

Lesson Policies



- Clean up after yourself. Sweep after grooming, before and after you ride. **Do not leave manure for Staff.** If sweeping is a difficult task tack up in stall.
- No brushes, tack, blankets, halters are to be left in the aisle while or after you ride.
- Each student must provide adequate time to tack up before lessons, about 30 minutes. Your lesson begins at the time it is scheduled or the previous lesson ends. You should be mounted and walking the horse at the beginning of your scheduled lesson. Unless you are in a horsemanship lesson.
- In turn, each student must provide adequate time to care for the horse after their lesson. The horse is the top priority always.
- Any horse left with sweat marks or in poor condition will be groomed and the client charged for this grooming. (\$15)
- If you are running late to a lesson you may call your instructor and have your horse tacked for a \$15 fee.
- Sometimes instructors run late while working through issues, please provide yourself time for this. If you enter the ring while they are still teaching the previous lesson, show the upmost courtesy and quietly mount your horse and give that rider the right of way.
- Always shout door and wait for response in both arenas before entering.
- No one is to polo wrap a horse unless it is approved by the trainer. Boots are available.
- All tack is to be properly cleaned after each ride and put away, figure 8 bridles.
- Polos are to be either re-wrapped and put away, or if very dirty then put into laundry
- Laundry is for items that are deemed too dirty or sweaty to be re-used. Semi-clean saddle pads and polos should not be placed in hamper.
- If you ride while dinner is fed you must feed the horse 30 minutes after your lesson, after grooming, and then return bucket to the top barn feed room.
- If your horse has blankets, flysheet or cribbing collar you must put it back on.
- Always pick your horses feet before and after your ride.
- The horse should be presented in a clean manner for lessons. Legs brushed, body free of mud or dirt, tail free of shavings. Tack checked over.
- Do not brush your horse's tail please!
- Western saddle pads are to be left to dry on drying rack.
- Bits should always be cleaned.
- Put your horse back where you found them, unless told otherwise.

- In the colder months you must bring your horse up with either a cooler or blanket, and you must groom them with this on. No horses left without something to keep them warm when it is below 30 degrees. Groom under and around this blanket.
- **A 24 hour cancellation policy is always in effect except in the case of emergencies or weather.**
- **It is the client's responsibility to confirm lessons in the case of inclement weather.**
- The rider should be wearing a ASTM/SEI certified helmet that properly fits. If you do not have one, one will be provided one. ; the exception is western riders who have signed a helmet release. Note *Hillside meadows does not suggest or support riding without a helmet, though some disciplines do not require helmets in the show arena, so we have made an exception and a separate waiver.
- Helmets should also be worn while tacking horses up or getting them from the field. It doesn't hurt to wear it, and it could save your life!
- Riders should wear breeches, boots and a nice shirt.
- No tank tops, flip flops, sneakers, uggs, skirts ect.
- Do not handle another's horse without their permission. Do not feed another person's horse treats of any kind.
- There is to be no foul language or slander in our barn.
- Reckless behavior is not to be tolerated. IE horses loose, opening and closing doors on horseback, riding through the barn, leaving horse unattended...
- If there are multiple discrepancies against a student they will be spoken to directly and receive a warning. If you are spoken to again you may be asked to leave the farm.
- Any exceeding \$500 in past due balances with a lesson student for a length of 30 days will be put on lesson probation until bills are paid.
- Always remember that school horses give us so much and deserve a pat and good care at the end of every ride