

FAIR HILL STABLES, LLC
BARN AND TRAIL RULES

- All riders **must** wear a SEI Certified riding helmet. Bike/skateboard helmets are not impact rated for riding and cannot be used. You may use your own helmet or one of ours, but if you want to ride, it must be worn and the chin strap must be secure.
- Riders must be a minimum of eight (8) years of age and able to follow instructions.
- **Weight Limit:** This is determined by a combination of a person's height and weight. **Please be honest.** This is for your safety, as well as the safety of other riders on the trail. Intermediate and Advanced rides require a minimum of fitness and balance. Excessive weight will impair your ability to ride and jeopardize your safety.
- It is encouraged that all riders wear jeans and boots with a small (1 inch) heel. Hiking or work boots will do. Sneakers are permissible if riding a Beginner trail. Riders requesting Intermediate or Advanced trails should dress appropriately, in long pants and proper boots.
- Individuals wearing open-heeled shoes, open-toed shoes, sandals or flip-flops are not permitted in the barn or mounting area. Proper footwear is for your safety.
- Riding double is not permitted.
- Smoking is not permitted – not in the barn and not on the trail.
- All riders must mount from the mounting block – this is for your safety, as well as the comfort of our horses.
- Riders may mount only with the assistance of a Guide, as they will perform last minute checks to the horse's tack.
- Please ride in the order assigned to you by your Trail Guide(s). Horses are ridden single file, "nose to tail." This is for your safety and the safety of others on the trail.
- Do not put on or remove jackets or sweaters while mounted. If you must remove clothing, ask a Guide for assistance.
- Maintain a following distance of at least one horse length between you and the horse in front of you. No one likes to be tailgated and horses are no exception. If you violate the personal space of the horse in front of you, it may cause the horse to kick.
- Only Fair Hill Stables staff members, students, boarders and those leasing horses are permitted in the stalls with the horses.
- If you would like to feed the horses, please wait until after you have ridden, your horse has been returned to his stall and the bit has been removed. Please ask for assistance if you are unfamiliar with the proper way to hand-feed a horse (with a flat palm).
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- Running, screaming and yelling in the barn and around the horses is not permitted. Children must be supervised at all times. Horses are large animals and have the ability to hurt us without even trying. Remember that they are animals of flight. This instinct cannot be "trained" out of them. Startling them by running around or behind them or yelling and screaming can have disastrous results. Be safe, be aware, and be respectful of the Nature of the Horse.
- **NOTE:** Riders who refuse to abide by the safety rules or adhere to the instruction of Staff and Guide(s) on the trail will be told to dismount and will be required to walk back to the barn. **A refund will not be given.**