

HAYCROFT STABLES

Riding School Rules & Information

SAFETY FIRST:

We have taken every precaution to ensure that the total environment in and around the riding school facility is as safe as possible for all visitors. However, some associated risks cannot be fully eliminated but are lowered when adherence to standard procedures and common sense are used. Unpredictable and unforeseen circumstances may occur and although these are generally rare all visitors and riders should make themselves aware of activities within their surroundings as much as possible and conduct themselves in a proper and safe manner at all times while on the property of the riding school. **“IF YOU DON’T KNOW, ASK SOMEONE WHO DOES.”**

In accordance with the local, regional and provincial laws and bylaws set out in various statutes **“ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR AN APPROVED SAFETY HELMET AND PROPER FOOTWEAR WITH HEELS”** while mounted on a horse. At *Haycroft Stables*, we ask that all riders wear their helmets at all times while working in and around the horses. **“THIS ADDED PRECAUTION WILL REDUCE MISHAPS AND ACCIDENTS.”**

We suggest that beginners use “approved” safety bicycle helmets (if they have them) or purchase “approved” equestrian helmets from the local tack shops. We can suggest good tack stores that will assist you with purchasing beginner’s packages. Used boots, clothes, and equipment are OK, **BUT** always buy a **NEW HELMET ONLY – NEVER USED. NO HOCKEY HELMETS. NO RUNNING SHOES. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please note that all riders, parents/guardians, and accompanying adults will be asked to sign a waiver with their application, prior to the commencement of activities at *Haycroft Stables*. If you have any questions, please ask at that time.

Riders should dress for the weather. Remember, as the lesson progresses, so does body temperature... so we suggest layers that can be shed easily during the lesson, as necessary. After the ride, the body cools down and the layers can be put back on as necessary.

In order for us to conduct the riding school activities safely and on time, we must insist that each visitor and rider follow the simple rules of the barn. These are:

GENERAL RULES:

1. Walk... don’t run. Slow movements in and around horses will limit accidents. No loud yelling or screaming.
2. Be courteous to your fellow riders. **Clean up** after yourself and your horse immediately, **before and after you ride.** Put all tack, equipment, and personal items in their proper place as soon as possible after use.
3. Keep lounge, aisles, doors, and common areas clean and clear of garbage at all times.
4. Use common sense. **If you don’t do it at home... don’t’ do it at the stables.** Always ask before you act.
5. The hayloft, feed rooms, private horses stalls, and certain other marked or noted areas are **“OFF LIMITS”** to students and guests. Park in designated areas only. Do not block doorways.

6. Know your lesson days and times and **BE ON TIME...** That means arriving at least 20-30 minutes prior to your lesson time to prepare yourself and your horse for the lessons.
7. Wear your safety helmet and approved shoes at all times. **NO HELMET OR SHOES... NO LESSON OR RIDE!!**
8. All horses and ponies must be properly groomed before and after each lesson. This is for the health of the horse before being tacked up and to settle them down after the riding session.
9. Parents/guardians must be over 18 years old and **MUST** accompany **ALL** riders under 16 years of age at all times, while they are on the property. Coaching and stable staff will not assume any responsibility for the care or monitoring of any minor (rider or other) while the parent/guardian is absent... **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
10. All cancellation notices must be made 24 hours prior to lesson times. Lessons for introductory class students must be rescheduled (if time available) within the expiry date. All other lessons must be rescheduled within the same month as the original as time and availability permits. There will be **NO REFUNDS** or future credits for cancelled lessons unless otherwise authorized.
11. All monthly lesson payments must be received by the first of each month, for the entire month, paid in advance. Rates for lessons may vary according to the lesson grouping, duration, or level of instruction... see your trainer.

NOTES:

Have fun and enjoy the best sport in the world... the teamwork developed between horses and their riders helps us to develop our inner strengths and to grow as individuals.

GROUP LESSON RATES:

- A. One lesson per week – \$171.20 per month (including GST)
- B. Two lessons per week – \$288.60 per month (including GST)
- C. Part Board – Please see Phil Hay

All above fees are based on a 4-week month and include horse & tack rental, stable and facility usage.

PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS: Rates available upon request.

COMPETITION & SHOW COACHING FEES: Rates available upon request.