



Foxwood Farm

Lesson Policies - Effective April 1, 2026

Riding Requirements

Riders wishing to begin group classes at Foxwood must be a minimum of 6 years of age. Riders wishing to participate in a group lesson must be able to safely and competently perform the following tasks with minimal assistance:

- Groom, saddle and bridle a horse under supervision
- Walk and trot

Students who are unable to meet these criteria will have to enroll in private lessons until their instructor approves them for group lessons.

Lesson Details

Students are expected to arrive 20-30 minutes before their lesson time to groom and tack up. After the lesson, students are expected to properly cool out and groom their horse before putting them away. Students are also expected to clean their tack and put it away before leaving and leave their grooming area or stall swept and tidy. If your horse poops or urinates while in your care, you are expected to clean it up whether in the cross ties, in a stall or in the aisles. Please plan on 1.5 - 2.0 hours for a group riding lesson from start to finish.

Horse assignments are up to the discretion of the instructors and/or barn owner. We are happy to accept requests, but cannot guarantee a particular horse/pony unless you full lease or own your own horse. Our number one priority when assigning horses is ensuring everyone who rides that day has a mount suitable for them.



Required Equipment

All riders must have the following gear:

- Correctly fitted, ASTM helmet specifically designed for equestrian sports - we do not supply helmets
- Boots with a 1/2" - 1" heel (paddock boots and half chaps or field boots are preferred; rubber riding boots do not bend well in the ankle)
- Long pants for riding (we suggest breeches or snug fitting yoga type pants as loose pants and jeans can rub)
- No hoodies or loose baggy clothing
- Riding gloves are recommended

Long hair must be tied back and loose jewelry is not recommended. We strongly suggest you put your name on all your riding equipment, as Foxwood is not responsible for lost items.

We have a Lost & Found bin in the barn which will be emptied at the end of each month so please check it if you are missing an item.

Lesson programs / Fees:

Learn to Ride (\$500 including HST):

Our new Learn to Ride program consists of 4 one-hour private sessions designed for beginner riders new to Foxwood. This Learn to Ride package is \$500 plus hst for 4 one hour private equestrian sessions. During these sessions the new rider will learn how to tack up, groom/brush and safely interact and handle a horse independently. Our goal during this package of 4 lessons is to have the new rider learn to stop, start and steer their horse proficiently and safely enough to join a group lesson. If after 4 private lessons the rider is not ready to join a group lesson, Foxwood may offer a 2nd set of private lessons.

Group Lessons (\$340 including HST per month)

Our group lessons are designed for riders who can, with assistance, groom, tack up and generally prepare their horse for their lesson. Riders are grouped by ability for the most part but at times, accommodations are made for parent schedules and horse availability. Group lessons are typically from 4-6 riders, and will not exceed 6 riders in the arena at a time. Riding time is 1 hour in length.



Semi-private booked lessons (\$140 including HST per lesson)

These lessons are intended for those riders who are unable to commit to a regular weekly time slot, and will be in the lesson with only 1 other rider. They can be booked randomly with short notice if there is space available. Riding time is 1 hour in length.

Individually booked lessons (\$150 including HST per lesson)

These lessons are intended for those riders who are unable to commit to a regular weekly time slot and prefer to have one-on-one coaching. They can be booked randomly with short notice if there is space available. Riding time is 1 hour in length.

Billing / Payment

We operate on a 4-week monthly cycle. Months with an extra lesson day will have the extra day added to the invoice. Months with a holiday and a missed lesson day will have that day removed from the invoice. All lessons must be paid for in advance of the first lesson (view lesson pricing above). Lesson packages are non-refundable and non-transferable. Lessons are to be paid before your/your child's first lesson of the month via e-Transfer to ridefoxwood@gmail.com or via credit card from the invoice.

Withdrawal from the lesson program (temporary or permanent)

As riding is a year-round sport, all students are automatically enrolled in the next month. If you plan to discontinue classes, we require 1 month's notice before the end of the session so we can adjust the schedule as needed and give ourselves the opportunity to fill the vacancy created by your withdrawal. Should you choose to rejoin our program, we cannot be certain your original spot and lesson time will be available.

Absences

Makeup lessons will not be provided for missed lessons at this time.



Inclement Weather Cancellation

Lessons may be cancelled during unsafe driving conditions (such as heavy snow or icy rain). Please remember to check our social media to ensure classes are running. Any cancellations will be posted by 2:30 pm on weekdays and 7:30 am on Saturdays for weekend classes. Lessons cancelled by Foxwood will be rescheduled.

Cell phone and Social Media expectations

Cell phones are not permitted while riders are handling and or riding a horse. Horses are unpredictable in nature and riders must give their full attention at all times both on the ground and in the saddle. The cell phone is a distraction that prevents the rider from reading their horse's body language to alert them to a potentially dangerous situation. If you are required to view your phone for medical reasons (i.e. diabetes monitoring), please dismount or ask your instructor to hold your horse while you view your phone.

Regarding social media- you are not permitted to post anything on social media that can be construed as negative, rude, offensive or derogatory. This includes the negative performance of the horse. Horses are unpredictable, and this should not be showcased on social media for entertainment, as it negatively affects the reputation of the animal. This includes falls, behavioural issues, tripping, bucking/broncing, etc.

Dogs

We do not permit dogs on our farm except our own. Our insurance policy prohibits non-resident dogs on-site.



I confirm that I have read, reviewed and understand the above Foxwood policies.

Rider's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's name if under the age of 18: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____