

Cadence Riding Academy

Guide to Showing

What is a Cadence Horse Show?

Cadence Equestrian Center organizes and manages multiple horse shows throughout the year. Cadence allows capable students who are active in the Cadence Riding Academy to participate in these shows without having to own or lease their own horse. Cadence is one of only a few facilities in Oklahoma to offer this experience for riders who do not own their own horse.

Types of Shows:

- **Cadence Recognized Shows** are open to outside exhibitors and 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 only open to active students in the Cadence Riding Academy.

Classes & Divisions Typically Offered:

- **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 Division: For ages 12 and under.** Riders are judged at the trot over poles on the ground and walk/trot on the flat.
- **Trot Cross Bar Division: For all ages.** Riders are judged at the trot over cross rails at 12". Not to canter in the flat class.
- **Canter Cross Bar Division: For all ages.** Riders are judged at the canter over cross rails at 12". Not to canter in the flat class.
- **Short Stirrup Division: For ages 11 & under.** Riders are judged 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 classes.
- **Long Stirrup Division: For ages 12 & over.** Riders are judged 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.
- **Adult Division: For 18 & over.** Riders are judged 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.

Request to Participate:

- Riders wishing to participate in any Cadence Horse Show must first request permission from their instructor.
- After the instructor gives permission, the rider must sign up on the Horse Show Sign-Up form on the Cadence website. This sign up is for the rider to be placed on the list for the show, but is not a guarantee to show. Please sign up for all shows you're interested in for the year.
- Approximately 4-8 weeks prior to each show, the sign up will be closed. Instructors will confirm with their riders if they are still wanting and able to show and then pick spots. Each instructor is given an even amount of spots in each division. Any additional spots available will be evenly distributed based on an instructor's need and the remaining availability in each division. Any rider who does not receive a spot in the current show will be placed at the top of the list for the next show.
- Approximately 4-8 weeks prior to each show and once instructors have picked spots, invoices will be sent for the upcoming show to all riders who received a spot in the show. If any invoice remains unpaid after 7 days, the spot will be forfeited and redistributed to riders on the alternate list. Note: There are NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS, with the exception that a horse is not available or horse becomes lame, ill, etc. In this case, the office will issue a full refund or credit, OR the rider can go to the top of the pick list for the next show.

- Approximately 3-4 weeks prior to each show, instructors will have a “round robin” for horse assignments. No rider is guaranteed any particular horse and the assignments are based on several factors.

*** PLEASE BE ADVISED: Cadence and Cadence instructors offer no guarantee to show. There are many factors involved, but we will do our best to include as many students as possible. ***

Registration & Preparation:

- **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 “Horse 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. Upon arrival on the day of the show, go to the Academy barn and check in with your instructor. Parents and family members should not enter the Academy barn on show day as it will be crowded with participants, staff, and horses.
- **Preparing the Horses:** Participants may groom & bathe their horse prior to the show, but this must be approved by, and coordinated with, their instructor.
- **Arrival Time:** Be sure to speak to your instructor on what time to arrive. The horse show will not be held for tardy riders and there is no refund if riders miss their division.
- **Show Times:** Show times vary depending on the 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. If possible, please do not plan other activities on show days.
- **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.

Show Attire:

Riders are not judged on their attire, but rather on a tidy appearance. We recommend choosing from the options below. You will see participants in a variety of the options, including full show dress and more casual options.

- **Helmet & Hair:**
 - ASTM-SEI equestrian helmet. Black is preferred, but colored helmets are okay.
 - For 10 & Under: Hair divided into two braids, may add ribbons/bows at the end
 - For 11 & Up: All hair tucked into the helmet with hair net.
 - Instructional videos for hunter/jumper hair can be found on YouTube
- **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+)

- **Recommended Additional Attire:**
 - Black Riding Gloves & Black Riding Crop

Awards & Prizes at Academy Shows:

- **Ribbons:** 1st through 8th place.
- **Champion & Reserve Champion:** There is a special ribbon for each Division Champion and Reserve Champion as long as a minimum of three riders participates. Additional prizes may be awarded to Division Champion and Reserve. Champion and Reserve Champion will be calculated on the total amount of points a rider earns in his/her classes: **Points:** 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 6 points, 3rd = 4 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th = 1 point, 6th = .5 point

Awards & Prizes at Recognized Shows:

- **Ribbons:** 1st through 6th place.
- **Champion & Reserve Champion:** Each hunter class counts for points. 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. Note: Only the riders 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 under saddle scores are added to the top four over fences scores and then final top scores are determined for each division's champion and reserve. **Points:** 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 6 points, 3rd = 4 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th = 1 point, 6th = .5 point

Parking, Concessions, Spectators:

- **Parking**— Please park alongside the academy barn and road, leaving enough room in front of the indoor arena for horses to safely walk to and from the barn and to the north arena. For those who may have difficulty walking to the arena, limited parking is available next to the bleachers of the north arena. If you do drive to the top ring please use extreme caution, as there are horses walking and people showing.
- **Concessions**— there will be a food truck selling food and drinks from approximately 10 am to 3 pm. Please support our food trucks so they want to return.
- **Spectators**— please do not permit children to run around the showing arena as this may startle the horses showing and cause a very negative effect for a rider who is showing. All guests should be observant when any rider is showing and avoid making sudden movements and loud noises, as well as leave all unnecessary items (like umbrellas, bikes, toys, etc) at home.

Cost (flat rate):

- \$275 Any Show, Any Division
- \$75 Leadline Class