



Summary of ADA Para-Dressage Medal and Performance Award Program

(Program approved February 2024 with tests accepted commencing January 1, 2023)

ADA has designed a Para-Dressage Medal and Performance Award Program to recognize Para-Dressage riders for their commitment and dedication to improving themselves and their equine partners. Dressage is a “journey” that can last a life time involving riders, coaches, equine partners, and supporting family and friends.

To compete as a Para-Dressage athlete, connect with Equestrian Canada at:

<https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/para-dressage>

Para-Dressage tests for EC and FEI can be found at: <https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/para-dressage/tests>

This ADA Performance and Medal program has been designed to support the long-term commitment of Para-Dressage riders. These riders begin with riding lessons and local shows, and continue a journey that can evolve into participation in the FEI Para-Dressage program. There are two ADA Programs – Performance Awards and Medal Awards. The comparison is as follows:

Performance Program	Medal Program
EC tests (with simpler dressage patterns)	FEI tests (more complex dressage patterns)
Awards: Performance plaques (Bronze, Silver, Gold)	Awards: Medals (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
Apply to EC to be on the EC Dressage/Para-Dressage Dispensation Master List	Must be successfully evaluated for a FEI Classification Certificate number. Must be on the EC Para-Dressage Classification Master List.
There are 3 Grades	There are 5 Grades

The Equine Canada Para-Dressage Performance Award offers the Para-Rider the opportunity to choose from three “Grades” (the paces that they feel comfortable with) and “Level” (the difficulty of test pattern). There are 3 Options to give the rider an opportunity to participate in a variety of test experiences.

The Para-Dressage (FEI Test) Medal Award Program challenges riders with five Grades and more difficult dressage patterns.