



Willow Creek Competition Academy



General Information

The goal of this show series is intended to gently introduce green horses/riders to the competition atmosphere. The program is also developed to further educate seasoned competitors' skill set to help them succeed with their endeavors in higher level of showing. This show series will offer beginner/intro classes, short stirrups, pony & hunter divisions, handy hunter/equitation classes and dressage tests. There is no age limit for any classes offered we're here to ensure riders are being met with a challenge set within their riding abilities.

We're promoting a safe, positive atmosphere & the health, safety, and welfare of horse/rider combinations in all levels of competitions. Anyone to be seen as acting in a reckless, unsafe, or abusive manner will be eliminated and asked to leave by the show committee.

SHOW DAYS

- 1. Spring Fling- May 16th, 2020**
- 2. Summer Solstice – June 28th, 2020**
- 3. Summer Fun – Aug 3rd, 2020**
- 4. Start of Fall – September 6th, 2020**
- 5. Spooktacular Show – October 25th, 2020**

Proof of current 2020 insurance coverage (OE membership) is required for all off property competitors. Riders will not be permitted to ride until the show secretary has seen a copy of insurance.

LOCATION:

WILLOW CREEK HORSEMANSHIP

954 CLAYTON RD.

Almonte, Ontario.

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Entry Information

- Entries are due before or on Wednesday prior to each show date. Late entries will be accepted with a \$10 late entry fee (On show committee discretion). Payment, forms and insurance are accepted day of the show.
- \$15.00 Administrative fee for all entries (plus division fees)
- Ribbons will be awarded from 1st-4th place in each class, Reserve & Champ ribbons for all core divisions.
- Horses can **be** ridden by multiple riders so long as students are competing at their current level.
- In hunter classes the emphasis in judging is on the consistency, manners, safety, and way of going of the horse. In beginner W/T, shorties, handy hunter classes the emphasis on judging is on the position, effectiveness, and horsemanship of the rider.
- Rider Age as of January 1st, 2020.
- Riders are permitted to change divisions as the season progresses & can participate in multiple divisions. However, if the show committee feels riders are beyond the level of class offered, they will be penalized or excused entirely.
- **We ask that you please leave your dog at home.**
- Use garbage cans and smoking designated areas as necessary. Be respectful of the show grounds.
- All competitors are asked to leave their cellphones in their respectful tack area or with family/friends. Pictures of said course the morning of the show will not be tolerated!

Warm Up Information

- All shows will be run outdoors weather permitting.
- Dressage tests will be held indoors.
- The over fences classes will run first, followed by the flat class in each division.
- Over fence classes begin at 10AM sharp. Open warm up from 9:00-9:50AM.
- Dressage tests will begin at 9:00A.M. & arena time will be posted ahead of show morning. We will not hold the ring if you are late.
- CADORA tests will be available at every show. EC or USEF tests can also be an option the day of. All tests will be judged the same regardless of provider. Tests will also be read out loud should the rider ask.
- Note that the short stirrup/junior classes will include only minimal jump fill, and will not include any oxers.

- Trotting the entire Short/long Stirrup o/f classes are permitted and will not be penalized (however it is recommended that either the entire course is trotted or the entire course is cantered, not a combination of both. EX: A rhythmic smooth trotted course will score higher than one cantered without correction on the wrong lead or out of control).
- Riders will be allowed three refusals before elimination. Following the third refusal the jump will be lowered, and the rider may take it as a coach-assisted courtesy jump before exiting the ring.
- Any falls are considered eliminated!! Riders are NOT permitted to re-mount, when safe they must exit the ring.
- Lunging is not permitted on Willow Creek grounds without permission.
- Simple lead changes are permitted in all o/f and pole classes and will not be penalized.

Classes Offered for all shows:

1. **WALK TROT (beginner) DIVISION**- Riders in this division may not cross enter into any other core jumping divisions. Riders will be expected to navigate poles and/or small x's classes at a walk or trot. Flat class also in walk/trot. Leadline riders are permitted to ride in this division.
2. **SHORT/LONG STIRRUP DIVISION** - The Short/Long Stirrup Division is intended for riders who have not shown over a course of fences over 18". This Division may consist of 2 over fence and a flat class to be shown at a walk, trot and optional canter. Riders in these classes may be asked to do a sitting trot as well.
3. **HORSE/PONY HUNTER DIVISIONS** – This division will be split by the height of the horse or pony and will be judged with its own set of ribbons, points and year end awards. It is intended to judge the horse/pony over a set of jumps at 2' or 2'3". Open to children and amateur adult riders. This division is made up of 2 over fence classes and one flat class where the horses/ponies will be judged at a walk, trot and canter. The horse is judged in this division on manners, way of going and their form over the jumps as well as confirmation.
4. **The Handy Hunters** – This division will be judged as a hunter/eq class combined. The horse will be scored on consistency, manners, safety, and way of going of the horse. The rider will be scored on the position, effectiveness, and horsemanship of the rider. Riders

can expect 2'6" fences with rollbacks, broken lines, trot fences etc. on course. There will be 1 over fence class, 1 flat class. The top 4 riders will be invited back for a 2nd over fence round. This division is open to all combination of adults, children, ponies & horses.

Point System:

1st place = 6 pts

2nd place = 4 pts

3rd place = 2 pts

4th place = 1 pt

Total = placing points x # of entries per class.

SHOW STOPPER EVENTS

Ribbons up to 4th place per class, no champ or Reserve champ ribbons awarded.

- * Spring Fling – Hack Division – W/T or W/T/C (Road, Show & Pleasure)
- * Summer Solstice –OPEN CARD
- * Summer Fun –3 Bar Challenge
- * Start Of Fall – Musical Medal
- * Spooktacular – Jumper Day, costume class & Gambler's choice

RIDER & HORSE ATTIRE:

Equine Canada Rules Apply as per ARTICLE G202 TACK AND EQUIPMENT

Riders should be attired in light coloured (tan preferred) breeches, a conservatively coloured golf shirt or show shirt with a dark jacket. Paddock boots with jodhpurs are acceptable for riders under 12 years of age. Paddock boots with half chaps or tall boots are acceptable for all riders. Gloves should be dark in colour. Long hair should be tidy and contained. "Show Bows" are acceptable for riders under 12 years of age. Protective vests are accepted/encouraged for younger riders. **An approved helmet is mandatory for all riders at all times when mounted on the horse. For children competitors, helmets MUST have a chin strap.** For the last show of the season (October Show) exceptions to attire may be made to accommodate for colder weather (Tidy winter jackets, vests, scarves, etc. will be permitted).

Horses should be neatly groomed and presented in clean tack. Saddle pads should be white in colour and shaped to fit the saddle. Bridles can have a plain cavesson noseband only. Micklem bridles are not accepted. Hackamores and bitless bridles are permitted. Breastplates are allowed, as are standing martingales in over fences classes only. Draw reins, side reins, and tie downs are not permitted. Fly bonnets and nose nets are permitted. Boots and bandages are permitted in the show ring for O/F, but not in the U/S class. Conservatively coloured crops/bats are permitted in both the warm up and show ring. Maximum length is 75cm.