

INDIANA DRESSAGE SOCIETY, INC.

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

All members of the Indiana Dressage Society, Inc. who are junior, senior, family, business/sponsoring, life or emeritus members are eligible to participate, if qualified, in the Society's awards program. Memberships dues must be paid prior to the date of the first competition for which scores/points are to be counted.

GENERAL RULES

The award year begins September 1 and ends August 31.

The fee for any award that requires special registration must be received by the current Points Person prior to the first competition for which scores/points are to be counted.

All trophies that were donated by individual persons or participating groups to the membership of this Society were given with rules and specifications set by the donors. When IDS accepted these trophies the Society also accepted the responsibility for following the donor's intentions, having no authorization to make any changes to the original rules without the permission of the donor.

Scores or points received from IDS approved or sponsored competitions and any USEF/USDF competitions will count for qualifying purposes for the IDS Awards Program. (Scores received from Championship classes at the IDS Fall Show and Ride-Offs do not count towards awards for the next year.) All scores for IDS members will be automatically recorded for year-end awards from IDS Sponsored Schooling Shows and IDS Sponsored USDF/USEF Shows. It will be the responsibility of the member to report scores from IDS Approved Schooling Shows and USDF/USEF shows not sponsored by IDS. All scores not automatically recorded must be submitted by the member to the Points Person by September 15th for these scores to count.

The Points Person shall keep accurate records of points and qualifying scores earned by the members, and publish a report of current standings prior to the IDS Fall Show and Ride-Offs. It is the responsibility of members to submit and keep their own records and check them against the published report. Points shall be posted at the Annual Fall Show and Ride-Offs for verification. Report forms included with membership packets are sent annually.

It is the Society's responsibility to have all perpetual trophies returned from the previous year's recipients by the Annual Fall Show and Ride-Offs. These trophies will be suitably engraved for the current year's recipients. It is also the Society's responsibility to notify all donors of the names of the current year's winner to allow the donors time to prepare any permanent trophies that may be provided by them.

It is the recipient's responsibility to return the perpetual trophy in a clean and maintained condition. The trophy must be returned to the IDS Ride-Off committee at the IDS Fall Show and Ride-Offs. If the trophies must be shipped they must be received by the IDS Awards Chairperson prior to the date of the IDS Fall Show and Ride-Offs so they can be on display.

ANNUAL COMPETITION

The IDS Fall Show and Ride-Offs will be held in conjunction with an IDS (2) rated show in September of each year unless otherwise designated by the IDS Board of Directors. All members will receive proper notice of the location and date of the IDS Fall Show and Ride-Offs, including entry forms. Qualifying requirements must be completed by August 31. There will be no exceptions.

Current USEF National Tests will be used and the highest test of each level shall be ridden for each level's Championship class. **Current USEF Championship Rules shall apply in all cases, i.e., tests are to be ridden from memory, no whips shall be allowed, and at no time during the annual competition may any horse entered in the Ride Offs competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider(s) entered in the Ride Offs competition on that horse (exception: grooms riding on loose reins). Competition starts when the Show Secretary opens the show office.**

YEAR END CELEBRATION

The following awards will be presented at the Year End Celebration, which is held during the last quarter of the year. It is recommended that the winning member receive the award in person. If attendance is not possible, arrangements must be made to have another person receive the trophy on his/her behalf.

HORSE/RIDER AWARDS

IDS Championship Trophies
High Percentage Awards
Indiana Dressage Society Kirtley Cup
Imperio Trophy

HORSE AWARDS

White River Stables Novice Horse Trophy

RIDER AWARDS

White River Stables Novice Rider Trophy
Rider Achievement Award
Master's Award

SERVICE AWARDS

Wicker Award
President's Award

Members are responsible for knowing all rules and specifications for each award.

