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ADA Para-Dressage (FEI Tests) Medal Award Program

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

General Reference for ALL levels: Eligible shows must be held in Alberta commencing no earlier than January 1, 2023. No achievement time limit or horse restrictions (scores can be achieved on different horses over any number of years).

Applicant must be a member of an ADA area group and be a resident of Alberta. Applicants must have successfully completed the EC/FEI Classification process and include their EC/FEI Para-Dressage Classification Certificate number on the application form. Eligible shows include AEF Wild Rose Shows, EC Bronze/Silver/Gold Shows, and FEI Shows held in Alberta commencing January 1, 2023.

A copy of the submitted tests must accompany the Submission Form in order to validate scores. Scans of tests should include: **name of test; name of rider; name of show; date of show; percentage achieved; name of judge(s).**

Eligible tests will be the FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests as listed on the EC Para-Dressage website <https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/para-dressage/tests>

Summary of Grades & Levels: There are 5 FEI Grades and 3 Levels in each Grade.

A. Grade I (Walk only; Freestyle – walk, trot)

- Bronze Para Novice (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Silver Para Intermediate (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Gold Para Grand Prix (Test A, B, Freestyle)

B. Grade II (Walk & Trot; Freestyle – walk & trot)

- Bronze Para Novice (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Silver Para Intermediate (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Gold Para Grand Prix (Test A, B, Freestyle)

C. Grade III (Walk, Trot, Canter; comparable to EC First Level)

- Bronze Para Novice (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Silver Para Intermediate (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Gold Para Grand Prix (Test A, B, Freestyle)

D. Grade IV (Walk, Trot, Canter; comparable to EC Second Level)

- Bronze Para Novice (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Silver Para Intermediate (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Gold Para Grand Prix (Test A, B, Freestyle)

E. Grade V (Walk, Trot, Canter; comparable to EC Fourth Level except no Flying Changes)

- Bronze Para Novice (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Silver Para Intermediate (Test A, B, Freestyle)
- Gold Para Grand Prix (Test A, B, Freestyle)



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Specific Directives

A specific Para-Dressage Medal can only be received once in a rider's life time. More than one horse may use to achieve the required scores. Scores can be achieved over any number of years commencing January 1, 2023.

A specific rider could achieve a Bronze, Silver, and Gold in their life time at the Grade for their Para Classification.

- 2 scores of 60.000% or higher from Test A and 2 scores of 60.00% from Test B
- One Freestyle test of 60.000% or higher may be used in place of a technical test A or B
- Eligible scores must be from tests ridden at the Para Classification Grade the rider holds at the time of the test.
- Should a para rider be reclassified into a different grade, the scores from both grades may be used, provided each eligible score is from the classified grade at the time the test was ridden. Example: a para rider at Grade IV Silver then is reclassified to Grade III and rides Silver tests to complete a total of 4 tests of 60.000% or higher
- Scores must be from at least 2 different judges or judging panels
- Eligible Alberta shows: AEF Wild Rose; EC Bronze; EC Silver; EC Gold; or FEI sanctioned

General Directives for Individual Performance and Medal Awards

If the test scores are an average of 2 or more judges, the average score must be considered a single score to be used as a requirement. If a judge was a member of a judging panel on a submitted average score, that judge's score could be used on a different submitted score on a different test if that judge was adjudicating alone. If two scores are submitted from two judging panels, Panel #1 could be Judge A and B, and Panel #2 could be Judge A and C. Note Judge A is the same person but judging with a different partner.

Copies of Tests must accompany the Application Form in order to validate scores. Scans of tests should include: **name of test; name of rider; name of show; date of show; percentage achieved; name of judge(s)**. To apply for the Para-Dressage Medal Awards, the Submission Form and copies of applicable tests will be sent to the ADA Awards Committee upon completion of the Award requirements.

The date of deadline for submission, and the date and location of presentations will be determined annually.

Submit this application to the ADA Awards Committee at:

albertadressageassociation@gmail.com

For specific details and submission form go to "Para-Dressage" at:

<http://www.albertadressage.com/>

If you have any questions about the ADA Para-Dressage Medal Program, please contact the ADA Awards Committee at: albertadressageassociation@gmail.com