go to ALL the shows to get enough scores for awards. The Ottawa area is very fortunate to have overwhelming sponsorship support for our shows. The sponsors are very important to the shows as they provide that extra prize at the end of the day that is just a little bit of icing on the cake after a hard day at the horse show. Thank-you to all the show organizers from 2011 for doing a super job with the various horse shows. We are looking forward to a very prosperous 2012 show season.

The OADG had about 240 members in total by year-end, and hosted several events throughout the year. We were once again fortunate to have a full slate of directors which helps tremendously in the organization and running of events.

Our major accomplishments for 2011 included:

- Educate-Your-Eye clinic in the Spring. So many people learned so many things. It was amazing.
- Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division was hosted by Rainbow Ridge Ranch. This was an outstanding show, receiving praise from CADORA Ontario President Don Barnes who attended in person (as a spectator).
- OADG Awards Banquet held at the Irish Hills Golf and Country Club with Guest Speaker Bob Hensellwood. Wow, now we know all about Bob and Juniper Farms.
- OADG AGM and Party.
- New merchandise with our Logo ordered. Watch for these items as prizes at local OEF Schooling shows in 2012.

One director, Basia Anders (Awards Director), will not be continuing as an OADG director in 2012. Basia has done an amazing job cleaning up our awards program over the years. She will be missed, but is not far away. Pierre Paquette will be taking over the awards position for 2012.

The OADG is pleased to announce a new director position: **Youth Director**. This position was created to help our youth riders figure out what they need to get in the ring (passports, memberships, what shows to go to, what to wear....) and to offer general help and support to our youth riders. Youth riders include anyone up to age 21. Our first director to hold this position is Oswaldo Lazzuri. See more information in this newsletter. Don't be shy, Oswaldo is eager to help you.

There has also been a late change to Membership Director. Anne Galt is stepping down as membership director as of January 29th Joanne Doyle will be taking over membership duties for the remainder of 2012.

Please see the director list on the first page for the full slate of OADG directors for 2012.

Still Needed: The OADG is still in need of 2 additional directors, communications and show co-ordination. If you would be interested in either of these positions please contact Kiki Baggerman-Webster meetingmanager@ottawadressage.ca

Communications Director: This person will be responsible for sending out the newsbriefs to the OADG members with timely information about clinics, awards, forms, rules.... Newsbriefs are sent as often as needed but in general they average about one a month. This person is also responsible for gathering material for the full newsletter which is currently published 5 times a year.

Show Co-ordination Director: This person would be responsible for working with the local show managers around the various activities that relate to the interaction between the OADG and the show managers. This person would also interact with Dressage Canada regarding rules and regulations related to Dressage Shows. Specific duties would include: Show Scheduling, OVHSD ad creation, sending out sponsorship letters (if required), distribution of OADG donated prizes to shows, rule reminders to show organizers and competitors, work with Dressage Canada to improve shows and rules governing shows.

OADG Presents May 19, 20, 2012
Defining the Movements with Anne Gribbons FEI Five Star Judge!
At: Benhaven Stable, 1954 9th Line, Beckwith (near Carleton Place) ON

The OADG is very fortunate to have retained Anne Gribbons for our spring clinic for 2012. Anne Gribbons is an FEI Five Star Judge, USEF Senior Dressage and Sport Horse Breed Judge. Anne has successfully competed at the Pan American Games. Also she has coached a number of riders up to FEI levels. Anne is intensely involved with working with the elite USA dressage riders to promote their progress towards the London Olympics. In addition to holding meetings, helping with warm-ups at CDI competitions all over the USA, Anne is conducting Elite Athlete clinics together with Steffen Peters on the East and West coast in preparation for the U.S. Olympic Trials in June, 2012. Read more about Anne Gribbons at her farm website. <http://www.knolldressage.com/trainers.html>

Anne will be working with 8 riders each day on individual movements in tests from the level they are showing at in 2012. More information on Rider and Auditor forms will be on the OADG website by March 1st, 2012. Stay tuned, it is going to be a great clinic. If you have already renewed your membership (and provided an email address) you'll receive an email when the forms are ready.