AWARD RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

IDS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

HISTORY: The Training through Fourth Level annual trophies were first established by the IDS in 1980. They were first contested for in the Fall of 1981, and the first trophies were donated by Linda and Nick Heiny. In 1995 the Society assumed responsibility for the IDS Championship Trophies. The FEI Level annual trophies were established in 1987 by Robert Marr and Bonna McCuiston and are now sponsored by IDS.

PURPOSE: To provide a single competition where qualified horse/rider combinations meet to determine the champion.

ELIGIBILITY: Rider and owner must be IDS member at the time qualifying scores are earned.

PRE-REGISTRATION: None

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

Training Level: A horse/rider combination must receive three scores of 55.00% or higher from three different judges, for three different rides, not necessarily from three different shows. The scores must be earned from Training Level test 3 or 4.

First Level: A horse/ rider combination must receive three scores of 55.00% or higher from three different judges for three different rides, not necessarily from three different shows.

Second - Grand Prix: A horse/rider combination must receive two scores of 55.00% or higher from two different judges for two different rides, not necessarily from two different shows.

Qualifying scores must be earned in each show year. Scores shall not be carried from one show year to the next. The horse/rider combination may not compete at more than one consecutive level above that for which he wishes to be qualified.

Scores count from all Open, USEF Qualifying, AA, JYR, Novice and IDS Member Only Classes. Scores are always for the horse/rider combination, regardless of the class placing. If two or more judges are scoring one ride, the average of the scores will count as one score.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT: Only the member who has qualified the horse at a particular level may ride that horse at that level in the championship class. There will be no exceptions. The same horse may be ridden by two different riders in two different championship classes provided they are competing at two different levels, and the levels are consecutive.

In each level's championship class, the highest scoring horse/rider combination shall be declared the winner and will no longer be eligible to compete for that level's championship.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS: Champion and Reserve Trophies will be awarded. Ribbons will be awarded to six places. Ties are to be honored.

HIGH PERCENTAGE AWARDS

HISTORY: Sponsored by IDS. Established by the IDS board in 2003 to replace the previous High Point awards. Effective for the 2004 show year.

PURPOSE: To reward consistent competitive accomplishment based on median percentage scores.

ELIGIBILITY: Rider and Owner must be IDS members at the time points are earned.

PRE-REGISTRATION: None

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS: Scores must be submitted to the Points Person on official forms by September 15th.

For Training through Fourth Levels: A minimum of 6 scores from 3 different judges, from 3 different competitions, including at least 1 score of 55% or higher from the highest test of the level. Median score of 55% or higher required to qualify.

For FEI levels: A minimum of 3 scores from 3 different judges, from 3 different competitions. Median score of 55% or higher required to qualify.

If more than the required minimum number of scores is submitted, the top 80% of the submitted scores will be used to determine the median score.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT: None

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Awards to six places will be presented in the following categories:

Introductory:	Junior, Adult Amateur, Open	Prix St. Georges:	Open
Training Level:	Junior, Adult Amateur, Open	Intermediare I:	Open
First Level:	Junior, Adult Amateur, Open	Intermediare II:	Open
Second Level:	Junior, Adult Amateur, Open	Grand Prix:	Open
Third Level:	Junior, Adult Amateur, Open		
Fourth Level:	Junior, Adult Amateur, Open		

INDIANA DRESSAGE SOCIETY KIRTLEY CUP

HISTORY: This perpetual trophy is sponsored by IDS. Established by the IDS Board in 2005. Effective for the 2006 show year. The vintage trophy was originally won by Dan Kirtley and his horse, Imperio in Columbia, and subsequently donated to IDS by Melba Kirtley.

PURPOSE: To recognize the achievement of the horse and rider combination winning the highest performance level (i.e., 4th level, Prix St. Georges, Grand Prix, etc.) IDS High Percentage Award. This is in keeping with Dan Kirtley's purpose for the Imperio Trophy which is "to encourage persons to compete at their highest level of competency".

ELIGIBILITY: Rider and Owner must be IDS members at the time points are earned.

