



# Liability, Policies & Rules

## (LPR)

# 2026

### What to Expect from Your Classes and Instructor

Equestrian Beginnings LLC accepts students aged **4 and older**, depending on instructor availability and class openings. Our program requires both mounted and unmounted lessons. We follow the **HorseSense Learning Levels**, which teach and assess students

on riding skills, barn safety, and horse knowledge. The goal is to create **compassionate, confident, and well-rounded equestrians**. This program emphasizes **safe practices and equine welfare** while maintaining a fun, supportive learning environment.

To check off a Learning Levels skill, students must be able to demonstrate the objective **consistently and confidently**. All objectives must be met and signed off by the instructor for students to earn a ribbon and graduate to the next Level. Learning goals can be accessed under your account on the website or the app.

## What Is Included During Lesson Time

Lessons include time for:

- Catching the horse
- Grooming and tacking
- Riding time (for mounted lessons)
- Untacking and grooming again

## Lesson Length Expectations

### 1-Hour Lessons

Students can expect anywhere from **30–40 minutes of riding time** (for mounted lessons) depending on how long grooming and tacking takes. As students become more proficient and independent in grooming and tacking, ride time is lengthened.

### 30-Minute Lessons

Students can expect **15 minutes of ride time** (for mounted lessons) and **15 minutes of grooming and tacking/untacking**.

30-minute lessons are reserved for **4–5-year-old riders only unless other circumstances present**.

### 90-Minute Semi-Private & Group Lessons

These lessons allow for extended instruction time, horsemanship education, teamwork, and skill progression. Lesson structure is adjusted based on group size and discipline.

## Pricing – Pay As You Go

- **Private 1-Hour Lesson: \$75**

- **Pony Playtime (30-Minute Private):** \$35
- **Private Lead Line 30-Minute Lesson (4 & 5-year-olds only):** \$45
- **Semi-Private Lesson (90 minutes, 2 students):** \$75 per student
- **Group Barrel Racing Lesson (90 minutes, up to 4 students):** \$75 per student

*Group and semi-private placement is determined by **instructor evaluation and rider readiness.***

## Lesson Program Choices & Pricing

### Subscription Program

Our Subscription Program is based on **4 lessons per month at a discounted rate.** With your subscription, you will be provided **4 lesson tokens** to book lessons into your assigned times.

- **60-Minute Lessons:** \$260 per month
- **Semi-Private/Group 90-Minute Lessons:** \$260 per month
- **Lead Line Lessons:** \$140 per month

Monthly tuition secures a rider's place in the program and is **not adjusted based on attendance, missed lessons, or participation level.**

## Little Hooves Program

The **Little Hooves Program** is a **tuition-based introductory horsemanship program** designed for young children to be introduced to horses in a fun, supportive group environment.

### Program Structure

- **Format:** Small Preschool Group (4-6 children with parents)
- **Session Length:** 1 hour
- **Program Length:** 3-week session

Little Hooves focuses on age-appropriate horsemanship foundations including:

- Horse safety and awareness

- Grooming and handling
- Introductory riding or pony interaction, as appropriate
- Listening skills, confidence, and positive barn behavior
- Games, music, movement, stories and crafts

## Tuition & Attendance

- **Tuition:** \$135 for a 3-week session
- Tuition is due in full prior to the start of the session
- Little Hooves is **session-based** and not part of monthly subscriptions

Due to the group-based nature of this program:

- Missed sessions are **not eligible for make-ups, credits, or refunds**
- Weather adjustments or unmounted lessons may be used
- Instructor-canceled sessions will be adjusted at instructor discretion

Enrollment in Little Hooves does not guarantee placement into private, semi-private, or subscription lessons.

## Monthly Tuition & Seasonal Scheduling

Monthly tuition for **horsemanship lessons** remains the same **March–November**. Each month generally provides **approximately four weeks of instruction**. Months with additional calendar days may be used for:

- Horse rest days
- Instructor continued education
- Make-ups as determined by the instructor

**December–February:** We will still aim for **four lessons per month**, however holidays and winter weather will dictate scheduling. **Increased flexibility is used during winter months.**

# Lesson Tokens & Expiration

## March–November

- Tokens must be used **within 30 days**
- Unused tokens **expire and are forfeited**
- Tokens will **not be extended, rolled over, or refunded**

## December–February (Winter Exception)

- Tokens **do not expire**
- Tokens may be carried forward due to weather and holidays
- This is the **only exception**

# Lesson Scheduling

- Riders must book lessons promptly
- Reserved lesson times not booked within **2 days** may be released
- Lesson makeups are **first-come, first-served**

# Cancellation & Make-Up Policies

Consistency is essential for rider progress, horse welfare, and barn operations.

