

Freedom Ride - Inclement Weather Policy

Please do not assume that classes will be cancelled due to bad weather. We often provide stable management and horse care classes in place of riding. Remember, this is Florida; it may be raining where you are, but clear at Freedom Ride.

If you have not been called, your class has not been cancelled.

If Freedom Ride cancels the lesson due to inclement weather, if time allows, a make-up will be scheduled through your instructor or a credit will be applied to your account. At the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity of the weather, mounted lessons may not be feasible. It is Freedom Ride policy to provide ground/barn lessons in the event that a mounted lesson is not possible. It is your final decision of whether you or your child participates in the lesson, mounted or unmounted; however, if you choose not to participate and the lesson is still held, you will not be given a make-up or a credit to your account.

Inclement Weather Standards:

- Mounted lessons will not be held when the heat index is above 95 degrees.
 - Please note that Freedom Ride bases this on the actual temperature PLUS the relative humidity – which provides us with the estimated “feels like” temperature or Heat Index. This is not only for the safety of our riders, but also our volunteers, instructor and most of all, our horses.
- Mounted lessons will not be held when the wind chill factor is below 45 degrees.
- Mounted lessons will not be held during heavy rain.
- Mounted lessons will not be held if there is visible lightning or thunder – regardless of whether it is raining.
 - Freedom Ride’s rule is that no rider can be on a horse within 15 minutes of the last thunder/lightning.

Freedom Ride Lesson Time Standards:

- If the rider has participated in 50% or more of the lesson time – it will be considered a full-completed lesson.
- If the rider participation is less than 50% of the total lesson time it will be considered a cancellation by Freedom Ride.

If you have any questions, feel free to address them with your instructor.