



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Instructions of Award Ceremonies for Competitors

For each Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship class, an official awards ceremony will be held to celebrate and offer recognition opportunities for competitors placing champion through eighth place.

The primary Goals of the Awards Ceremony: Safety, Rider Appreciation, and Sponsor Recognition

- Participation in awards ceremonies is up to the rider and is not mandatory, but the rider should let show management know if they will not be attending as soon as possible after the class is pinned.
- Riders are encouraged to pick up their ribbons ahead of time and at which point instructions should be given on how to safely attach the ribbon to their own horse prior to the awards ceremony.
- In order to be crowned champion or reserve champion, the horse/rider combination must score a total combined 57% or better. If either champion or reserve champion do not earn this score, they will be pinned as first or second placed, and no prize money or awards will be issued.
- For safety reasons, unmounted/in-hand horses are NOT allowed in the awards staging area or ceremony. If time permits, photo opportunities for in-hand horses will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the awards coordinator or show management for availability.
- Only the official photographer and staff are allowed in the arena during the awards ceremony.
- Only the horse, rider and presenters may be in the official photo. Arrangements can be made directly with the photographer for additional pictures at a later time.
- A substitute horse can be used in the ceremony providing it is appropriately tacked up. However, the owners should understand that the awards photos will show the substitute.
- The Awards Ceremony will be conducted either in a “line-up” or “ride-through” method. The awards coordinator will instruct you on which method will be utilized. Competitors should notify the awards coordinator in the event of a fractious horse. Additionally, anyone can leave prior to the victory lap in the interest of safety, if necessary.
- Prizes for Champion and Reserve Champion in Great American Insurance Group/USDF championship classes, Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals classes, and Champion through Fourth Place in the Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class presented by Big Dee’s Tack and Vet Supply will be available in the Awards Booth. Please note there will be a sign out sheet to pick up these items.