OADG Website: Don't forget to visit the OADG website www.ottawadressage.ca provided and maintained by Kicking Horse Media <http://kickinghorsemedia.ca/> Of note is the show list page. You can use the check boxes above the show list to select only the circuits you want to see (such as All Silver shows). The list will automatically update and display only the Silver shows. Way Cool!!! Don't forget to check the classified pages as well.

Dressage Canada Update: Don't forget to check out the new/updated rules for 2012. Later in this newsletter is an article highlighting some of the rule changes. Take a look and make sure you are aware of changes that may impact you! The rules are available on-line at the Equine Canada web site: <http://www.equinecanada.ca/index.php?lang=en-GB>. Note that rules CAN and DO change throughout the show season, so check often for updates!

Get Involved! The OADG makes several decisions regarding local awards, shows, clinics at its regular member meetings that affect you. If we do not hear your point of view we make the best decisions we can with the people at hand. If you have an opinion on something please let us know so we can properly discuss it. It is too late at the end of the season to realize that you did not meet the criteria for something that was changed in early March! The most important meetings are the January and March meetings as decisions made at these meetings affect the running of the club for the remainder of the year.

The OADG also provides input to CADORA Ontario and CADORA Inc. If you have something you feel strongly about that you want us to bring to the attention of one of these organizations please contact Pierre Paquette and we'll do our best to convey your opinion.

Get involved and stay informed. The regular member meetings are open to all, why not drop in and see what's up!

Shows 2012: The OEF permit schooling shows will continue to be run in the Ottawa area, but the OEF has a new "official" name for them. The official term is ESD – Equestrian Skills Development. On the show schedule these shows still appear as OEF Schooling since everyone knows what that means. Show organizers still require a permit from the OEF to run these shows, and participants require an OEF membership (both owner and rider) to attend these shows.

Rainbow Ridge Ranch will be hosting the Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division show on September 9th 2012 in conjunction with the OADG.

The full show schedule is posted on the OADG website. www.ottawadressage.ca This schedule includes some shows outside the Ottawa area, and also non-permit schooling shows. If you want to add a show to the schedule please contact our webmaster to have the information posted. webmaster@ottawadressage.ca

2012 OADG MEETING DATES:

(meetings will be held at director's homes through-out 2012, check the OADG website for maps/directions)

Date	Time	Location	Address
Sunday March 18 (snowdate 25)	3:00 pm	Kiki Baggerman-Webster	73 Teevens Drive, Nepean (Check OADG website for date change due to weather)
Sunday April 29	3:00 pm	Dewmont Farm (Heather Snipper)	228 Lowe Road, Ashton
Friday June 1	7:00 pm	Pierre Paquette	1545 9 th Line Road, Metcalfe
Friday September 14	6:30 pm	Laura-Lee Brenneman	1195 Albany Drive, Ottawa
Sunday November 4	3:00 pm	Cathy Gordon	819 Drummond Rd, Carleton Place

OADG Investing in the Future of Dressage

In the year of 2011 OADG had 35 junior riders joining. In order to increase this number further and to improve the quality and visibility of our junior riders OADG will be starting a Youth Development Program in 2012. The program will help juniors and their parents understand the levels of dressage offered to them and the necessary competition requirements. The main goal is to increase OADG representation in youth competitions.

OADG Youth Development Director, international rider, and trainer Oswaldo Lazzuri is excited to lead this project and educate our riders 21 years old and younger about the different types of dressage competitions.

In 2012 OADG will organize seminars around the Ottawa area introducing international dressage classes (FEI Pony, FEI Children, FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider) as a possibility for those currently competing and those who would like to get started. The area has great potential and the OADG believes that with effort and time the OADG can put the Ottawa area in the international under 21 competition scene.

If you are a Junior Rider (or the Parent of a Junior Rider) please feel free to contact Oswaldo with any questions you have about Junior Dressage Competitions. Oswaldo will be happy to answer all your questions. If you would like a short seminar presentation at your farm that is also available upon request. Please contact Oswaldo to setup the details.

