

Cadence Riding Academy

Guide to Showing

What is a Cadence Horse Show?

Cadence Equestrian Center organizes multiple horse shows throughout the year. Cadence is one of only a few facilities in Oklahoma to offer the privilege to show to riders who do not own or lease their own horse.

Types of Shows:

- **Cadence Recognized Shows** are open to outside exhibitors and 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.

Request to Participate:

- Riders wishing to participate in any Cadence Horse Show must first request permission from their instructor, then must sign up on the Horse Show Sign-Up form on the Cadence website.
- No rider is guaranteed any particular horse. Instructors will “draw” horses for each participant out of a pool of horses that fits the rider’s level.
- Any rider who does not receive a spot in the current show for any reason (including a horse is not available, or due to lameness, illness, etc) will be placed at the top of the list for the next show and the payment will be transferred to that show. There are no refunds.

*** 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 on the website. You may see posts on social media regarding registration, but these are for outside participants.*
- **Practicing** - There is no guarantee that you will be able to “practice” on the horse that is selected for you. To guarantee to practice on a specific horse, riders must schedule an additional private lesson(s) with a Cadence instructor.
- **Horse Show Check-In:** Your instructor will pick up your number & 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, the 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 classes.
- **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 a day or two 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.

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/Long Stirrup Division: For ages 11 & under** (short stirrup) and **ages 12 & under** (long stirrup). 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.
- **Adult 18" 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.
- **Warmup Up Classes:** Warmup classes are added as needed for the horse, and by instructor discretion. The instructor will typically ride the horse in any necessary warmups.

Show Attire:

Below are options for show attire. Riders are also judged on an overall tidy appearance. 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 long sleeved 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 Leather Riding Gloves & Black Riding Crop

Awards & Prizes at Academy Shows:

- **Ribbons:** 1st through 8th place, or "double pinned" if there is a large number of participants.
- **Prizes or High Point Ribbon** for 1st place winners.

Awards & Prizes at Recognized Shows:

- **Ribbons:** 1st through 6th place.

- **Division Champion & Division Reserve Champion:** A “Champion” ribbon is awarded to the top point earner in each hunter division, and a “Reserve Champion” ribbon is awarded to the second top point earner in each hunter division. This award is not called “*Grand Champion*”.
 - The only classes that count towards the champion and reserve champion awards, 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 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 with mobility issues who are unable to walk to the arena**, there is limited parking available next to the bleachers of the north arena. If you drive to the top ring please use extreme caution, as there are riders on horseback and people showing. All other guests should walk to the arena.
- **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**— all spectators must wear closed toed shoes. There are no spectators permitted inside the barn on show day. 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 the rider(s) showing. All guests should be observant when rider or riders are showing. Pay attention to the arena – if a rider or riders are “on course” please be very still and quiet and avoid making sudden movements and loud noises. It is fine to bring a lawn chair but please leave all other items (such as tents, umbrellas, bikes, toys, etc) at home. Absolutely no dogs or other pets are permitted.

Cost (flat rate):

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