

Just Horsin' Round Open Horse Show Series

April 25-26, June 20-21, August 15-16, 2026

Williamston, NC

Saddle Seat Academy Rules

As of March 3rd – may be updated as rules change

Just Horsin' Round Open Horse Show Series offer Saddle Seat Academy Classes. We use the following rules:

- *Horses must be true lesson horses.*
- *Horses must be “plain shod” – no pads.*
- *Academy riders may not have ever shown in “formal” attire.*
- *Once a rider “canters”, they may not go back to the WT classes (in Academy or Performance at our shows). Riders may cross enter into the performance classes that they may qualify for. However, they must show in “academy” attire.*
- *Academy only may show with a Martingale in a canter class.*
- *Recognized helmets are encouraged.*
- *Walk only classes – May have an attendant. May use a lead line if necessary. Just for your information, we are offering the walk only class in the Saddle Seat, Western Pleasure and Hunt Seat Divisions, but not the working division as the working western division and field hunter division are not for beginners.*
- *Walk and Trot on a lead 8 and under – For Academy riders 8 and under. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot on a lead line. They will not be allowed to show in the walk only classes. It is a saddle seat class only.*

Academy classes will not count toward the division Championship award.