

Hello all fellow Dressage Enthusiasts

I hope all of you are having a great time with your steeds even with the lack of shows to compete at this year. Maybe this could be the year of renewal as we go through the process of changing how we do things in just about every aspect of our lives.

With renewal in mind, the Alberta Dressage Association has decided to change our Awards Program. 2019 recipients of the Horse and Rider Awards will be the last to receive stall plaques. There were many of the ADA Membership who were successful in receiving the qualifying scores to receive the award and we thank all of you for supporting the program. It is our hope that these stall plaques will be cherished for years to come.

ADA Awards will change to a 'Medal Award Program' and will be based solely on the rider and scores received at shows. The template that was used is similar to the USDF Medal Award program in the US.

The main difference in the new Medal Program is that a rider can take a year or more to achieve success in each of the Medal categories. There are no time or horse restrictions. If there is a change in your horse, or your horse requires rest for various reasons, the medal can be achieved over a longer period of time. The hope is that this will include many more of our membership to qualify for performance awards, in a logical progressive fashion.

ADA feels that this change will be a positive one for the membership. It will encourage riders to continue to move forward with their training, as well as be acknowledged at each of the achieved levels.

Stay tuned for information from your local area Director as the criteria is formalized. Submitted scores will be from year 2020 forward.

If you have any questions regarding this change please do not hesitate to contact me through the e-mail ada@albertadressage.com.

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