



LEVEL GUIDELINES

Please note: Each rider is treated as an individual. These guidelines are designed to assist the student and parents to understand our program as well as providing structured goals toward which the student can progress.

Level I Beginner Students-

These are students who are new to riding, and need an instructor in constant attendance. The goal for Level I students is to master the ability to stop, start, and steer the horse proficiently at a walk, to trot on a lunge line, and to trot for short distances off the lunge line. Riders at this level should be able to assist with grooming, tacking, and un-tacking the Riders at this level are riding at least once weekly on a consistent basis.

Level II Beginner Students-

Students at this level are able to perform a walk, rising trot, stop, start, and steer independently. They are beginning to canter on the lunge line with the assistance of the trainer. Riders at this level should be able to groom, tack, and un-tack their horse with minimal assistance. Riders at this level are riding at least once weekly on a consistent basis.

Level I Novice Student-

Students at this level are able to walk, trot rising, and canter independently. They are able to jump small jumps up to 2' and ride a small course, and are able to ride an introductory level dressage test. They are able to tack up and un-tack their horse independently. Riders at this level are riding 1-2 times weekly. They may own or lease a horse, and are beginning to attend some shows.

Level II Novice Student-

Students at this level are able to ride proficiently at all gaits, ride a course of jumps up to 2'3", and or riding up through Training or First Level dressage test. Riders at this level are riding 2 times a week, and are lightly showing. They may own or be leasing a horse.

Level III Novice Student-

Students at this level are mastering more complex jump courses of up to 2'3", and or riding up to Second Level dressage. Riders at this level are riding 2-3 times a week, and own or lease their own horse.

Advanced Student –

Students in this category own their own horse, are competing regularly, riding jump courses at a minimum of 2'6", and or riding through First Level dressage or higher, and are riding 3-4 times a week.