

SILVERS STABLES LESSON STUDENT CLOTHING EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

At Silvers Stables, we try to make sure each student reaches their full potential and that there are no barriers between the rider/driver and their skill improvement. We also want all of our students to be as safe as possible. Improper attire is both a safety risk and hinders the rider/driver's ability to advance. From this point forward, we are requiring that all riders and drivers wear the proper attire as is listed below. **ALL ATTIRE SHOULD BE PROPERLY FITTED.**

Starting in January of 2022, if you are to continue or begin lessons with Silvers Stables, these expectations are to be followed:

Riding Lessons (including Tiny Tot):

- **BOOTS:** Student must wear paddock boots that are of proper size – not too big nor too small. The widest part of foot must be at widest part of boot and the big toe should not have much room between it and the point of boot. The boots must either zip or tie in the front. Please see Kati or Justin on how to properly wear your paddock boots while riding. If getting paddock boots with shoelaces, tie the shoelaces very loosely at the bend of the ankle.
- **PANTS:** Female students must wear riding tights, Kentucky jodphurs, or leggings. Male students may wear jeans, riding tights, Kentucky jodphurs, or leggings. Baggy pants, pants that ride up above the ankle, wind pants, sweat pants, dress pants, gauchos, and capris are not allowed.
 - Properly fitting riding tights or Kentucky jodphurs are most preferred.
 - Schooling tights are available with fleece for winter riding and are suggested during the colder months.
 - Kerrits riding tights are recommended as they are longest lasting, best gripping, and best fitted.
 - No Tuffrider riding tights.
- **GLOVES:** Each rider is expected to have properly fitting riding gloves. Mittens/winter/knit/garden gloves are not allowed.
 - **Students should have a winter riding glove and a summer riding glove.**
- **SHIRT/UPPER LAYERS:** The rider's shirt must not be longer than halfway past the buttock of the student and should be able to be tucked in. Riders are required to tuck their shirt in before riding. During winter and colder days, the rider should ride in layers in which the top 2 layers are easily removed (zip up coat and zip up vest).
- **HELMET:** Each student is required to have their own riding helmet.

Driving Lessons:

- **BOOTS:** Boots of some sort are required. Paddock boots are preferred but any boot is acceptable.
- **PANTS:** Jeans, riding tights, or tighter fitting pants/leggings required. Baggy pants, wind pants, sweat pants, dress pants, gauchos, and capris are not allowed.
- **GLOVES:** Each driver is expected to have properly fitting riding gloves. Getting a warmer riding glove (winter riding glove) for winter is highly recommended. Mittens/winter/knit/garden gloves are not allowed.
 - **Students should have a winter riding glove and a summer riding glove.**
- **SHIRT/UPPER LAYERS:** The driver's shirt must not be longer than halfway past the butt of the student and should be able to be tucked in. During winter and colder days, the rider should ride in layers in which the top 2 layers are easily removed (zip up coat and zip up vest).
- **HELMET:** We strongly recommend that each student have their own properly fitting helmet.

***All items should properly fit. Oversized attire is dangerous.**

*All of these items can be found and properly fitted at **The Farm House Tack in Landrum, SC or at The Tack Shop in Greenville, SC.** After being fitted and purchasing the right sized attire the first time, ordering new tights, gloves, etc. online is a less expensive option you can take.

*Kati can size your helmet at the barn then you can order the helmet online.

*Limited consignment show attire and practice attire is available. Please see Kati to see these items or to consign some yourself.

****All current students must have the proper attire to continue in January of 2022. All new students have within two weeks of their first lesson to gather all of their proper attire. By lesson 3, all required attire should be worn. Getting attire before the first lesson is strongly recommended. For safety, inappropriate attire will require the student to be suspended from riding/driving until proper attire is acquired. Missed lessons due to improper attire will not be made up. Please follow the policies so that the student does not miss any lessons.**

WINTER RIDING ATTIRE:

No student should be cold while riding or driving. Being cold while riding stiffens the back, which makes riding difficult and uncomfortable. Cold hands makes it difficult for students feel the reins. Please make sure students wear many layers once it starts getting cold. There should be a strong base layer that is tight fitting and multiple layers of shirts / zip jackets and vests. A thick coat without a hood should top off the attire.

Students should start with more layers than they think they need and remove layers as they need (zip up layers only, no pull over layers as they have a helmet on). If a rider/driver can make their core (area around their heart) very warm when they start, they will warm more quickly and be warmer throughout their lesson.

No student will get a refund for being too cold to finish their lesson or for cancelling due to cold. Severe weather cancellations will be announced by the barn before lessons begin.

Riding is a year-round sport and taking breaks greatly hinders progress. Please make sure your rider is prepared for cold weather. Mr. Justin and Mrs. Kati are in the cold from before the sun comes up to well after the sun goes down. Sometimes Mrs. Kati is wearing upwards of 6 layers over her core (tank top, tight fitting base layer, long sleeve shirt, $\frac{3}{4}$ fleece shirt, vest, coat). Staying warm is very possible if the student is well-prepared.

SILVERS STABLES LESSON STUDENT LESSON EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

At Silvers Stables, we try to make sure each student reaches their full potential and that there are no barriers between the rider/driver and their skill improvement. Below are the guidelines we have in place to protect the time slots of each student and to make sure our barn schedule does not get behind. Some of the following expectations are new and others are just reinforcements of what we already have in place. We look forward to working with you to make sure each rider/driver enjoys their lesson at their assigned time.

