



LESSON POLICIES

2022

- ❖ Have FUN!
- ❖ Use kind language, no swearing
- ❖ Arrive at least five minutes prior to your scheduled lesson time
- ❖ Please wear appropriate footwear, no sandals or open-toed shoes
- ❖ Always be kind and respectful to all others at all times, no gossiping
- ❖ Stay in your safe space, do not enter a horse area without express permission
- ❖ Be respectful of others time, do not interrupt an ongoing lesson, but do watch
- ❖ You must wear an ATSM/SEI certified and appropriately dated helmet at all times while working around the horses

- 1) The expectation first and foremost is to always be kind and respectful to all horses, riders, and others always. Gossiping at the barn will strictly not be tolerated, from students or parents.
- 2) Please arrive at the barn at least 5 minutes prior to your scheduled lesson time in proper attire (you can find more details in the "What to Bring" section). If you arrive early for a lesson, use this time to watch the lesson before you as a learning opportunity and support your fellow riders and our horses.
- 3) We will all work as a team to keep lessons moving in an effective and timely manner. However, the success of the rider who rides before and after you/your child is just as important as your own. We want riders and horses to end on a "good note" every lesson so please be respectful of that goal for not only your rider but the others at the arena.
- 4) Upon arrival at the barn please proceed to the upper red barn by the tack room where you will find a whiteboard with your name, horse you will be riding, the arena you will be riding in, and your level card. *Please remember to put your helmet on before interacting with any horses.
- 5) Parents are welcome to come learn and support their student in the unmounted part of their lesson as long as they are doing so for their own personal learning. (We encourage all parents to schedule a horse handling lesson for themselves so they can more successfully support their rider before and after lessons) Family are welcome to wait in the viewing room attached to the indoor or the seating area by the outdoor arena (depending on your or your child's designated lesson area which can be found on the white board).
- 6) During lessons, coaching from the sidelines is not conducive to a productive lesson and is therefore not permitted, during breaks questions are welcomed. This expectation is in place because it is extremely difficult, oftentimes impossible, for someone to have three conversations at once (one with the horse, one with the instructor, and one with someone else).
- 7) As a Team we will set SMART Goals, as well as work through our lesson levels to create life long riders who have a great base of horsemanship, equitation and love of the sport. Please be respectful of this process and if you have concerns or questions regarding your riders progress please reach out via email letting us know you would like a level update so that we can find the appropriate time to answer your questions.