

Rider Policy

About Chamounix Equestrian Center

At CEC, we teach introductory English riding, with a focus on the hunter style – appropriate movement of the horse, correct positioning of the rider on the flat, and jumping. Besides the basics of English riding, we offer Polo lessons to our advance riders who are interested.

Chamounix riders also learn horsemanship, responsibility, confidence, and self-esteem.

Important Reminders

All lessons are one hour; however, we require our students to be hands-on and learn the whole horse experience, so arriving early is necessary. We expect riders to arrive at least 15 minutes before the lesson, to groom and tack; then allow 10-15 minutes to untack and groom after the lesson. The welfare of our lesson horses depends on each and every rider doing their part before and after the lesson.

Arriving after the lesson has already started can be discourteous and disruptive to the instructor, as well as the other students. If you are more than 20 minutes past the hour the instructor may terminate your lesson.

- **Rider (18+), Parents or Legal Guardian must sign a Release Agreement BEFORE handling of any horses.**
- **Any child under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult before and after the lesson.**
- **Parents of children 12 or older, who do not stay on site during the lesson, must pick up their child no later than 1 hour after their lesson ends.**
- **Riders may not mount until they are in the arena and must dismount before they leave the arena**

Attire

Riders may wear jeans, chaps or britches, closed toed shoes, with a heel if possible but not necessary. A t-shirt is preferred. **No tank tops or belly shirts are allowed** and for safety and comfort reasons, no shorts. We don't allow bicycle helmets or chewing gum.

Policies

There are no make-ups or credits for lessons that you have paid for, but do not attend. We understand last-minute conflicts arise, however we are unable to accommodate a make-up lesson or credit, due to our large client base. Our programming is well planned and we make every effort to limit the number of participants per lesson. If possible, please text or email your instructor if you are unable to attend your lesson.

Lessons are held rain or shine. In the unusual event that we cancel your lesson, for any reason, we will provide you with a make-up lesson.

Tuition for the month is due no later than the 20th of the prior month. We only reserve spots for future lessons if a deposit is made.

Private and Semi-Private lessons must be booked and paid for at least 10 days in advance. While Chamounix Equestrian Center **is not** responsible to find another rider to fill a semi private request- we do try our best too. In the case we cannot fill a semi-private request; the client may postpone their lesson or pay for a private.

Gratuities

It is our expectation that our lesson instructors will provide a fantastic experience. If you would like to offer gratuities/tip you may, but it is not expected.

CECs' staffs work very hard to create an enjoyable and well organized riding experience for you. Thank you for understanding our need for these policies.