PRE-REGISTRATION: None

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS: All Scores automatically recorded and all scores submitted for the High Percentage Award will be used. Please see section on High Percentage Award for details.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENTS: None

AWARD PRESENTATION: Trophy to be awarded each year to the first place winner of the highest performance level awarded, IDS High Percentage Award.

IMPERIO TROPHY

HISTORY: This perpetual trophy was donated by Dan and Melba Kirtley, two of the founding members of IDS. The trophy was first established in 1974 as a challenge trophy and was given in remembrance of an American horse, Imperio, of unknown ancestry. This horse, through training and handling, did compete and win the Silver Medal in the National Dressage Championships of 1964 in Escuela de Caballeris, Bogota, Columbia. Imperio was one a shipment of 850 horses exported from the United States to Columbia in 1968 for service with the Policia Nationale "Cababomeros" de Columbia, died in 1975 at the age of 21 years after having rendered long and faithful service.

PURPOSE: To encourage persons to compete at their highest level of competency.

ELIGIBILITY: Rider and Owner must be IDS members at time qualifying points are earned.

PRE-REGISTRATION: None

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

- § Horse may not have competed above the FEI Prix St. George Level
- § Horse/Rider combination may not compete for trophy after having won it twice.
- § Horse/Rider combination must accumulate 15 points in one show year.

Points will be recorded in the following manner and are not affected by the show rating or the number of entries in each class.

- First Place3 points
- Second Place.....2 points
- Third Place.....1 point

Points are awarded for the first three places in all dressage classes, Training through Prix St. George, including Novice Rider and Novice Horse classes, USEF qualifying classes, regardless of the score received. Points for the following classes will not count: Freestyle (Kur), Pas de Deux, Suitability, Equitation, Prix Caprilli, Driving, Walk/Trot, Side Saddle, other dressage societies medal classes and F.E.I. classes above Prix St. George.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT:

The member must ride in the Imperio Class to compete for this award. Riders may not request that a score from any other Fall Show and Ride Offs class be recorded for their Imperio score.

Only one rider per horse and one horse per rider is allowed at the annual competition, regardless of the number of horses on which a member may have received qualifying points. An exception can only be allowed by the Chairperson of the IDS Fall Show and Ride-Offs and only for a good reason. Such exceptions must be posted on the day of Ride-Offs for all members' information.

The member shall ride the highest test of the level of his/her choice, USEF Training-Fourth levels only. The member will be required to inform the Ride-Offs committee at the time entries are due of their choice of level to be ridden.

The scoring of all tests shall include an added coefficient, as was established by the donor, "to correctly reward the rider by recognizing the added degree of difficulty that is inherent in each successive level".

To determine the winning score the actual score earned will be multiplied by the following coefficients:

Training Level.....	Real score X	1.0
First Level.....	" " "	1.1
Second Level.....	" " "	1.2
Third Level.....	" " "	1.3
Fourth Level.....	" " "	1.4

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The highest scoring horse/rider shall receive the Imperio Trophy, to be retained for one year, and a permanent keepsake trophy.

WHITE RIVER STABLES NOVICE HORSE TROPHY

HISTORY: This annual trophy was first donated by Nick and Linda Heiny of White River Stables, Carmel, Indiana in 1980. It is continued by Suzanne Artale following her purchase of White River Stables in 1984.

PURPOSE: To provide a separate competition division for horses new to dressage.

ELIGIBILITY: Rider and Owner must be IDS members at time qualifying scores are earned.

PRE-REGISTRATION: One time registration fee of \$5 must be received by the Points Person prior to earning the first qualifying score.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

A Novice Horse is one which has NEVER been shown above the First Level and which has not received three scores of 55.00% or better in classes using current USEF National Tests in an IDS approved or sponsored competition. Each of the three scores must be received from three different judges from at least two different shows.

A Novice Horse may be shown in Novice Horse classes by any IDS member. A Novice Horse may also be entered in a Novice Rider Class ONLY if the rider is also a Novice Rider by IDS definition.

