



Meadowlarke Stables Inc.

Learn to Ride Information Sheet

General Information

All students will be spending the first lesson on the ground learning to groom and handle the horses. For remaining lessons, part of the lesson time is spent in the barn, teaching students how to properly handle, groom and tack the horses.

Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to their first lesson. Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet the barn assistant and riding instructor, and will also have a tour of the barn.

After the first lesson, students will be expected to arrive 1/2 hour prior to their lesson time to prepare their horses for the lesson, and stay 1/2 hour after the lesson to untack and groom their horses and put equipment away.

We feel strongly that to develop confident and responsible horse people, they must have a sense of responsibility towards the horse they are riding. Riders therefore need the 1/2 hour before and after the lesson to complete these responsibilities. As parents, we ask that you make sure that your child arrives on time, and that you do not rush them to leave once the riding portion of their lesson is over.

Please note: Family & Friends are not permitted in the barn areas

Except on lesson viewing days under instructor supervision & horse shows

We do have a barn worker in the barn to assist riders. If you do need to speak to your children in the barn, we have an intercom system for your use.

It is quite common for beginners to be nervous at the start of the program. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 905-821-0419 or info@meadowlarkestables.com

Please remember that these are set programs with pre-determined class dates. If you are unable to attend a class, there are no make-ups available. Any missed classes are forfeited.

If you withdraw from the program a minimum of 8 days prior to the first class, your registration fees will be refunded less a \$25.00 administration fee. No refunds/changes will be issued within 7 days of the start of the program.

Clothing

Safety helmets, crops and footwear designed for English riding are mandatory. These items may be available for rent from the stables. Students needing to rent equipment should check prior to the first lesson for size availability.

Riding Helmets and Riding Boots are mandatory to participate in a program.

Meadowlarke Stables offers rental of the following size ranges for helmets & boots:

Helmets - 6 5/8 - 7 3/8 (metric 20 1/2 - 23 1/8)

Boots - Children's 12 - Men's 11 (metric 30-44)

If you do not fit or are uncertain if you fit this size range, please advise the office upon registration.

Riders need to wear comfortable clothing that is suitable for the weather. Riding breeches are the best, but leggings or track pants can also be worn. Riding gloves are recommended.

**The Equine Emporium is located next to the stables
and offers a large selection of apparel & equipment for anyone wishing to purchase their own.**

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-9, Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5