

Academy Division Rules

1. Safety is paramount. Unruly horses will be excused.
2. Horses in the Academy classes must be lesson horses used regularly in a professionally operated academy program. These horses must display the characteristics of such horses.
3. All Academy Classes are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show his/her horse to the best advantage. The horse is NOT to be judged.
3. **Academy Equitation** classes are judged on basic equitation skills with correct diagonals and leads.
4. **Academy Showmanship** classes are judged on the rider's horsemanship abilities. It should be judged on the rider's ability to control and show his/her horse. Promptness in finding the correct diagonals and canter leads are important, as well as a rider's command of the horse. Examples include speed, placement in the ring, and collectiveness.
5. Headers are allowed.

Riders

1. Academy is open to western, hunt seat, and saddle seat riders.
2. Riders must be participating in a professionally operated lesson program and show on lesson horses.
3. Riding helmets are mandatory. Attire may consist of jods, shirt, tie, vest, gloves, and boots. No jackets or full riding suits are permitted.
4. A rider may NOT cross enter between the Academy and Performance divisions at this show.
5. Once a rider has shown in an Academy walk/trot/canter class, at this or any horse show, they may not enter a walk/trot-only class.

Horses

1. Horses in the Academy classes must be lesson horses that are regularly used in a professionally operated lesson programs. Horses in training will not be allowed in the academy division.
2. Horses must be flat/keg shod. Corrective shoeing will be allowed. Excessive pads will not be permitted. Soundness is not to be considered.
3. Horses may be shown in snaffle bits or full bridles. Martingales are allowed.
4. Academy horses may be cross-entered into the Performance division at this show, if they are lesson horses in a professional program. They must have a non-Academy rider in the performance division.
5. Horses shall be owned or leased by the instructor or riding program.
6. Tail sets and action devices are not allowed to be used on Academy horses while at the show. Hoof blacking and braiding are optional.