If a Novice Horse has been entered in a show prior to receiving the third qualifying score at a different show they may still compete in Novice classes entered in good faith, without having to cancel classes which may cause the member to lose entry fees.

If a Novice Horse is entered in an USEF sanctioned competition, the USEF definition and rules governing Novice Horse classes shall take precedence over the IDS definition. The USEF definition of a Novice Horse is a horse which has not won three first place ribbons at Regular Member Shows of the Association or the Canadian Equestrian Federation in the particular division in which they are shown. A novice entry is such from the date of closing of entries.

Once three qualifying scores of 55.00% or better (from three different judges from 2 different shows) are received by the horse, it is no longer considered to be a novice and is no longer eligible to enter Novice Horse classes (as defined by IDS) at any IDS approved or sponsored competition, except to ride in the trophy class at the Fall Show and Ride Offs.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT: Must compete in the White River Stables Novice Horse class at the Fall Show and Ride Offs in the year the third qualifying score is earned.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The winner will receive the White River Stables Novice Horse trophy, to be retained for one year, and a permanent keepsake trophy.

WHITE RIVER STABLES NOVICE RIDER TROPHY

HISTORY: This annual trophy was first donated by Nick and Linda Heiny of White River Stables, Carmel, Indiana in 1980. It is continued by Suzanne Artale following her purchase of White River Stables in 1984.

PURPOSE: To encourage and reward the efforts of novice riders in the art of dressage and their support of Indiana Dressage competitions.

ELIGIBILITY: Rider must be a member of IDS. Owner is not required to be a member of IDS.

PRE-REGISTRATION: One time registration fee of \$5 must be received by the Points Person prior to earning the first qualifying score.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

A Novice Rider is one who has NEVER shown above the First Level and who has not received three scores of 55.00% or better in classes using current USEF National Tests in an IDS approved or sponsored competition. Each of the three scores must be received from three different judges from at least two different shows. The Novice Rider is allowed to compete in Novice Rider Classes on horses that have not competed above the Fourth Level.

A Novice Rider may also be entered in a Novice Horse Class ONLY if the horse is also a Novice Horse by IDS definition.

If a Novice Rider has entered in a show prior to receiving the third qualifying score at a different show, they may still compete in novice classes entered in good faith, without having to cancel classes which may cause the member to lose entry fees.

Once three qualifying scores of 55.00% or better (from three different judges from two different shows) are received by the rider, he/she is no longer considered to be a Novice and is no longer eligible to enter Novice Rider classes (as defined by IDS) at any IDS approved or sponsored competition, except to ride in the White River Stable Novice Rider trophy class at the Fall Show and Ride Offs.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT: Must compete in the White River Stables Novice Rider class at the Fall Show and Ride Offs.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The winner will receive the White River Stables Novice Rider trophy, to be retained for one year, and permanent keepsake trophy.

RIDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HISTORY: Established in 1988 by the IDS Board.

PURPOSE: To award consistent riding excellence.

ELIGIBILITY: Rider must be a member of IDS.

PRE-REGISTRATION: None

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for a Rider Achievement Award a rider must receive **four** scores of 60% or better at each level, Training through Fourth levels. These scores must be earned at a minimum of two different competitions from four different judges for four different rides. F.E.I. Rider Achievement Awards require three scores of 58% or better from each level, Prix St. George through Grand Prix. These scores must be earned at a minimum of two different competitions, IDS or USEF, and from three different judges for three different rides. If two or more judges score one ride, the average of their scores will count as one score. Scores for Musical Freestyles do not count.

Scores are cumulative and do not need to be earned in one year. All scores must be submitted to the Points Person by September 15th of the current year to be recorded. Awards will be presented at the Year End Celebration in the year the final score is submitted.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENTS: None

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Stock Pins will be awarded for each level: Training through Grand Prix.

