

**MICHIANA DRESSAGE CLUB, Inc AWARDS**  
**General Rules and Information**  
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The MDC, Inc shall approve shows for those members who wish to compete for the various awards. **Points and qualifying scores to count toward year-end awards are recorded from November 1 to October 31.**

The Membership/Records Office shall keep accurate records of all places and points earned by the members, or their horses and publish a report of current standings prior to the Year-End Banquet. It is the responsibility of members to submit and keep their own records and check against the published show results and the Official Records of the Club. These scores will be published at least once annually before the banquet and to report any errors to the Records person by a published date. Record forms included with membership packets are sent annually.

**Complaint Procedures**

Members are responsible for knowledge of all rules governing the Approved and Sponsored Competitions and may file a formal complaint (or protest) with the MDC, Inc Board if the member feels that the show was not held in accordance with the rules and specifications of the approval agreement. A complaint (or protest) may only be considered by the MDC Board if all of the following requirements are fulfilled:

1. A formal complaint (or protest) must be filed with MDC, Inc in c/o the current MDC, Inc President, within ten days of the competition's date.
2. The complaint (protest) must be submitted in writing and signed by the member.
3. The member must have been a properly entered competitor of said show and must have fulfilled all his/her obligations, financial and otherwise.
4. The member must have first addressed the problem to the show management for answers, explanations, or solutions.

In all cases the MDC, Inc Member is asked to conduct himself or herself in accordance with USEF rules and guidelines governing a competitor's proper conduct and due courtesy with regards to complaints against a specific show or its committee. It is always correct to address the problem, questions, or suggestions to a member of the show committee first, and only when no satisfaction is received, then to proceed with a formal complaint.

It is most important that MDC, Inc members keep in mind that show committees presenting MDC, Inc approved and sponsored competitions provide much needed shows for the dressage discipline as well as benefiting the "Club's awards and trophy programs. Without said shows, the MDC, Inc programs could not exist.