

CADENCE RIDING ACADEMY

Rates, Rules, & Policies



The Cadence Riding Academy program offers top quality riding instruction for all levels for those who do not own or lease their own horse. Our program is recognized by the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA). We instruct students age 6 & Up in the traditional riding discipline of Hunter Seat and are dedicated to the development of equestrians.

Horses & professional instructors:

Cadence instructors are professional, adult instructors. Our lesson horses and ponies are school master horses and are carefully and selectively chosen for our program.

Lesson types & rates:

The instructor determines the type of lesson that is suitable for each student. Horse and tack is included. Students will remain in beginner private lessons until all basic skills are mastered.

- **Assessment Lesson \$65**
 - 30-minute private riding lesson, barn tour, and overview of program.
- **Beginner Private Lessons \$55**
 - 30-minute private private riding lesson.
 - Required to learn the riding basics necessary to advance to a group lesson.
- **Group Lessons \$55**
 - One hour group flat and/or jumping lesson with 3-6 riders.
- **Regular Private Lessons \$85**
 - 30 minute private dressage or flat lesson.
- **Jumping Private Lessons \$125**
 - 30 minute private jumping lesson - riders cantering cross bar and/or 18" lines and courses.

~ 5% discount when taking 8+ group lessons per month. ~

Payments:

- The student or parent/guardian is required to fill out a credit card authorization form for auto-pay. The credit card that is on file will be charged in advance on or around the 25th-31st of each month for the upcoming month's lesson and a receipt will be emailed.
- If you do not to fill out a credit card authorization form, you will be required to bring cash or check to your instructor on or before the 1st lesson of each month.
- There are no refunds.

- There is a \$50 service charge for returned payments.

Scheduling:

- Students are required to take a minimum of 1 lesson per week (4-5 per month) except if lesson day falls on the following Cadence closure days: New Years Eve, New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, & Christmas Day.
- We recommend students take a minimum of two lessons per week to stay in practice and to build skills faster. There is a 5% discount if taking 8+ group lessons per month.
- Please arrive at least 10-15 minutes early for lessons. If you are late to your lesson the lesson will still end at the designated time.
- On rainy days, the use of the indoor will be rotated among instructors in a fair manner and mounted lessons will be substituted with un-mounted horsemanship lessons.

Cancellations & Makeups:

- For lesson cancellations, please contact your instructor in writing by text or email. No-shows and/or late cancels (less than a 24 hour notice) will receive no makeup or credit and lesson fee is forfeited.
- A 24 hour notice is required to receive a makeup lesson. Makeup lessons are subject to the availability of the instructor and must be taken within 30 days or fees are forfeited.
- Only one makeup is allowed every 3 months with the exception of medical conditions.

Riding Apparel Resources:

- Dover.com
- Smartpak.com
- Red Earth, OKC, OK
- Circle E, Edmond, OK

Required Riding Attire:

- ASTM/SEI Certified Helmet*
- English Paddock Boots with or without Half Chaps; or Tall Boots
- Breeches, Jodhpurs, or Riding Tights
- Riding gloves (form fitted)
- Hair neatly tied back & out of the face
- No jeans, sweatpants, or baggy clothing; no long jewelry and no gum
- Safety Vest (optional)

* riders may borrow a Cadence helmet for their Assessment lesson, but are required to purchase their own helmet for any additional lessons.

Visitor Rules:

- Closed-toed shoes are required to be worn by ALL VISITORS while on CEC property. No bare feet, flip flops, or sandals.
- We welcome parents to watch lessons, but please observe your children on the outside of the gate/arena.
- We do not permit coaching or critiquing your child during his/her lesson. This is distracting to not only your child, but also to the instructors and other riders.

- Please supervise all children who are not attending lessons at all times and make them aware of all rules. Do not let children climb on fences or gates or play in the shavings, hay barn, or around horses.
- Please do not park on the grass or block any horse trailers.
- Do not bring pets, bikes, scooters, balls, etc. on the property as this may frighten the horses.
- Do not handle any dogs, cats, or any horse not being used for your lesson.
- There is NO smoking on CEC property.
- The speed limit on the property is 1-3 mph. Observe all stop signs. Please watch out for pedestrians, riders, horses & other barn animals.
- You may feed horses fresh cut up apples or cut up carrots with the permission of the instructor. Do not feed anything else to the horses.
- Never enter any stall or pasture on the property without permission from the instructor.

Email, Text Messaging, and Communications:

- All emails and text messages between minors and Cadence instructors or staff must always include a parent or guardian.