



Dan Hobyn Stables

Lesson Policies:

HOW TO GET STARTED:

*For your 1st lesson, you have 2 options:

1. **Orientation Package (\$180)** – Designed for the beginner rider. This lesson package consists of 4 – 1 hour lessons. During the 1 hour sessions, there are 30 minutes of Horse Management Instruction (learning how to groom and tack a horse safely, as well as learn parts of the tack, horse, etc...), and 30 minutes of Riding Instruction.
2. **Initial Evaluation Ride (\$50)** – This lesson is a 30 minute Private Lesson designed for the rider who has had at least 1 year of riding experience. This lesson is used to evaluate where the rider may fit into our weekly riding lessons.

*After either the Orientation Package/Evaluation Ride, you will have the option to:

- a. **Join a Group Lesson (\$45)** – Highly recommended as most riders learn from each other. Plus, it's a great opportunity to meet new friends, and are more economical than private lessons (Your instructor will work with you to find a group lesson in which you will fit into best). Group lessons are 45 minutes long.
- b. **Stay in Private Lessons (\$50)** – Due to the lesson schedule being extremely full, we may not be able to accommodate a private lesson request. But, we will do our best. Private lessons are 30 minutes long.

3. LESSON RATES:

BOARDER/LESSOR:

LESSON TYPE	COST \$	LESSON LENGTH
PRIVATE	\$50.00	30 MINUTES
GROUP	\$35.00	45 MINUTES
LYNNE BERGH (Clinician)	\$50.00	45 MINUTES

PUBLIC STUDENT & PONY CLUB RATES:

LESSON TYPE	COST \$	LESSON LENGTH
PRIVATE	\$50.00	30 MINUTES
GROUP	\$45.00	45 MINUTES
LYNNE BERGH (Clinician)	\$50.00	45 MINUTES

**Boarders & Leasers are charged a minimum of 4 or more lessons per month.*

**Public Lesson Students and Pony Clubbers are charged a minimum of 3 or more lessons per month.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What will you need to bring to your 1st Lesson?

FOR ANYONE VISITING THE BARN WITH THE RIDER:

- **VERY IMPORTANT: ANYONE ENTERING THE BARN (PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ETC...) MUST WEAR PROPER FOOTWEAR. THIS IS A SAFETY RULE: NO OPEN TOED SHOES – NO SANDALS, CROCS, CLOGS...TENNIS SHOES ARE ACCEPTABLE AS WELL AS BOOTS. THANK YOU!**

FOR THE RIDER:

- Long Pants – Breeches are preferred but not required.
- Hard Soled Shoes – Boots with no more than a 1 inch heel. Paddock boots are preferred, but not required. **YOU MAY NOT RIDE IN TENNIS SHOES!**
- During Winter Months, you may want to wear layers of clothing (Sweatshirts & Coats with zippers are a good idea, so you don't have to remove your helmet to get them off). Students start out cold, but then get warm while riding.

Do I need to bring my own helmet?

*No, we provide helmets. But, we recommend that you get your own helmet if you are serious about riding in the long term. Helmets must be ASTM/SEI Certified and worn at all times while mounted.

Can I watch my child ride during their lesson?

Parents are welcome to watch the lesson. However, some kids do best with mom or dad hanging out around the corner out of sight (the distraction of a parent watching sometimes does not help with attention spans). Please note that ANYONE entering the barn (moms, dads, grandparents, siblings) needs to wear proper footwear. No sandals or crocs. Tennis shoes or boots are required. This is a safety rule.

Also, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do NOT coach your kid from the sideline. Your instructor is very knowledgeable and has the safety of your child as their first priority. Trying to listen to 2 people at once is difficult and can lead to frustration for both the rider & instructor. This can also become dangerous as it is distracting for the rider and they may not be able to hear important instructions to help keep them safe in the saddle. An encouraging word from time to time is welcome, but please let the instructor do their job.

Where can I purchase a Helmet, Breeches and/or Paddock Boots?

*There are a number of local tack stores which carry these products:

- *Tractor Supply Co.* – carries certified Troxel Brand helmets for around \$45. They also carry a handful of paddock boots online.
- *Grand Champion Tack (3905 W. 96th St, Indpls, IN – North Side)* – carries various brands of certified helmets, boots & breeches. (317) 872-4248
- *Dover Saddlery in Cincinnati, OH* – carries almost every brand of helmet, breeches and boots imaginable. www.doversaddlery.com
- *Equus Now in Cincinnati, OH* – carries many brands and has a nice consignment section as well.

CANCELATIONS:

Extreme Temperatures:

*Lessons will be cancelled if the day time temperature is either below 20 degrees or above 90 degrees. This is for both the rider's and horse's health.

*Texts will be sent out by your instructor confirming any cancellations. If you are not sure if your lesson has been cancelled, please either call or text your instructor (Rachel – 317-627-0809 or Kelly 317-727-6696 or Michelle 765-215-0567).

Lesson Cancellations:

***All lesson cancellations must be made via text to your instructor 6 hours in advance of your lesson, *or you will be charged for the lesson*. Just be sure to get a confirmation that someone received the message. Thank you** Please do not email or call the Dan Hobyn voicemail to cancel – use texting ONLY for cancellations.

CLEANING UP AFTER YOURSELF:

*Part of your responsibility is to make sure that the school horses' tack & grooming tools are CLEANED & put away neatly. Please make sure to return all tack & grooming tools to their proper place in the tack room.

*Please make sure to remove hair from brushes before returning them to the tack room.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP THE TACK ROOM CLEAN & TIDY!