For more information about the program or to arrange a seminar please contact our youth direct: youth@ottawadressage.ca

News from CADORA ONTARIO:

Another Stephen Clarke clinic will be on May 12 and 13, 2012 in conjunction with the 2012 CADORA Ontario AGM meeting. The clinic will take place at Black's Equine Centre, 6095, Dickenson Rd., Hannon (Hamilton) ON. The emphasis of the clinic will be on "Building a better dressage horse". More information, including all necessary forms will be posted in the coming CADORA Ontario newsletter and on the CADORA Ontario website. It is a two day clinic.

The next Annual General Meeting of CADORA Ontario will be held on May 13th at lunchtime, at the Bay Gardens Funeral Home, 2011 Rymal Road East, in Hamilton, ON. All members of CADORA Ontario are most welcome to attend and in the event that you cannot make it, the OADG CADORA rep, Pierre Paquette will attend and bring back any awards that OADG members won in 2011. There will be a hot/cold buffet following the meeting at a cost of \$20.00 per person.

Finally, the CADORA Ontario Board has confirmed that the Silver Championship for 2012 will be held at Rainbow Ridge Ranch in the East, on Sunday, September 9th, and at Blue Star Farm in the West, on Sunday September 22nd. The 2 judges have been confirmed and will be Birgit Valkenborg and Joanne White.

Market Place

Non-commercial plus small commercial Classified Ads are run free of charge for all OADG members. For members, ads are run in the current issue only. Members must request the ad be re-run if required. For non-members, the rate is \$10.00 per issue. For both members and non-members, Business Cards are charged \$10.00 per issue, full or ½ page business ads are charged \$50 per issue.

Seems most people have moved to the website with their ads. Have a look, there are lots of things posted there.

Don't forget to check out the classified section on the OADG website: <http://www.ottawadressage.ca> Ads posted on the website are free of charge for both members and non-members. Send ads for posting to the webmaster webmaster@ottawadressage.ca

Next newsletter Late March 2012

OADG merchandise is listed on the Website, check it out!!

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2011 Banquet Sponsors List

(Go to – www.ottawadressage.ca and take a look at our new drop down menu for SPONSORS.

Click on the buttons to view the full list of our sponsors with their contact information and direct links to their websites.

You really should check out their websites to see what our sponsors can offer you, you'll be surprised!)

Anderson Links Golf & Country Club
Almonte Veterinary Services, 613-256-3443
Apple Saddlery, 613-744-4040
Circle J Ranch, Metcalfe, 613-821-2437
Continental Mushroom Farm, Metcalfe, 613-821-1411
The Cooperators Group Limited, 1-877-795-7272
Clarmell Farms Bakery, Manotick, 613-826-2959
Cloverdale Links Golf Course, Winchester, 613-774-0076
Deloitte & Touche, Financial Advisory Services Team
Ecogold HT, Montreal
Sandra Goldberg and John Jussup
Hawley's Corners Gift Shop, Metcalfe
Heroncrest Stables, Smith Falls, 613-283-8084
Emerald Links Golf & Country Club, Manotick Station, 613-822-6353
Friends of the Park (NNEP), Nepean, 613-271-9860
Greenhawk Harness & Equestrian Supplies, Nepean, 613-225-9900
Horse World Inc., Stittsville, 613-836-1845
Kate's Kreations, Oxford Mills, 613-258-1811.
Kicking Horse Media, Web Design, 613-257-5145
Dorothea Larsen, Custom Nameplates
Leitrim Home Hardware, Hwy 31, 613-822-0760
Manely Horses, Carleton Place, 613-257-5550
Maple Lane Equestrian Trailers, Smith Falls, 1-866-235-3401
Mrs. McGarrigle's Fine Food Shop, Merrickville
Peggy McQuaid, Stittsville
Metcalfe Golf & Country Club, Metcalfe, 613-821-2701
Dr. Carole Michon Veterinary Services, Casselman, 613-764-1444
Dan Morris, Prudential Town Centre Realty Inc., 613-821-7730
Steve Morris, Certified Journeyman Farrier, Oxford Mills, 613-258-4417
Northern Equestrian Centre, Osgoode, 613-229-5547
Oasis Energy Therapy & Freedom Essentials, 613-316-3847
Cheryl Ogilvie, PixYourThis!, Merrickville, 613-269-4484
Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Guelph, 1-800-668-3276
The Old Co-Op, North Gower, 613-489-7333
Ottawa Area Dressage Group (OADG)
Susan and Terry Otto, Metcalfe
Phill Potter Photography, Greely, 613-821-2252
Rainbow Ridge Ranch, S. Curtis & L.Maltby, Greely, 613-821-2939
Rowland Leather, Kemptville and Merrickville
RBC Royal Bank, Metcalfe Branch, Mike Soloski, 613-821-2021
Red Dot Café, Market Square, Osgoode, 613-826-0552
Rooney Feeds Ltd., Kemptville, 613-258-1567
Schleese Saddlery Service Ltd.
SkyLine Farm, Dunrobin, On., 613-832-8071
Spiritwood Farm, Joanna MacDonald, North Gower, 613-489-3262
Stittsville Trailer and Auto Sales, Stittsville
Vision Saddlery, Bells Corners, 613-828-8787
Valley Vet Clinic, Dr. Helen Douglas, Carleton Place, 613-257-3202
Wicksteed Tack Shop, Carleton Place, 613-257-0045