Starting on January 1, 2022, if you are to begin or continue lessons with Silvers Stables, these expectations are to be followed:

- **Arrival Policy:** All lesson students are to arrive no later than 30 minutes before their assigned lesson slot. If they ride at 4:30, they should arrive no later than 4:00 to get their horse ready, use the restroom, get their helmet on, etc. Please watch the clock and have yourself and your horse ready to go at your assigned riding time. You should arrive in the arena with your horse at least 5 minutes before your lesson is to begin. Tiny Tot riders are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes before their lesson to use the restroom and put on a properly fitting helmet.

- News and Information: Please check Facebook, the bulletin board, and the reception table (in Events space) for news and handouts. Please check the website for the calendar.
- Lessons are Weekly: In order to hold your spot, you must commit to a weekly schedule and pay in advance by the month. We do not allow any student to ride every other week as it slows progress and removes our ability to have consistent income. All students are on monthly tuition.
- Monthly Expenses: All lesson tuition packages expire within their month. Please see absence and make up policies below. Tuition packages cannot be split between siblings, friends, family members, etc. One purchased package must be used by one student only. Riders may move up to more days a week at any point, but cannot move down due to auto-debiting without a 30 day written notice.
 - LESSON STUDENTS (ages 5 and up):
 - 1 lesson a week - \$180
 - 2 lessons a week - \$360
 - 3 lessons a week - \$540
 - TINY TOT STUDENTS *(ages 3-4):
 - 1 lesson a week - \$160
 - 2 lessons a week - \$320
 - ACADEMY AND PERFORMANCE- See Kati and Justin (multiple options)
- *****ALL LESSONS EXPIRE WITHIN THE MONTH** (unless Kati gives an extension due to an unknown circumstance/illness within a few days of the end of the month). No refunds will be given for lessons not used.
- Absences: Please let us know in advance if you know you will be missing days. You will be allowed to make up the lesson if we are informed at least 12 hours in advance. If a student is repeatedly missing (every other week / every few weeks) without good reason, you may be asked to move to a different slot (more convenient for you) or you may be asked to take a break until it is more likely that you can commit to attending consistently. Lesson slots will not be held for riders who are missing consistently. Instead of missing an entire week of riding/driving, please see Kati and reschedule your lesson. Rescheduling keeps your rider on track and does not put your rider at risk of losing your normal lesson slot.
- Make Up Lessons: When canceling a lesson, please see Kati about rescheduling for a different day that week (or a second day the prior/following week) to make up for that missed lesson.
- Riding Time: A student's assigned lesson slot is the only time they have to ride. If they do not have their horse ready, have to use the restroom, can't find their gloves, etc, they may start their lesson late but they will only have that 30 minute window to ride. If they begin riding late, their lesson will still end at the end of their slotted time. Please see late arrival policy below. The only reason a child's lesson slot time can be extended is if the instructor or barn causes the lesson to start late.
- Please check the board to see who the student is riding/driving and what saddle you are using.
- Lesson Cancellation Policy: There is a 12-hour cancellation notice. Any lesson not canceled before 12 hours will be charged to the student (unless of extreme circumstances / emergency – please call Kati and she will work with you).
- No Show Policy: Anyone who does not cancel but does not show up to their scheduled lesson will have that lesson charged to them.

- Late Arrival Policy: A student who arrives late will only be able to ride for their allotted time slot. Their lesson will still end at the end of their slotted time. Please allow for extra travel time, especially if you are traveling during times with heavy traffic. If you see that you are running late, please call Kati or Justin and warn them / check to see if we can work you in at a later time that night or work the schedule in some way so that the student does not miss out.
- Weather: We will decide no later than 2:00 on the day of lessons as to whether or not we can have afternoon lessons then we will start messaging riders in order of their lesson times. Saturday morning will be decided by 8:00 the night before. If a student decides not to come because of weather (too cold, rain, etc) but the barn remains open, that student will be charged for that lesson. The only weather we must cancel for is extreme weather (extreme temperatures, ice, snow, thunderstorms, dangerous driving conditions) and lightning. Sometimes, we must cancel due to heavy rain because of the limited ability of riders/drivers to hear under the metal roof. No charges will be made on the days we must cancel due to weather but this lesson will still need to be made up. Please feel free to reschedule with us for later in the week if we must cancel.
- Payment Policy: All students will be on an auto-debit program. The auto-debit will be drawn from the bank/card on file on the 1st of each month.
- Auto-debit Cancellation: All students will be on an auto-debit program. Due to processing, a **30 day written (or email) notice will be required for the auto-debit to be cancelled.** The auto-debit process cannot be cancelled at the last minute. Moving up a tuition package does not require a 30 day notice, but moving down does require a 30 day written notice.
- Holding Your Lesson Time Slot: Every student will ride in the same time slot(s) each week. If you decide to “take a break” for the summer or for winter, etc, we will not hold that lesson spot for you. You may pay for the slot and not ride if you want to hold the spot.
- Horse Shows: Horse shows are a part of the culture of the barn. Many students at Silvers Stables attend or compete in horse shows. Due to horse shows, lessons must be made up. Please check the website for the calendar to look in advance to see when shows are happening so you can be one of the first to sign up for make up lessons. Lessons missed for horse shows still need to be made up and are still part of the tuition price. Please make sure you are aware of the barn’s schedule and make up lessons missed due to shows. Horse shows happen at least on weekend a month from March through November.
- Holidays: Please make sure you are aware of upcoming holidays and plan to make up lessons which would usually fall on those days.

We do allow flexibility for events, sickness, emergencies, and other situations. Please know we must make sure our lessons run on schedule and that our income is consistent. Thank you for understanding and for following the above stated policies.