## Rider-Initiated Cancellations

- Must be made **at least 24 hours in advance**
- **Only one cancellation per month** is permitted outside of assigned lesson time
- Additional cancellations result in **forfeit of lesson/token**
- Make-ups must occur within the **same 30-day period**, except winter months
- Unused lessons are **forfeited with no exceptions**

## Instructor-Initiated Cancellations

- Instructor-canceled lessons will **always be offered a make-up**

- Make-ups must be completed within **30 days in the available makeup lesson slots**, except December–February
- Instructor cancellations do **not** count toward rider limits

## Make-Up Lessons

- Available **only for approved cancellations**
- Scheduled **only during posted make-up days/times**
- **No alternate make-up times will be offered**
- **No call no shows will not be offered make ups**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Weather

Please dress appropriately for the weather. Our outdoor arena is out in the open and offers **no protection from the elements.**

Lessons will be canceled or rescheduled for:

- **Wind:** 35 mph or more (sustained or gusts)
- **Cold:** Temps below 32°F (includes snow/sleet/rain)
- **Rain:** Heavy rain or rain with lightning
- **Any:** Unsafe travel conditions

If riding is unsafe but an unmounted lesson is safe, lessons will be held as **unmounted lessons.**

### Unmounted Lessons

Unmounted lessons are an **important and required part of our program.** These lessons teach:

- Horse care and wellness
- Horse anatomy and diseases
- Barn management and safety
- Care of tack and equipment

- Horse knowledge and responsible horsemanship
- Unmounted riding skills, this allows us to fine tune some skills needed when riding

Unmounted lessons count as **valid instruction**.

## 2. DRESS CODE:

Riders should always come dressed appropriately and with a willingness to listen and learn from their coach, those who do not will be dismissed from class.

**Students are required to purchase their own HELMET within 1 month of starting lessons.**

Lessons:

- Top: An appropriate tucked in shirt

Be conscious of your climate and choose accordingly:

- Long/short-sleeved sun shirt
- Athletic short-sleeved shirt
- \*Technical fabrics will help in warm climates
- Bottom: Breeches/Riding pants/Leggings/Jeans
- **Clothing NOT Allowed: Shorts, crop tops, tube tops; these are unsafe**

Additional needed equipment: We require an eventual purchase within 1 months' time of the equipment listed below:

**Helmet:** Current (under 5 years old from 1st use) ASTM/SEI helmets are required.

Equestrian riding helmets should fit properly and not be too big as to "grow into", or too small to fit overly snug with no give.

**(NOT ALLOWED: Bicycle, motorbike, or skateboarding helmets.)**

**Riding boots:** Hard soled riding boots, or riding shoes are required for riding and working around the barn. Riders may wear paddock boots or western style boots.

**(NOT ALLOWED: Hiking boots, street shoes, rubber, flat, or slick soles.)**

Optional Equipment: Half chaps/spats/chaps, weather appropriate riding gloves, safety vest, rain slicker/coat, muck boots/galoshes, class journal.

Equipment NOT Allowed:

- **NO open-toed shoes or flip flops will be allowed around the horses.**

### 3. SAFETY & Parents/visitors

#### **Lesson Drop-Off & Observation Policy**

Semi-private and group lessons are designed to help riders stay focused, engaged, and confident while working as a small team.

Parents are welcome to **drop off and pick up** their rider — staying for the lesson is **not required, but always welcome**

If parents, friends, or other visitors do choose to remain on the property, we kindly ask that they **stay outside of the barn and riding areas** during the lesson. This allows students to stay focused, minimizes distractions, and helps create a calm, safe learning environment for both horses and riders.

### 4. Communication

Cancellations or changes will be communicated via **notification/text/email**. Riders are encouraged to confirm lesson status during uncertain weather.

Parents and riders are also encouraged to check the app or website to verify you have booked the lesson. The system will always send a notification and/or email when a lesson is booked.

### Waitlisting

We'd love to welcome you to our program! To get started, please create an account and complete a rider profile for your student. This will automatically place you on our waitlist and helps us thoughtfully match each rider with the best class and time.

Our goal is to move riders into a semi-private or group lesson within 1–2 months, depending on availability and each rider's progress. We're excited to be part of your rider's journey and look forward to getting them in the saddle soon!

## Acknowledgment

Enrollment in horsemanship lessons at **Equestrian Beginnings LLC** constitutes acknowledgment and agreement to all policies outlined in this **Liability, Policies & Rules (LPR)**.

## Signature

Rider or Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_