2012 EQUINE CANADA RULEBOOK for DRESSAGE

I cannot emphasize enough that you really must check out the rule book. There have been so many changes/clarifications that it has not been possible to provide all of them here. This only gives you an inkling of the changes, the rule book is the authoritative location to find all the details.

Chapter 1 Articles are identical to the FEI Articles and strict adherence to these directives will ensure proper training and progression into the FEI class levels.

Chapters 2-18 are for all EC Bronze, Silver and Gold competitions with some exceptions. Any rider showing in a FEI class must ensure they abide by the rules governing that particular class of competition. FEI rules apply for all CDI competitions.

The changes in Chapter 1 are an expansion/clarification of various descriptions of the paces, movements and figures. The tiny few excerpts mentioned here are not a complete rendering of the various articles or the changes contained therein. ... "acceptance of the bit with submissiveness and throughness without any tension or resistance... accepting the bridle with a light and consistent soft submissive contact" "The quality of the paces before and after the halt is an integral part of the assessment." The walk ... "is a marching pace in a regular well-marked four times beat with equal intervals between each beat." Under the extended walk -- "The nose must be clearly in front of the vertical." For free walk -- "The degree of ground cover and length of strides, with hind feet stepping clearly in front of the footprints of the front feet are essential to the quality of the free walk." "The canter is a pace in three beat rhythm with six phases." Under collected canter ... "demonstrating self carriage and an uphill tendency..." Under flying change of leg -- "The aids should be precise and unobtrusive." Reinback -- "The steps are counted as each foreleg moves back." The half halts ... "barely perceptible"

In Travers, Renvers and Half-pass "...show fluent collected trot movement ... front and hind legs crossing and balance and cadence are maintained". The Pirouette, the Half Pirouette -- Are executed out of collected paces. The inside hind leg describes a circle as small as possible and during the movement the activity should be maintained. And Turn on the Haunches is executed in medium walk. It can be executed on a larger radius (approx. ½ m) than the pirouette in walk, but the demands of the training scale concerning rhythm, contact, activity and straightness are the same.

Under Impulsion/Submission -- "The main contact with the horse's mouth must be through the snaffle bit." Under Collection -- "The arch of the neck is directly related to the degree of collection."

The Position and Aids of the Athlete "...all movements should be obtained with imperceptible aids and without apparent effort of the athlete."

All riders, regardless of age or level of competition (this includes riders who are dressed in military uniforms), must wear ASTM/SEI or BSI/BS EN approved protective headgear at all times when mounted at any EC-sanctioned Dressage competition at the event location. Gentlemen riders are not permitted to remove their protective headgear (this includes Freestyles) for their Salute. The military salute is only permissible when riding in uniform.

