

## **Area II Year End Awards Rules**

All rules herein refer to the current year of the Area II Awards Program, and not to any previous years.

### **1. Volunteer Requirement**

1.1. Any eligible participant (see Section 2 for eligibility requirements) wishing to receive points toward Area II Year End Awards must volunteer at least eight (8) hours during the current calendar year at any Area II recognized event.

1.2. The intention of this requirement is to encourage riders to volunteer to support Area events. *Eventingvolunteers.com* is an excellent resource for volunteering at events, and if you enroll in the Area II YEA program we highly suggest you sign up through *Eventingvolunteers.com* to track your hours in the area.

1.3. Eligible registrations (see Section 2 for eligibility requirements) will be accepted and listed as “pending volunteer requirement” until eight (8) volunteer hours are verified. Points earned when no volunteer hours for the current year have been verified will not be considered for Year End Awards.

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- a) Current year volunteer hours will be verified online at the USEA’s Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) ([www.eventingvolunteers.com](http://www.eventingvolunteers.com));
- b) under the name of the eligible registrant;
- c) The 8-hour requirement must be posted online within 10 days following the date of the last recognized event of the year in Area II;
- d) If you have volunteered for an event that does not use the V.I.P. program, you may use the mail-in Volunteer Confirmation Form (available on the Area II website, [usea2.net](http://usea2.net)). This form, if used, must be received by the Points Chair within 10 days following the date of the last recognized event of the year in Area II;
- f) It is the registrant’s responsibility to check hours online and make sure volunteer hours are credited;
- g) There are no exceptions to the above deadlines.

1.5. Registration fees will not be refunded if volunteer hours are not fulfilled by the stated deadline above.

1.6 For the purposes of this program, 8 volunteer hours will be credited to any Year End Award registrant who serves Area II as a coordinator, committee chair or has approved Area service by the Area Chair.

### **2. Eligibility**

2.1. Horse and Rider must be registered as a combination.

2.2. Riders must be USEA Members.

2.3. Horses must be registered in accordance with USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) regulations and must be registered with USEA (United States Eventing Association).

2.4. Juniors and Young Riders must be qualified to compete as such under the definitions set down by the USEF and the USEA.

2.5. Amateur Adults must be eligible to compete as such under the USEF Rules, GR1306 through GR1308

2.6. Special Area II breed, specific rider, or overall year end award points will only be given to eligible horse/rider combinations that have registered for at least one category at the designated USEA levels. *(Example: If you want to sign up your registered Irish Draught event horse for the year-end RID Overall High Score trophy, you must register and pay the fee for at least one performance category, for example, Novice Adult Amateur Rider, to have points count automatically for the RID trophy.)*

2.7. All qualifying competitions must be USEA Recognized Area II Tests, Horse Trials or Three Day Events or FEI competitions at the appropriate level. No FEI points will be counted without Area II horse trials points also recorded at the level.

### **3.3. Divisions and Fees**

3.1. Horse and Rider combinations may enter more than one level (Novice, Training, Modified, Preliminary, etc.)

3.2. Within each level entered, horse and rider combinations may enter one or two of the three divisions, but may not enter both Junior and Amateur on the same horse at the same level.

<p><b>3.3.</b> All points earned at a given level (Novice, Training, Modified, Preliminary, etc.) will count towards your selected Year End divisions (Open, Adult Amateur, etc.) in that level. It is not required to compete in the Open division of a Horse Trial for your points to count toward the Open division of the Year End Awards Program.</p>
<p><b>3.4.</b> The following describes the fee structure for the Year-End Awards Program.  Program registration by April 30: \$20/per division per horse/rider combination – each category;  Program registration by August 30: \$45/per division per horse/rider combination – each category.</p>
<p><b>3.5.</b> No changes to horse, rider or division can be made once registration is completed.</p>
<p><b>3.6.</b> Registrations may be completed online at the usea2.net website, or by mail. The date the registration fees are recorded as being received by the Awards Chair is considered the registration date. Registrations (after April 30 or after August 30) will not be official until fees are paid; Late registration after the August 30 deadline may require a \$100 late fee in addition to double the registration fees per horse/rider combination; and in any case, no Late registrations will be accepted after October 1. Any Late registration after August 30 is at the discretion of the Awards Chair.</p>
<p><b>4. Points Calculations</b></p>
<p><b>4.1</b> Points awarded at Area II Championships, and selected Area II events may be doubled. (Double-pointed events will be publicized in advance of opening date; check the usea2.net media and/or individual event’s websites for updated information on these selected events.)</p>
<p><b>4.2.</b> For a horse trial offering split divisions, points will be awarded at cross-country level ridden. (for example N/T division – Training dressage test, Novice cross country &amp; Training stadium jumping test – points will be awarded at Novice Level)</p>
<p><b>4.4.</b> In the event of a tie, the winner will be the horse/rider combination with the highest number of first place points. If still tied, points will be compared at second place and below. The horse/rider combination with the most number of points at the highest place will be the winner. If still tied, the horse/rider combination with the most starts at the level at Area II events will be the winner. Further ties will remain tied and awards (when possible) duplicated.</p>
<p><b>4.4.</b> Points will be awarded for all levels according to USEA point system. If entered into a Junior rider or Adult Amateur division, USEA upgraded placings/points will be assigned. For divisions that are not designated as Amateur or Junior, the USEA will 'pull out' the professionals and upgrade the amateurs and juniors in placings. <i>For example, if an amateur rider (who has declared their amateur status on their USEA membership) and a 13 year-old junior rider place 4th and 5th respectively behind three professional riders, they will be upgraded to 1st and 2nd respectively, and receive points for 1st and 2nd.</i></p>
<p><b>4.5</b> USEA point system as posted online in official results will be utilized for all categories including the Classic three day events and FEI points at the corresponding level. No FEI points will be counted without Area II horse trials points also recorded at the level for this program.</p>
<p><b>5. Administration</b></p>
<p><b>5.1</b> All point totals will be final at a day designated by the Awards Chair following the last recognized horse trial of the Area II season.</p>
<p><b>5.2.</b> Any discrepancies should be brought to the Awards Chair at any time within the competition year, but must be within 10 days following the last recognized event of the year in Area II.</p>
<p><b>5.3.</b> Year-end trophies and ribbons will be presented to the appropriate recipients at a ceremony to be held at the Area II Annual Meeting. All awards recipients are invited and expected to attend to receive their awards. If any recipient is unable to attend, RSVP must be sent to the Awards Chair, and arrangement should be made to have the awards won picked up at the meeting. Mailing costs may be billed to those who have not provided an RSVP or designated pickup person.</p>
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