

# Cadence Riding Academy Guide to Showing

## ***What is a Cadence Horse Show?***

Cadence Equestrian Center organizes and manages multiple shows throughout the year including both “**Recognized**” and “**Academy**” horse shows. Cadence allows students in the Cadence Riding Academy to participate in these shows without having to own or lease their own horse.

- **Cadence Recognized shows** are usually held on Saturdays and are open to outside exhibitors. These shows are generally larger and more competitive in nature. They are recognized by our two state hunter jumper organizations (HJEO & OHJA). Cadence Academy riders do not have to be members of these organizations to participate.
- **Cadence Academy Shows** are usually held on Saturdays and are only open to students taking lessons in the Cadence Riding Academy.

## ***Request to Participate:***

- Anyone wishing to participate in a Cadence Horse Show must fill out the horse show sign up form under the **Shows** page on the Cadence website.
- The sign up is not a guarantee of participation, as participants will be selected in order of date of sign-up.
- Approximately 1-2 weeks prior to each show, our instructors 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, OR go to the top of the pick list for the next show.

## ***Registration & Preparation for the Recognized Show:***

- **Registration-** Your trainer will fill out a show entry form for you and give it to the office. (*Do NOT fill out anything other than the “Show Sign Up” form. You may see posts on social media regarding registration, entry forms, etc., but these are for outside participants. Cadence trainers will take care of everything for their students.*)
- **Horse Show Check-In:** Your instructor will pick up your back number and string for you. You do not need to check in or check out of the show office.
- **Preparing the Horses:** Participants may groom & bathe their horse prior to the show, but this must be approved by, and coordinated with, their instructor.
- **Show Times:** Show times vary depending on number of participants. Show times are rough estimates. For Recognized Shows, instructors will have the best idea of show times the evening before the show after the office has received all of the entries. For Academy Shows, instructors will have start times the day before the show.
- **Positive Attitude:** Horse shows are competitive and not everyone will win ribbons. Many factors will go into the placing – 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 an indicator of rider progression.

## ***Classes Offered at Academy Shows:***

- **Leadline Class:** 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 Walk Class:** Riders are judged at the walk on the flat.
- **Mini-Stirrup Trot Division:** Riders are judged on their equitation at the trot over poles and walk/trot on the flat.
- **Trot Cross Bar Division:** Riders are judged at the trot on their equitation over cross rails at 12”. Not to canter in the flat class.
- **Canter Cross Bar Division:** Riders are judged at the canter on their equitation over cross rails at 12”. Not to canter in the flat class.
- **Short Stirrup Division: For ages 11 & under.** Riders are judged on their equitation over 18” verticals with flower poles. No boxes or oxers. Trotting jumps or lead changes is not to be penalized. Not to canter in the flat class.
- **Long Stirrup Division: For ages 12 & over.** Riders are judged on their equitation over 18” verticals with flower poles. No boxes or oxers. Trotting jumps or lead changes is not to be penalized. Not to canter in the flat class.

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- **Short Stirrup Division: For ages 11 & under.** Entries will trot or canter over a course of 18" verticals with flower poles. No boxes or oxers. Trotting jumps or lead changes is not to be penalized. Not to canter in the flat class.
- **Long Stirrup Division: For ages 12 & over.** Entries will trot or canter over a course of 18" verticals with flower poles. No boxes or oxers. Trotting jumps or lead changes is not to be penalized. Not to canter in the flat class.

### **Show Attire:**

At Cadence Horse Show riders are not judged on attire, but a tidy appearance. We do recommend choosing one of the options below. You will see participants in full show dress or in more casual options.

- Helmet:  
ASTM-SEI equestrian helmet. Black is preferred, but colored helmets are okay.
- Shirt Options:  
Option 1: CEC polo shirt or CEC sun shirt  
Option 2: Black, navy or white polo/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: None
- Pant Options  
Option 1: Khaki or beige jodhpurs with or without jodhpur straps (11 & under) + belt  
Option 2: Khaki or beige breeches + belt
- Boot Options:  
Option 1: Black/brown paddock boots  
Option 2: Black/brown paddock boots + matching half-chaps  
Option 3: Black tall boots (recommended for ages 12+)
- Hair:  
For 11 & 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
- Recommended Additional Attire:  
Black Riding Gloves  
Black Riding Crop

### **Awards & Prizes at Academy Shows:**

- **Ribbons:** Class winners are awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place.
- **Champion & Reserve Champion:** There is a special ribbon & prize for each Division Champion & Reserve Champion as long as a minimum of three riders participates.
- Champion and Reserve Champion will be calculated on the total amount of points a rider earns in his/her classes.  
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- **Champion & Reserve Champion:** At recognized shows, 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 determine each division's CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION.

### **Cost (flat rate)\*:**

- **\$175 Academy Shows**
- **\$225 Recognized Shows**
- **\$75 Leadline Class**
- **\$75 Mini Walk Class**

\* All show fees are due at the time of sign-up. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS with the exception a horse is not available or horse becomes lame, ill, etc. In this case, the office will issue a full refund, OR rider can go to the top of the pick list for the next show.