Grey Jackets are now allowed. In extreme or inclement weather conditions, solid color long or short sleeved riding shirt with a collar are permitted -- the restriction of white, off white or pale pastel has been removed. There have been some changes regarding Spurs and Braiding Manes -- check the rules. For Bridles -- "No decorative covers are allowed over the bridle buckles or where the browband meets the headstall."

At EC competitions a snaffle bridle can now be used at all levels through Grand Prix. However, there are exceptions to this change and you need to check the rules if you are competing for qualifying scores or FEI competitions. Double Bridles are still required in many situations -- check the rules.

All flexible bits are not permitted. The Golden Wing Bit is permitted.

Running Martingales are allowed in warm-up area -- but still forbidden in competition.

Shirts may have sponsorship logo. Riders may have the Canadian flag on their saddle pad. Check rulebook for the size limits.

An organizer running concurrent competitions (ex. Bronze and Silver) will now only require one license.

Only non-licensed, recorded and Basic judges may officiate at non-EC licensed Dressage competitions, including Pony Club and 4H (that includes the OEF Schooling Permit shows).

For SILVER shows Judges Restrictions have been revised so that Basic Judges can judge up to Intermediate 1 without a guest card and can judge Intermediate 2 and Silver Championships with a guest card.

Competition Arena -- Walk/Trot and Training Level competitions have the option of using the 20x40 meter arena.

Test of Choice classes may be used as qualifiers for various Championships including Silver. Check your rule book -- there are exceptions!

Equitation/Medal classes -- whips are not permitted in Championship competitions.

Chapter 17 Year End Equine Canada National Awards -- the full chapter has been eliminated from the Rule Book.

Know your rule book and have a great year competing! Peggy McQuaid



**OTTAWA AREA DRESSAGE GROUP of CADORA
2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



OADG is a local group affiliated with both CADORA and Dressage Canada. The OADG is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to foster the sport of Dressage by encouraging participation in Competitions, Demonstrations, Lectures and other activities which increase knowledge and understanding of good horsemanship. Memberships run from January 1st to December 31st. Senior memberships must be renewed with CADORA National no later than **May 31st** to retain voting privileges and ensure eligibility for all applicable awards.

You MUST join no later than May 31st in order to qualify for OADG awards (except for the overall PeeWee Award), both the rider and owner of the horse (if different) must be members of the OADG by **May 31st**. Owners must at least have an OADG local membership. (Scores up to and including May 31st are also valid for year-end awards as long as your membership is received by May 31st.)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: NEW__ RENEWAL__ CADORA#_____ OEF#_____ EC#_____

LAST NAME_____ FIRST NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ PROVINCE_____ POSTAL CODE_____

HOME PHONE_____ BUSINESS PHONE_____

**Newsletter Delivery by Email only (or mark no newsletter if you do not wish to have one)
– make sure your email address is legible and correct!**

EMAIL (Please print clearly) _____

DRESSAGE OFFICIAL: COACH__ JUDGE__ STEWARD__ LEVEL_____

COMPETITION CATEGORY: JUNIOR__ ADULT AMATEUR__ OPEN__

DATE OF BIRTH FOR JUNIOR:_____ JR PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:_____

COMPETITION LEVEL: SCHOOLING__ BRONZE__ SILVER__ GOLD__ PLATINUM/CDI__

Membership Fees:

(Only a full CADORA National membership includes one Omnibus, CADORA National Membership Card and CADORA INC newsletters.)

MEMBERSHIP TYPES – Select One

CHOOSE ONE ONLY

OADG LOCAL ONLY	SR \$25.00__	JR \$15.00__	
CADORA ONTARIO	SR \$35.00__	JR \$25.00__	(Includes local membership)
CADORA NATIONAL	SR \$65.00__	JR \$45.00__	(Includes local, and Ontario membership)
CADORA QUEBEC NATIONAL	SR \$55.00__	JR \$35.00__	(Only for Quebec residents not showing Silver)

Membership Type Selected:_____ FEE: \$_____

Supplies- You can only order from these supplies if you have joined CADORA NATIONAL