MASTERS AWARD

HISTORY: Established by Elinor Darbishire-Weith

PURPOSE: The purpose of this award is to encourage older members to keep competing and recognize these members along with encouraging continuing dressage education for horses in training with these members. This award also gives older members the opportunity to compete directly against each other while in open competition with all other exhibitors.

ELIGIBILITY: Rider must be a member of IDS and must be 45 years of age or older as of December 31 of the year prior to the competition.

PRE-REGISTRATION: A one-time fee of \$5 must be received prior to the first qualifying score.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS: A minimum of three scores must be submitted to be eligible. The highest straight average of three scores at any one level will be used. Scores may be received for any USEF, USDF or IDS competitions in any geographic region. **The same horse/rider combination cannot compete for this award at any given level for more than one year, with the exception of Grand Prix.** Scores may be accumulated on more than one horse.

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT: None

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Scores will be calculated with a coefficient to reward the greater effort and difficulty of the higher levels. Coefficients will be the same as the Imperio Award, with an additional decimal coefficient of the riders age, i.e., 45 years = .45, 50 years = .50, etc. FEI coefficients will continue on in progression from the Imperio Award, i.e. PSG = 1.5, I-1 + 1.6, I-II + 1.7, GP + 1.8. The rider with the highest combined score will receive a permanent trophy.

THE WICKER AWARD

HISTORY: This annual trophy was donated by Wendell and Wendy Boesche in 1978 and "given in memory of an honest, forgiving and much loved horse that due to tragic circumstances, did not live to fulfill his promise." Wickersham, a talented thoroughbred gelding, died in 1978 at the age of five. It is for his tremendous attitude and courage that he is so fondly remembered.

PURPOSE: The Wicker award was established to reward and encourage IDS members who possess the qualities and characteristics of service and good sportsmanship, to the benefit of all members as well as the Society's programs and purposes.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to IDS members in good standing who are not currently serving as an IDS Officer or Director.

PRE-REGISTRATION: None

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENT: To qualify a member must possess and demonstrate those qualities of service and support necessary to benefit the Society. He/she must also demonstrate the quality of good sportsmanship.

Any IDS member in good standing may submit a letter of recommendation to nominate any other qualified member, addressed to the president by September 1. The letter must include the name of the proposed recipient, reasons why he/she should be considered for the award and the signature(s) of the submitting member(s).

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT: None

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The selection committee, comprised of the IDS Board, shall review all nominations. If no nominations are submitted, the Board will nominate qualified potential recipients. The winner will be decided by a majority vote of the Board and announced at the Year End Celebration. The winner will receive the suitably engraved Wicker Award, to be retained for one year, and a permanent keepsake.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

HISTORY: This award was instituted in 1992 and awarded for the first time in 1993. The award was initially given by Neil and Bobbi Balgobin in memory of a Jack Russell Terrier Labrador Retriever mix who was owned by Mrs. Balgobin and met with an untimely death. This particular dog exhibited both the tenacity and determination which so characterizes the Jack Russell Terrier along with the exuberance and loyalty attributed to the Labrador Retriever. It is those characteristics: tenacity, determination, exuberance and loyalty which this award seeks to reward

PURPOSE: This award is meant to be a recognition by the President of a board member who went particularly out of their way to make a difference to IDS during the past year. It is given to the board member(s) who as determined by the president has displayed outstanding loyalty and exceptional service to the club.

ELIGIBILITY: The recipient must be a current board member of the IDS.

PRE-REGISTRATION: None

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS: None

RIDE OFFS REQUIREMENT: None

AWARDS PRESENTATION: In 2005, a vintage trophy originally awarded to Dan Kirtley and his horse, Imperio, and subsequently donated to IDS was designated to be a perpetual trophy for the President's Award. In addition, the president of the club is to select and purchase a keepsake award which he/she deems suitable to acknowledge the commitment of an outstanding board member(s) during the past 12 months of their term.