

Awards committee Report.

Much of this year's discussions and decisions dealt with clarifications of award eligibilities and better communication with USDF membership.

For the Para-Dressage rider award a rider's status is determined on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

For Dressage Seat Equitation Rider Awards only scores earned in Dressage Seat Equitation classes are eligible.

We established a new Musical Freestyle Award for Adult Amateur Riders where the horse and rider are considered a team. To be effective October 1, 2017. The requirements [would be the same as they are for the current Musical Freestyle Award](#).

For the purpose of the USDF awards ( including year-end and rider awards)fecx, the equivalency for the Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 test be changed from Grand Prix to Intermediate II. To be effective 10/1/2016 pending Executive Board approval.

The goals of the committee were amended to no longer include GMO Awards for Newsletter, Regional Volunteer of the year and Website. This was a decision of the USDF Executive Board.