



Dan Hobyn Stables

Lesson Policies:

HOW TO GET STARTED: (inquire about lessons by emailing us at danhobynstables@aol.com)

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

1. **Initial Evaluation Ride (\$70)** – This lesson is a 45-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.
2. **Private Lessons / First Stride Lessons for the Beginner Rider** – These lessons will allow the beginner rider to learn how to tack, groom and be safe around the horse. These lessons set the foundation of basic skills required to join a group lesson.

*After the Evaluation Ride/Private Lessons/First Stride Lessons, you will:

Join a Group Lesson (\$65) – 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 with 3 or less riders & 60 minutes for 4 riders.

3. **LESSON RATES:**

LESSON TYPE	COST \$	PREPAY COST \$	LESSON LENGTH
PRIVATE (PUBLIC)	\$70.00	\$65.00	45 MINUTES
PRIVATE (BOARDER/LEASER)	\$55.00	\$50.00	30 MINUTES
GROUP (PUBLIC)	\$65.00	\$60.00	45 MINUTES
GROUP (BOARDER/LEASER)	\$55.00	\$50.00	45 MINUTES

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

****Public Lesson Students are charged a minimum of 4 lessons per month & are non-refundable.***

***Please be ON TIME for your lesson. It is important to allow the horse & rider proper warm-up time & not disrupt the flow of the lesson. If you are more than 5 minutes late, you may need to reschedule your lesson or wait to join the next one. Please be ready at least 5 minutes prior to your lesson's start time to help keep everyone on time.**

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.
- **Shirt** – No spaghetti strap tank tops. Shirts must have a thick strap covering shoulder (sleeveless is okay as long as strap is thick).
- 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.
- **Saddle Pad** – Once you join a regular weekly lesson, we ask that riders bring their own saddle pad each week. We can help you order one, if needed. Riders are expected to bring with them each week and are responsible for cleaning the pads regularly.

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. Ask your instructor for helmet recommendations.

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) need 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:

- Great British Equinery of Indiana – <https://greatbritishequinery.com> (Local to Greenwood, IN) (317) 864-8110
- *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.
- *Smartpak* – www.smartpak.com Smartpak is an online tack shop that carries a variety of brands – they offer FREE shipping, if you ship to Dan Hobyn Stables. We have a partnership with them that allows clients to ship items to the barn for free. We have a rep who can be contacted directly- see Kelly for contact info.

CANCELATIONS:

Extreme Temperatures:

*Lessons will be cancelled if the daytime/high temperature is either below 15 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 (Kelly 317-727-6696). Please do not assume lessons are canceled until you hear from someone.

Lesson Cancellations:

***Please cancel your lesson in a timely manner (6 hours minimum). Please text your riding instructor to cancel. Make-up Lessons may be made up within the following month (if you cancel at least 6 hours prior). If you cancel late, unfortunately you will not be able to make up the lesson. Please contact your instructor for availability.**

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. Tack cleaner is provided and tack is expected to be cleaned after each use. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP THE TACK ROOM CLEAN & TIDY!