



# OPEN RIDE SESSIONS

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## WELCOME TO THE NEC'S OPEN RIDE SESSION:

Each session runs (2) two hours in length, during which time horse and rider pairs may have access to assigned stalls, wash racks, an indoor warm up arena and a competition arena. The cost is \$30 per rider/horse pair.

Our scheduled sessions begin at 9:00a, 12:00p and 3:00p. All riders must secure a reservation in advance of the session, and no "drop-ins" are permitted. All riders/horses must avoid arrival prior to their designated session and must vacate by its conclusion. If riders wish to bring horses early or leaves horses after their designated session times, they may rent a day stall for \$25 per stall plus shavings. Please notify NEC Staff when making a reservation.

## TO RESERVE OR CANCEL A RIDE IN A SESSION:

Each session is limited to a maximum of 10 horse/rider pairs. To request a ride reservation, call the NEC Services Office at (636) 561-8080 or email us at [info@necstl.com](mailto:info@necstl.com). A credit card is required to secure a reservation in advance; however, NEC will accept payment for the session itself on arrival to the Facility. Cash, checks and credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, or Discover) are welcome.

To cancel a reservation, riders may call the NEC Services Office at (636) 561-8080 or email [info@necstl.com](mailto:info@necstl.com). Reservations cancelled with fewer than 24-hours' notice will be charged a cancellation fee of \$15 per rider/horse pair.

Any credit card transactions processed without a physical card may be subject to a 3% account convenience fee.

## ARRIVAL & FACILITY ACCESS:

On arrival to NEC, riders should visit the NEC Services Office with a copy of their horses' current negative Coggins report and payment for the ride session. NEC Staff will obtain signatures on liability release forms and provide stall and arena assignment information at that time. **No horses may enter the NEC barns or arenas without a current negative Coggins report on hand.**

After visiting the NEC Services Offices, riders may have access to their assigned session stalls, wash racks and to designated warm up and competition arenas. Riders must clean up after their horses in all areas of the NEC Facility, and assigned stalls must be mucked prior to departure. Riders leaving the NEC Facility with stalls uncleaned will be charged a clean-out fee of \$25.00. Mucking equipment will be provided.

## ARENA RULES & EXPECTATIONS:

Riders are expected at all times to act responsibly with their horses and to behave courteously toward other riders and NEC staff. Each session will be monitored by NEC Staff to ensure the sessions remain safe and enjoyable for all participants. Any violation of NEC rules or expectations can result in the immediate removal of a rider from a session and future refusal to accept a requested reservation.

- Smoking is NOT allowed on NEC premises under St Charles County 2019 Ordinances
- Shavings may NOT be brought into NEC from outside sources; all shavings must be purchased in the NEC Services Office
- Horses may NOT be lunged in fiber arenas or in arenas normally reserved for competition use; free-lunging is prohibited at all times
- Limited arena equipment such as barrels, poles, jumps, cavaletti blocks or other obstacles may be brought in only by NEC for use during ride sessions when 70% of the same session is filled by consenting riders of the same riding discipline
- Riding clinics or formal lessons conducted during ride sessions may be organized by special arrangement with NEC and may be subject to additional fees
- Horses are NOT permitted in stalls, wash racks or arenas prior to established session times
- Dogs are NOT permitted in arenas at any time; friendly dogs are permitted on leashes in the barns and other public areas
- All riders and guests must sign a liability release form prior to entering the barns or arenas
- All riders and horses must vacate NEC by the close of the established session time
- All riders under age 18 must wear an ATMS/SEI approved helmet when mounted on a horse
- All horses must be attended unless stabled in their assigned stalls. Do not tie horses to NEC fencing or railings at any time
- All riders must clean up after their horses; stalls must be mucked clean prior to departure
- All trash must be disposed into trash cans; these are located at the end of each barn aisle

The NEC is glad to provide this opportunity to members of our community, and the community's feedback is always welcome. Please follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/necstl/> - and be invited to visit our website [www.necstl.com](http://www.necstl.com).

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