

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 the horse show sign up form. This form can be found on the Cadence website under the Horse Show tab under the Cadence Riding Academy section. <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 and non-transferrable EXCEPT in the circumstance that all Academy horses are already reserved, or in the event a horse is ill or injured.
- Approximately one week prior to the 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 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 a show entry form for you and give it to the show office. Cadence will invoice you one week prior to the show, which is due upon receipt. *(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 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.
- **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.
- **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 after the office has received all of the entries. A schedule of classes/events is on the website approximately one month before 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:** Open to non-professional riders. May not cross enter into any other over fence class at the same OHJA recognized competition. Riders are judged on their equitation at the walk, walk/trot, and walk/trot over poles. There is no champion for this division.
- **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 recognized show. Not to canter in the under saddle.
- **Canter Cross Bar:** 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) + 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 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.
- Recommended Additional Attire:
Riding Gloves
Riding Crop

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

- Leadline \$75
- Mini Stirrup \$182
- Trot Crossbar \$218-236
- Canter Crossbar \$218-236
- Short/Long Stirrup \$218-236

Breakdown of Fees:

Coaching fee: \$50 per rider

Class fee: \$18 per class

Office fee: \$20 per rider

EMT fee: \$10 per rider

Medicine fee: \$5 per rider

Horse rental fee: \$25 per rider

***The \$75 deposit will be deducted from the total and invoiced via email. All balances are due the Thursday before the show.**