



820 E GRUMLING RD, HODGES, SC 29653

## STABLE RULES & GUIDELINES

- **FOOTWEAR:** Everyone (Riders and Guests) must wear appropriate footwear at all times while on the property. Appropriate footwear is a hard-soled shoe with a heel. No western boots or tennis shoes are allowed, please. **Absolutely NO FLIP FLOPS allowed on property!**
- **HELMETS:** **All riders must wear an ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet at all times when mounted.** Children under the age of 15 must wear their helmet at all times while on property. Riders should purchase & wear a riding helmet with full harness & chinstrap.
- **APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:** Riders should wear long, close fitting pants, and socks that cover the ankles. Shirts must be modest and should easily cover the midriff and chest while riding or working.
- **ATTIRE FOR JUMPING:** **Tall boots or half chaps are mandatory for jumping lessons. Elhanan Equestrian recommends ALL MINORS wear a vest for jumping!** Elhanan Equestrian recommends all riders purchase & wear a vest for jumping.
- **RIDER GROOMING:** Long hair should be pulled back in a low ponytail or braid and out of the face.
- **OTHER ITEMS:** Please remember to bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, etc. A snack is always a good idea for the after-schoolers.
- **PAYMENT:** All lessons need to be paid in advance of the lesson. Elhanan Equestrian accepts checks or cash for lessons. Cash or checks made payable to Elhanan Equestrian, LLC should be given to the instructor at the start of each class.
- **GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS:** Please schedule with the office each group and private lesson you wish to attend at least 24 hours prior to the lesson to see if there is a horse available. We prefer to have a monthly lesson schedule submitted in writing.
- **LESSON CANCELLATIONS:** Students (or parents) are financially responsible for all lessons not cancelled before 12 o'clock noon the day PRIOR to the scheduled lesson. Cancellations must be given to the office and the instructor.
- **FREQUENT ABSENCES:** If you cancel your scheduled lessons frequently for whatever reason, we may not be able to hold your time slot.
- **LESSON PACKAGES:** Lessons must be taken within the 4 week period from the start of the lesson package purchase. Packages cannot be shared between family members. Some months may have 5 lessons. Please adjust accordingly. **Package rates require year round commitment to the program with a 30-day notice to cancel.** Riding is a sport like any other and you will not progress without steady practice. While we realize students may have other activities, we strongly discourage suspending lessons to accommodate these other activities.
- **MISSED LESSONS** that are part of a package must be rescheduled within 7 days or will be forfeited.
- **BOARDING & LEASING:** Only Elhanan Riding Academy students are permitted to Board or Lease horses at Elhanan Equestrian.
- **RETURNED CHECKS:** There is a \$25.00 charge for any returned check. After the 2nd NSF check, you may be asked to pay by cash only.
- **PARKING:** Unless you have a trailer, please park in the upper parking lot and walk down to the barn. Only staff and persons hauling horses may park around the barn. No unauthorized vehicles allowed past the office near the 1st pasture. **Please, please** drive in and out very slowly! There may be children and/or animals in the driveway. Do not park in front of walkways or gates.
- **RUNNING OR SCREAMING:** No running or screaming in or around the stable areas or horses!
- **JUMPING:** **NO jumping outside of a lesson program! NEVER ride or jump alone!**
- **PETS:** No non-Elhanan Equestrian dogs or pets are allowed on the property. EVER! Please do not ask.
- **FEEDING HORSES:** **Please don't pet or feed horses.** Even the best horse sometimes mistakes fingers for carrots.
- **RAIN:** In the event of rain, all scheduled lessons will run as usual. We use this time for teaching horsemanship.
- **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:** Please call for the status of lessons in the event of bad weather, 864-992-6800. Our guidelines for weather related lesson cancellations are as follows: \*The temperature is over 100 degrees. \*High winds or anticipated severe storms.
- **ARRIVAL TIME:** Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before the lesson and stay 30 minutes after. Riders are expected to learn to catch, groom, and tack their horse. Riders are required to clean up after their horse or pony. Please!
- **LATE ARRIVALS:** Riders should be on time for their lesson. Please be considerate of instructors and other riders. If the rider is more than 15 minutes late for the start of their lesson, (by this we mean 15 minutes late entering the arena, not arriving at the property), the lesson will be cancelled and charged as a no-show.
- **CHECKING IN:** Either student or parent is required to sign in using the lesson sign in book kept in tack room.
- **AFTER THE LESSON:** Please plan to allow 30 minutes after the lesson to properly care for your horse. Please check with the instructor after the lesson for instructions. If not being used in a following lesson, your horse or pony will need to be untacked, brushed or hosed down in warmer weather, and returned to their pasture. Riders are required to clean and put their tack, brushes and any supplies away properly, and to clean up after their horse Please!
- **RIDING ARENA ETIQUETTE:** Please clean up any manure from the ring after riding. There is a **\$5/rider Ring Cleaning Fee** for failure to do so.
- **CHILDREN and PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** Elhanan Equestrian requires children under the age of 12 to be supervised. Supervision of children on Elhanan Equestrian premises is the responsibility of the parent or a supervisor appointed by the parent. Elhanan Equestrian employees or instructors supervise your children only during a scheduled lesson. Parents should be involved in their child's experience here. Anyone leaving their child must be accessible. Any issues will be addressed with parents. If a minor is "dropped off", pick them up promptly.
- **NO SMOKING** near the barn or horses! Smoking area is by the office & waste disposal is provided. **ABSOLUTELY** no butts on the grounds!