

Cadence Riding Academy – Guide to Showing

What is a Cadence Horse Show?

Cadence Equestrian Center organizes and manages multiple shows throughout the year. Our shows are fun events attended by exhibitors and trainers from across our state as well as surrounding states. Cadence Horse Shows are typically one-day events held on Saturdays and are open to all levels of riders. Participants do not have to belong to any outside organization to compete. Cadence allows students in the Cadence Riding Academy to participate in these shows without having to own their own horse.

Request to Participate:

- Anyone wishing to participate in any Cadence Horse Show must fill out a sign up form. This form can be found on the Cadence website under the Horse Show tab under the Cadence Riding Academy section.
 - **LINK: <https://form.jotform.com/92577477412163>**
- The sign up is not a guarantee of participation, as participants will be selected in order of date of sign-up.
- A new “Sign Up” form must be filled out for each show.
- There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit due at the time of sign up. This deposit is non-refundable EXCEPT in the circumstance that all Cadence Riding Academy horses are already reserved.
- Approximately one week prior to the show, our instructors will meet and take turns for the picks and assignments of horses. If there is anyone who does not get selected due to amount of available horses, that person can get a full refund of the deposit, OR go to the top of the pick list for the next show.

Registration & Preparation for the Show:

- **Registration-** Your trainer will fill out your registration/entry form for you and give it to the show office.
 - *Do NOT fill out anything other than the “Cadence Horse Show Riding Academy Sign Up” form. You may see posts about online registration, entry forms, etc. these are for outside participants. Cadence trainers will take care of everything for their riders.*
- **Horse Show Check-In:** Please check in at the show office between 3-5 pm on the Friday prior to show day OR Saturday before the rider competes. Check-in includes leaving the remaining horse show payment (minus the deposit) and picking up the riders back number.
 - Note: if you choose to check-in on show day, the line will likely be long so give adequate time.
- **Preparing the Horses:** Participants may groom & bathe their horse prior to the show, but this must be approved by, and coordinated with, their instructor.
- **Extra lessons/coaching:** It is encouraged, but not required, to take an additional lesson(s) prior to the show to be adequately prepared. No lessons will be taught on the Friday prior to the show.

Classes Offered to CEC Academy Students:

- **Leadline:** For ages 7 and under. May not cross enter into any other class at the show. An adult or older child leads the horse in-hand while the rider is judged on his/her equitation.
- **Mini-Stirrup Division:** Open to non-professional riders. May not cross enter into any other over fence class at the same OHJA recognized competition. Riders are judges on their equitation at the walk, walk/trot, and walk/trot over poles. There is no champion for this division.
- **Walk-Trot Cross Bar:** Entries will trot a course of cross rails at 12”. Open to non-professional riders who have not competed in classes in 2’6 or higher at any HJEO, GO, OHJA or USEF recognizes how. Not to canter in the under saddle.

- **Walk-Trot-Canter Cross Bar Division:** Entries will ride a course of cross rails at 12". Riders may canter OR trot into the lines and canter out, with consistency strongly emphasized. Open to non-professional riders who have not competed in classes 2'6 or higher at any HJEO, GO, OHJA, or USEF recognized show. Not to canter in the under saddle.
- **Academy Long/Short Stirrup Hunter:** The Academy Division is only open to horses actively used by multiple riders in a lesson program. Open to non-professional riders who 1) have not competed in any classes with fences 2'6 or higher at any HJEO, HJEO, GO or USEF show; 2) have not been awarded a champion or reserve champion year end award in short stirrup, long stirrup hunter or equitation; 3) are showing on an Academy horse as described in HJEO constitution section 13. Fence height is not to exceed 18". Trotting jumps or lead changed is not to be penalized. Not to canter in the under saddle. To be judged on manner of going, jumping style, correct pace, and organization. No boxes, fill or oxers.

Show Attire:

At Cadence Horse Show there is no required show attire. Riders will **not** be judged on attire, but a tidy appearance, and correct attire is recommended. You will see participants in full show dress or in more casual options.

