

## **Adequan®/USDF All-Breeds Awards**

Designed to recognize the accomplishments of specific breeds in dressage, these awards are presented to horses declared for a participating registry/organization (PO) with USDF. While “open” is the standard division and “Training through Grand Prix” are the standard levels for all-breeds recognition, optional division awards can be presented in the following categories: freestyle, adult amateur, junior/young rider, vintage cup, FEI young horse, dressage sport horse breeding or materiale.

### **Specific All-Breed Award Rules**

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- A horse must be declared with USDF for a participating organization (PO) by August 1 of the award year in order to participate in the all-breeds award program. Horses previously declared will remain declared for that organization
  - Declarations can be made by submitting breed papers to USDF, along with your horse’s USDF number.
  - Owners should access the list of all-breeds awards participating organizations on the USDF Web site.
  - Once an all-breeds declaration has been made, it cannot be changed. Exception: The owner may change the declaration of their horse to another organization with which the horse has registry papers, upon written request to USDF, for the following reasons: (1) A participating organization joins the all-breeds program after the horse has already been declared with another all-breeds participating organization, (2) A participating organization discontinues its participation in the all-breeds program after the horse has already been declared with that organization. If the horse is eligible for multiple registrations and not previously recorded with USDF, the owner must make a choice of organization for the purpose of USDF all-breeds awards only. If there is no all-breeds PO for a horse’s breed, the owner may declare for one that is participating, before September 30 of the award year.
- Horse and owner must meet all requirements of the PO.
- “Open” is the standard category and “Training Level through Grand Prix” are the standard levels for all-breeds recognition.
- Other categories may be recognized however, it is the PO’s choice as to which additional categories they would like to recognize. These optional categories may include freestyle, adult amateur, junior/young rider, vintage cup, FEI six-year-old, FEI five-year-old, USEF four-year old, materiale, or dressage sport horse breeding. This information can be found on the USDF Web site. Specific eligibility criteria pertaining to these categories must be met, and rider must also verify adult amateur, vintage cup, or junior/young rider status by September 30 of the award year.

## **Requirements**

### **Training, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Levels**

- Minimum of eight scores:
  - From four different judges
  - From four different USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions
  - Including two at 60 percent or higher from highest test of the level
- Median score of 60 percent or higher to qualify

### **Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, and Grand Prix**

- Minimum of four scores:
  - From four different judges
  - From four different USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions
- Median score of 60 percent or higher to qualify

## **Eligibility**

- Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) when scores are earned.
- Owner must:
  - Be a USDF Participating (PM) or Business Member (BM) and be a member in good standing of USDF when scores are earned.
  - [Verify eligibility with PO](#)
  - Verify that an all-breeds declaration has been made by accessing the USDF [score check](#) or [owner's portfolio](#)
- Rider must be a USDF PM and be a member in good standing of USDF when scores are earned.
- If interested in competing for awards in an “optional” division, it is the owner’s responsibility to determine which of the optional divisions will be awarded by their all-breeds PO.

## **Recorded Scores**

- Freestyle scores are only recorded for freestyle division.
- Scores must be from open, junior/young rider, adult amateur, Great American Insurance Group/USDF qualifying and championship classes, other classes specified in the general rules, or from the same classes restricted to horses of the particular breed.
  - If scores are earned in open and breed-restricted classes, the combination of the scores is used to calculate the median score.
  - Classes restricted to horses of a particular breed must be judged by a USEF-licensed dressage judge.
  - Scores earned in classes restricted to horses of a particular breed or restricted by height will be recorded for only all-breeds awards.

## **Awards**

- Given that there are enough horses that have met the minimum award criteria as detailed above, in the standard “open” category, PO’s must award first and second place in each level (Training – Grand Prix). They have the option of awarding up to five places per level. These winners (those placed by their association) will receive an award certificate.
- Given that there are enough horses that have met the minimum award criteria as detailed above, POs must award at least first place in each level of the optional categories that they have chosen to recognize.
- First and second place winners at each level in the “open” category will receive a custom cast USDF medal.
  - For optional categories that the PO has chosen to recognize first place winners will also receive a custom cast USDF medal as will second place winners if recognized by the PO.
- Other prizes may be given by the PO at their discretion.
- Only up to second place in any “open” or “optional” recognized category will be awarded on stage at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention.