

VS CADORA Member Survey 2017 Results

39 of our 93 members completed the survey. Here are the results:

There are 4 schooling shows in 2018. How many do you plan to ride in?

Total Respondents: 39

None	11	28.21%
1	1	2.56%
2	4	10.26%
3	8	20.51%
4	15	38.46%

Do you plan to ride in the July 2018 Capital City Classic show?

Total Respondents: 39

Yes	25	64.1%
No	14	35.9%

What other types of events would you like VS CADORA to provide?

Total Respondents: 39 (in order of most to least votes)

Winter Series schooling shows at local barns	26	66.67%
Awards Banquet, evening event (as in the past with the AGM)	26	66.67%
Riding clinic with local judges and trainers	23	58.97%
Through The Judge's Eye clinic	21	53.85%
Equine health talk by a professional (massage therapist, acupuncturist, farrier, vet etc.)	17	43.59%
Video night (WEG, World Cup, Olympics, training videos etc.)	12	30.77%
Talk by judge (pre or post show)	11	28.21%
Social/mixer	10	25.64%
Equestrian fashion show	8	20.51%

VS CADORA Board of Directors wants your input!

One of the top events requested was **Winter Series schooling shows**.

Bonita Stables and Fairlawn Equestrian Centre are putting on the Wild N' Wooly schooling shows in February, March and April.

VS CADORA members in good standing (2018 dues paid prior to the W N' W show) can use one of their scores from this series toward the VS CADORA Awards Program. Members must submit their scored test sheet to Sheryl Williams.

The other top event requested is the **evening Awards Banquet**:

VS CADORA held an evening Awards Banquet and AGM up until 2016, when reservations to the Banquet were so low that it was cancelled and an afternoon Awards Celebration was held on a Sunday afternoon instead. It is a great deal of work and a large expense to reserve the restaurant venue and choose the menu for the estimated number of participants. It would be a significant loss for the club if cancelled or poorly attended.

The VS CADORA board will consider holding an evening event for 2018 if enough members are willing to support it.

We would require sufficient confirmed reservations early in 2018. Would you purchase banquet tickets in July 2018?

YES

NO

Number of tickets you would purchase:

Horse Council (HC) Schooling Shows or Equestrian Canada (EC) Bronze shows?

The VS CADORA membership has been declining over recent years, and show entries have been lower. In 2017 shows were changed to HC schooling shows instead of EC Bronze shows in order to reduce the cost for riders and encourage more entries. Compared to HC, each EC test costs around \$10 more, and riders must pay the Drug Test Fee of \$3.50, the DC Levy of \$10 and an Administration Fee of \$30 per show.

There are benefits to holding EC shows. EC requires that a Steward be present at shows to protect the welfare of the horses and ensure fair play. They inspect horses, tack and rider attire, checking that all equipment is humane and adheres to EC Rules. They oversee the warm up area.

A technician is required to perform random drug testing of the horses, to detect the use of banned substances.

The VS CADORA board is reviewing the decision to change from EC Bronze shows to HC schooling shows. We would like to hear from our members.

Would you prefer to ride in EC Bronze shows at a higher cost, or would you prefer to continue with HC schooling shows?

Prefer EC Bronze shows YES

Prefer HC schooling shows YES