- Shirt Options:
 - Option 1: CEC polo shirt
 - Option 2: Black, navy or white polo or white collared shirt
 - Option 3: White long sleeved show shirt
- Jacket or Show Coat Options: *If it is cold riders may want to wear a jacket*
 - Option 1: Black or navy horse show coat
 - Option 2: CEC jacket
 - Option 3: Coat or jacket of any brand.
- Pant Options
 - Option 1: Khaki or beige jodhpurs with or without jodhpur straps (12 & under)
 - Option 2: Khaki or beige breeches
- Boot Options:
 - Option 1: Black/brown paddock boots
 - Option 2: Black/brown paddock boots + half-chaps
 - Option 3: Black tall boots (recommended for ages 12+)
- Hair:
 - For 12 & Under: Hair divided into two braids, may add ribbons/bows at the end.
 - For 12 & Up: All hair tucked into helmet. Instructional videos for hunter/jumper hair can be found on YouTube.
- Additional Attire:
 - Riding Gloves
 - Riding Crop

What To Expect:

1. **Show Times:** Show times vary depending on number of participants. Show times are rough estimates; instructors will have the best idea of show times the evening before the show. This is when all entries are required to be submitted by. A schedule of classes/events is on the website approximately one month before the show.
2. **Check-In:** Be sure to check-in at the office to pay and pick up back number. This can be done Friday between 3-5pm or Saturday before the show.
3. **Number of classes:** Typically riders will be entered in an entire division so they will compete in 2-5 over fences or over poles classes where they show individually. Riders will also show in 1-2 flat or under saddle classes where they compete in a group. Communicate with your instructor about what to expect.
4. **After Showing:** When you are finished showing, promptly return horse to the barn. You can then come back to the in-gate or the show office to get class results and pick up ribbons.
5. **Check-Out:** Stop by the CEC office before leaving to close out your check and receive your show receipt and check points for Champion and Reserve Champion results. **All balances are due at the close of the show day.**

Show Results:

Ribbons: Class winners are awarded with 1st through 6th place. Horse shows are competitive and not everyone will win ribbons. Many factors will go into the placings – this is a sport that takes many factors into consideration; including the independent mind/actions of an animal. We encourage parents to stay positive – and to prepare their riders to have a great attitude -- win or lose. Horse show results are not a good indicator of rider progression.

Champion & Reserve Champion: There is an award for the Champion and Reserve Champion of all Hunter Divisions. For Academy divisions this includes: Walk Trot X-bar, Walk Trot Canter X-bar and Long/Short Stirrups divisions.

Explanation of calculation for Champion/Reserve: The only classes that count towards the champion and reserve champion are classes with the word HUNTER in them; i.e., hunter over fences and hunter under saddle. Classes with the word EQUITATION in them do not count towards the overall champion and reserve champion.

Each hunter class counts for points.

Points: 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 6 points, 3rd = 4 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th = 1 point, 6th = 1/2 point

However, ONLY those with the top four scores in the over fences classes are eligible for champion and reserve champion.

The HUNTER UNDER SADDLE (flat) class determines the final outcome. The HUNTER UNDER SADDLE scores are added to the top four scores and then the final top scores are then the overall CHAMPION AND RESERVE.

Estimated Costs:

Estimated & approximate cost for a one-day show.

- The average cost to participate if in the Mini, X-Bar or LS/SS divisions is ... **\$180-\$220**. This is a range due to the varying type and number of classes the rider may do (see breakdown of fees below).
- The coaching fee is for the preparation and coaching of the rider in all his/her classes on the day of the show.
- The total cost to participate in Leadline class is**\$75**

Breakdown of Fees:

Coaching fee.....\$50 per rider

Class fee:.....\$18-20 per class

Office fee.....\$20 per rider

EMT fee.....\$8 per rider

Medicine fee.....\$5 per rider

Horse rental fee...\$25 per rider