

## **CADS FAQs**

### **Can I ride more than one horse to qualify for awards?**

You can ride more than one horse for certain awards. Please refer to the Year End Awards section to choose the award you desire and review the requirements.

### **I am disabled. Can I ride a Para-Dressage Test?**

Yes, please email the show secretary at [cadsrider@gmail.com](mailto:cadsrider@gmail.com) with the test(s) you would like to ride, and we will obtain the correct score sheet for our judges. The Para-Dressage Tests are not listed on the show form or website at this time, but CADS will be happy to offer them to any riders.

### **Do I have to wear a helmet if I am in the show or warmup ring?**

Yes, all mounted riders (Classical AND Western) must wear an approved helmet. For details, please refer to the USEF helmet guidelines at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

### **What kind of meetings do you hold?**

We hold a variety of meetings. Meetings are open to all members and are held either at a member's house or our facility at the Brecksville Stables. Committees hold their own meetings to meet their project deadlines. Executive Officers will also hold separate meetings to discuss and act on Club business.

### **I just joined CADS, what do I do now?**

Bookmark our web page in your favorites and make sure your email address is up to date with us. We are eco-friendly and try to stay as green as possible. The majority of club information can be found on the web/social media/email. Connect with us on Facebook. This is a fast way of getting information out in the event of a time change for an event. Check your email; we send newsletters to our members to keep them informed. Next look at our show calendar and mark, not only the show days, but the opening and closing dates. You need to submit the show entry form with payment online through the [cadsrider.org](http://cadsrider.org) website or by US mail. Check that your entry is post-marked by the closing date or purchased online by midnight. Select your classes, office fee and stall reservations online, fill out the show entry form with your horse information and click submit. We accept all credit cards and PayPal. Your ride times will be posted and/or sent via email and posted online the Wednesday before the show.

### **How do I know what level to enter?**

It would be best to ask your trainer or coach. If you've never shown at a dressage show before, you may want to start with either Intro or Training levels. Please check out the current dressage tests using the link USDF and USEF websites. Try the tests and see where YOU feel the most comfortable.

**I need a stall. How do I reserve one? Who do I pay?**

You can reserve a stall when you submit your entry. Bedding will be provided, but you need to make sure you have a bucket for water. You can pay for your stall using the Stall Reservation form on the [cadsdressage.org](http://cadsdressage.org) website when you submit your show entry.

**I can't come to the show what do I do?**

If you need to scratch BEFORE the closing date, just send us an email at [cadsrider@gmail.com](mailto:cadsrider@gmail.com) and we will cancel your entry and refund your entry and stall fees.

**It's show day, what do I do?**

Park in the designated trailer area for the show and come into the show office to complete any necessary paperwork, receive your competitor number and check for your stall number, if you reserved one. The Barn Steward will have a chart available showing where your stall is located.

**What if I need help with my horse or I need a reader at the last minute?**

There is always someone to give you a hand! We all want to make sure that both you and your horse have the best time possible. If your reader is tied up or you decide at the last minute you would like a reader, let us know in the office or ask the Show Ring Steward.

**Where do I get my test scores?**

Tests are scored and posted on the score sheets in the lounge. Ribbons and score sheets for each class are laid out on the results table.

**Do I need to stay until the end of the show?**

No. Unless you are volunteering and are scheduled for show closing activities, you do not have to stay after you have received your class results and ribbons.

**Do I need a fancy coat or anything special to wear?**

You don't need fancy clothes to show with us. At our regular Schooling Shows, you'll see riders wearing jackets or just a shirt and breeches, however, ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR APPROVED ASTM/SEI HELMETS AND BOOTS WHEN MOUNTED. A solid colored shirt with a collar and breeches are required. Breeches can range in colors from white to beige to tan to black. While you don't need to wear a jacket, if you would like to wear one, the suggested colors are black or dark navy.

For our Championship Show, we require formal attire. This is white or light-colored breeches, a dark jacket, and a stock necktie. If you would like to borrow a dark jacket, please check with the show office. Some of us have extra jackets for lending. A black vest with either a necktie, for men, or stock tie, is also appropriate. Western riders are required to wear boots appropriate to your discipline and an ASTM/SEI approved helmet while mounted. A collared Western shirt and pants are also fine. For the Championship show, you can dress up your shirt and pants. You may also use a neckerchief, bolo tie, or pin. Horses must be braided for the Championship Show.

**Why do I need to volunteer? How many hours do I need?**

For Year-End Award qualification members need to work 6 volunteer hours.

**What kind of activities are considered for volunteering?**

There are a number of volunteer jobs that need to be covered throughout the year. See below for some examples:

**Ring steward:** check in the rider at the entrance to the ring, make sure they have their competitor number, open the gate as one rider finishes and the next one is getting ready to start. You can also let the riders know if the judge is running ahead or behind schedule and help prevent delays by keeping riders on deck ready for the rides.

**Runner:** After 2 rides, collect the score sheets from the scribe, and take them to the office for scoring. You may also be asked to have a judge look at tied rides and determine which one is the winner.

**Scribe:** Sit next to the judge and record their comments and scores for each movement. While this a very interesting job, it is also the most technical. If you are interested in doing this, we would recommend that you do some practice scribing with your trainer, followed by doing some shadow scribing by sitting behind the judge and scribe to see if you can keep up. This is also if the judge permits the practice.

**Scorer:** You use the FOX VILLAGE software program to score each rider's test. The software will then rank each class as it closes. When score has been computed, print the score sheet and attach it to the test.

**The show year is over what's next?**

It's Year-End Banquet time. If you are applying for Year-End Awards, check out the requirements and follow the instructions for each award. You can also renew your membership for next year!