

**Special Equestrians, Inc.**  
**Weather Policies**

If classes are cancelled due to weather, we **will**:

1. Make a determination at least 1 hour before the session starts.
2. Change the message on the machine
3. Call the riders
4. Call the volunteers

We will **not** cancel the day before or even 3-4 hours before session starts. Weather is too unpredictable and the forecast is often wrong. Many times we have tried and it turned out to be a beautiful day.

We will **not** have classes if:

- There is a "Tornado Watch" for Shelby County
- There is lightning
- Severe Rain or Storms
- Extreme Cold below 40 with windchill factor
- Snow
- Ice with Road Closings
- Extreme Heat above 95 with heat index factor

That being said:

- Don't make assumptions. Always call to verify that we have cancelled. There may be considerations that are not evident and sometimes weather is different in your area of town.
- Heat and cold temperatures are only a factor if they will stay that cold or hot for the duration of the session.
- Pop up thunderstorms may cause a delay rather than a cancellation. If storms pop up after class has started, we will dismount immediately and look at conditions before deciding how to proceed.
- Please do not call the office and ask us to call you if we **are** having classes. You are welcome to call before you come if you have any concerns. If there is not a message on the voice mail saying we have cancelled, classes will go on as scheduled
- We will always try to hold classes if at all possible.