Additional Omnibus (\$20.00 each)	\$_____	BaseBall Cap RED (\$20.00 each)	\$_____
Omnibus Rain Cover (\$2.00 each)	\$_____	BaseBall Cap BLACK (\$20.00 each)	\$_____
Additional Lapel Pin (\$5.00 each)	\$_____	Additional Test Planner (\$5.00 each)	\$_____
		Policy & Procedures Manual (\$20.00 each)	\$_____

CADORA DONATIONS:

Designated Development Fund \$50.00 Tax Receipt Required (circle one): **YES** or **NO**

TOTAL REMITTED FOR MEMBERSHIPS, SUPPLIES AND DONATIONS \$_____

Make cheque payable To: Ottawa Area Dressage Group of CADORA (or OADG) (**NO POST DATED CHEQUES PLEASE**)

Membership is valid as of the date the completed form and fee are received by the OADG membership director.
Fee must accompany completed application form,

Mail to: Jo Anne Doyle
1605 County Road 16,
Jasper, ON
K0G 1G0

Phone: 613-284-8155
Email: membership@ottawadressage.ca
OADG WebSite: www.ottawadressage.ca

A membership in any level of OADG, CADORA Ontario or CADORA National is not required for a rider or horse to compete in dressage competitions, but is required to be eligible for any year-end awards or competition grants sponsored by the OADG, CADORA Ontario or CADORA National.

OTTAWA AREA DRESSAGE GROUP of CADORA 2012 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Privacy Policy: The OADG will not share your personal information with third parties unless required for business directly related to the OADG (such as forwarding member information to CADORA). If we judge an issue or information item to be of interest to our members, we will forward that information to you directly by email from within the OADG Director group.

The OADG membership packages are divided by levels identifying total fees required to join either: OADG (local group), CADORA Ontario (COAI), or CADORA National. There is also a level for those residing in Quebec, not having a provincial affiliate and not required to join CADORA Ontario. Each member can choose the membership package that fits their particular preferences.

A membership in any level of OADG, CADORA Ontario or CADORA National is not required 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. Memberships are required to be in by **May 31st** to be eligible for OADG, CADORA Ont or CADORA Inc awards.

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES:

LOCAL: OADG Local membership ONLY (Senior/Junior)

ONTARIO: OADG Local membership and CADORA ONTARIO membership (Senior/Junior)

NATIONAL: OADG Local membership and CADORA Ontario membership and CADORA National membership (Senior/Junior)

QUEBEC NATIONAL: OADG Local membership and CADORA National membership (Senior/Junior)

The following is a summary of what each membership package includes:

LOCAL – OADG Ottawa Area Dressage Group of CADORA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible for local OADG year-end awards for FEI, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Schooling Permit competitions. Rider and at least one owner of the horse must be members by May 31st to be eligible for year-end awards. (Except for the overall PeeWee Award) - OADG Local group newsletter - Eligible to ride in OADG sponsored clinics - Vote in local OADG group elections at AGM, and stand for director - Affiliated with Dressage Canada
ONTARIO - COAI Cadora Ontario Association Inc.	Local OADG Package plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible for COAI, Silver, Bronze awards - CADORA Ontario newsletters - Vote in COAI elections and stand for director - Access to CADORA Ontario scholarship programs
NATIONAL - Cadora National Inc.	Ontario package plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One CADORA Omnibus - CADORA National quarterly newsletters - Purchase CADORA National supplies (Omnibus, lapel pin, rain covers) - Eligible for CADORA National FEI, Gold awards - Vote in CADORA National elections at AGM and stand for Director (if renewed by May 31st)

Quebec residents competing on the Ontario Silver circuit must join CADORA Ontario to be eligible for year-end CADORA Ontario Silver awards. Quebec residents do have the option of not joining CADORA Ontario if they are not competing on the Ontario Silver Circuit.

Supplies: Supplies are for CADORA NATIONAL members ONLY

Note: All OADG members participating in OADG shows and clinics must be members of the OEF for insurance purposes. It is recommended that clinic organizers ask for participant OEF number.

Please do not send the OADG membership director Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) memberships or Equine Canada (EC) memberships or Dressage Canada (DC) memberships. These should be sent directly to the respective OEF or EC membership offices.