

Formation Riding



Formation riding is a fun way to interact with other equestrians, improve your horse and rider coordination, and to become an eye-catching presentation when riding in formation with others at various events. Formation riding can serve as the basis for those who wish to progress on to Drill Team Riding.

These classes are normally 2 hours in length. Although there is some ground work, the rider will be in the saddle for the majority of the session. This class is open to all ages. All riders must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement, and those riders under 18 must have the Hold Harmless Agreement signed by their parent or legal guardian before they will be allowed to ride. Due to new insurance regulations, all participants will be required to wear an approved helmet at all times while riding at the Emerald Oaks Ranch.



To participate in these classes, the rider should have sufficient riding skills to:

- Move the horse in a straight line at both a walk and trot;
- Make controlled turns at both a walk and trot; and to
- Extend and slow both walk and trot gaits in order to maintain specified distances to other horses.

This class is open to all breeds of both gaited and non-gaited horses. All horses must be accompanied by proof of a current negative Coggins test. Horses that kick are not the best candidates for this type of exercise since riding in close formations are frequent. We want everyone to enjoy a safe experience.

Unless otherwise specified on our website, these classes will be held at the Emerald Oaks Ranch located at 12391 SR 471, Webster, Florida 33597. For exact dates, times and locations, please check our calendar at www.suncoastequine.com/calendar.htm.

All participants should be at the arena mounted 5 minutes prior to the starting time. New participants and those who missed the previous session should be at the arena without their horses 30 minutes prior to the start time so that we may cover what you have missed. While not mounted, you can tie your horses at your trailer or at any one of the designated tying spots. The class will be conducted in our 160X120 fenced and lighted outdoor arena having sand/clay mix footing. There is sufficient parking for horse trailers on the property. Wash bays are available. Personal facilities are available. Please bring your own refreshments if desired. A covered viewing area with seating is available for spectators.

The fee for participating is \$20 per person per session. Suncoast Equine's Basic Formation Riding Manual is available for purchase. If you would like to participate but do not have a horse to bring, you can use one of ours for an additional \$10 per session. There is no grounds fee or charge for spectators. For more information or if you wish to participate, call now to reserve your spot, (352)568-3310.