

Oakland Hills Farm

Policies & New Student Information

Attire

Riders may wear cowboy boots or other leather, closed toed shoes with a small heel to their evaluation lesson. For safety, after the initial evaluation lesson, riders are required to wear paddock boots. Riders are also required to pull hair back in a ponytail, braid, or put hair up in a hair net. In order to aid the instructor in ensuring a proper position, riders must wear long pants, fitted clothing, and a shirt tucked in with a belt. Spaghetti straps are not permitted. It is suggested that riders wear riding gloves, breeches with paddock boots, and half chaps or field boots.

Area Tack Shops

- Sporthorse Saddlery, New Hudson, MI (800) 854-7144
- Dover Saddlery, Online www.doversaddlery.com
- Covered Wagon, Oxford, MI (248) 628-1849
- Arizona Saddlery, Birmingham, MI (248) 646-6615

Horse Care

At Oakland Hills Farm, we take pride in the care of our horses. All riders are responsible for the care of their lesson horse. For the health of our school horses, horses' coats, manes, and tails must be free of dust, mud, and shavings when they enter the arena. Please note that the trainer reserves the right to ask riders to return to the grooming area if horses are not properly cared for. Following a ride, horses' coats must be dry and free of sweat marks before they return to the stall. Please be sure to allow yourself adequate time to care for your horse before and after your lesson.

No Call/No Show Policy

Riders who do not show up for their lesson and do not call, email, or leave us a note, will be charged the full price of their lesson. Please do not inform us verbally of upcoming missed lessons while we are teaching. Riders who do not cancel their lessons at least 24 hours prior to their lesson will be subject to a \$15 charge.

This allows us to ensure that our horses all get worked properly and do not have unplanned time off. It also allows us to fill the lesson time slot, which is important with how difficult it can be to get riders in for make-up lessons.