

Riding & Horsemanship Lesson Program New Student Packet

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Program Summary

May Born Arabians is a Riding & Horsemanship Lesson Program geared towards beginner and intermediate equestrians looking to further their abilities on and off the horse. Our goal is to build well rounded horsemen and women that go on to become knowledgeable and committed participants in the horse industry supporting all breeds and disciplines. We focus on safety, proper technique, learning about the horse as a whole, and having a fun and fulfilling experience! The program is led by owner and head instructor Kendra May. After spending more than twenty years working with horses and earning a degree in Equine Science from the University of Arizona she is well equipped to provide clients an exceptional experience.

Lesson Description

- Private one on one instruction.
- Must be at least 7 years old.
- All lessons are taught with an English saddle but teach the fundamentals needed for English & Western.
- 90 minute lessons with 30-45 minutes of actual riding time.
- Students learn safety, ground handling, grooming, tacking, riding, and day to day care of their school horse.

Leveling System

MBA utilizes a strict leveling system for students to move through the program. The system is based on mastery of skills, not time in the saddle. This ensures all students are perfecting the basics which provides a strong foundation for them to work off of when attempting more demanding skills in the future.

We have five levels to work through. Each student no matter their experience will start at level one. The pace at which students progress varies greatly and is dependent on a large variety of factors. Some students with prior experience or more natural ability may progress through level 1 in one lesson. Some students may take a full year+ to move up. For first time riders you can generally expect it to take around 5 years to graduate from our highest level.

Pricing & Payment Options

First trial lesson is always free!

After taking a trial lesson students can enroll into a Ten Week Session (one weekly lesson for 10 weeks in a row). Sessions are \$500.00 and can be split into two payments. First payment due the week prior to the session and the second due on week five of the session.

Discount Available Pay in full one week prior to the start of the 10 Week Session and receive one lesson free! We currently accept cash, check, and Zelle payments. All payments must be made prior to the start of lessons.



Riding & Horsemanship Lesson Program **2025 Year Schedule**

Horses Week Off: Dec. 30th 2024 - Jan. 5th 2025

Session One: Jan. 7th 2025 - Mar. 14th 2025 (10 weeks long)

Session One Cancelation Dates: Feb. 14th 2025 Valentines Day

Session Two: Mar. 18th 2025 - May 23rd 2025 (10 Weeks Long)

Session Three: May 27th 2025 - Aug. 1st 2025 (10 Weeks Long)

Session Three Cancelation Dates: July 4th 2025 Independence Day

Horses Week Off: Aug. 4th 2025 - Aug. 10th 2025 First Week Back To School

Session Four: Aug. 12th 2025 - Oct. 17th 2025 (10 Weeks Long)

Session Five: Oct. 21st 2025 - Dec. 19th 2025 (8 Weeks Long)

Session Five Cancelation Dates: Oct. 31st 2025 Halloween

Nov. 24th 2025 - Nov. 30th 2025 Thanksgiving Week

Dec. 22nd 2025 - Dec. 28th 2025 Christmas Week

Horses Week Off: Dec. 29th 2025 - Jan. 4th 2026



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Required & Recommended Apparel

Riding Helmet (Required)

Recommended Helmet-Ovation Deluxe Schooler Helmet - Approx. \$75.00 Multiple Color Options, Best helmet to get the perfect fit and meets all ASTM Safety Standards! Available online at Amazon.com, Statelinetack.com, Doversaddlery.com

Riding Boots (Required)

Recommended Boot- Ariat Kids' Devon Iv Paddock Boot - Approx. \$110.00 Available online at Amazon.com, Ariat.com

Riding Breeches (Required, Jeans Also Acceptable)

Recommended Breeches- Kerrits Kids Ice Fil Full Seat Tech Tight - Approx. \$65.00 Multiple Color Options and comes with a full seat grip!

Available online at Amazon.com, Statelinetack.com, Kerrits.com

Collared Shirt (Required)

Recommended Shirt- Kerrits Kids Ice Fil Lite Equestrian Long Sleeve Shirt - Approx. \$50.00 Multiple Color Options- Black, White, Navy, Burgundy Available online at Amazon.com, Kerrits.com

Riding Gloves (Highly Recommended)

Recommended Gloves- Heritage Premier Show Glove - Approx. \$30.00 Available online at Amazon.com, Statelinetack.com

Riding Half Chaps

Recommended Half Chaps-TuffRider Grippy Grain Half Chaps Black - Approx. \$65.00 Available online at Amazon.com, Statelinetack.com, Doversaddlery.com

Riding Belt

Recommended Belt- Ariat Womens Spur Belt - Approx. \$55.00 Available online at Amazon.com, Ariat.com

Riding Crop

Recommended Riding Crop- Weaver Leather Riding Crop with PVC Handle, Black, 24"- Approx. \$20.00 Available online at Amazon.com

Brands, styles, and retailers are suggested but not required



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Policy Agreement

Right to Refuse Service- MBA holds the right to refuse service to any and all current or potential customers and can change or remove those services at any time.

Driving Policy- All visitors to the property must abide by our 5-mph speed limit. All vehicles MUST yield to horses and pedestrians.

Dog Policy- Outside dogs are not permitted on property whether on a leash or off. If they are brought to the property they must remain in your vehicle at all times. Resident dogs approved by Ali Brady are the only dogs permitted on property. Registered service animals are not subject to this regulation.

Helmet Policy- MBA Lesson Program Students under 18 yo must wear an ASTM approved riding helmet while handling a horse at all times.

Required Apparel Policy- All students must have the following apparel in order to ride: ASTM approved riding helmet, horseback riding boots (preferably paddock boots or tall boots), riding breeches/tights or jeans with grip, and a collared shirt. Students are provided a 10 Week grace period to accumulate these items.

Saddle Policy- All students must ride in an english saddle during lessons to ensure they are efficiently learning to balance, maintain correct mobility, and properly hold/distribute their own weight. Western saddles make mastering these fundamentals more difficult. However, all material taught in the english saddle can and should be applied to western riding since the fundamentals for english and western are the same. Western saddles may be used sporadically within the program for special circumstances such as camps, clinics, and fun rides.

Lesson Barn Safety Policy- For safety purposes only lesson students and instructors may enter the riding prep area. Parents and friends are welcome to watch barn activities from afar.

Substitute Instructor Policy- Students may be taught by a substitute instructor on occasion. Substitute instructors will fill in if the student's primary instructor is temporarily unavailable. Lessons taught by a substitute cannot be cancelled, rescheduled, or refunded.

Riding Instruction Policy- Students who are participating in a lesson can only be coached and critiqued by their instructor. Parents and other student supporters may not coach from the rail.

Payment Submission Policy- Payment for upcoming sessions is due one week prior to the start of the new session. If paying in full you will receive one lesson free and owe \$450.00. Cash or check can be submitted to the deposit box in the barn. All deposits must be sealed in an envelope with the student's name, date, amount, and list what the payment is for. Zelle payments can also be submitted for online payments. We do not accept Venmo or debit/credit cards.

Payment Plan Policy- If you are unable to pay in full one week prior to the start of a session you may take advantage of our payment plan option. \$250.00 can be paid one week prior to the start of the session and \$250.00 can be paid on week five of the session. Payment plans do not receive the pay in full discount of \$50.00.

Late Payment Policy- Any payment made after the posted due date will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. All 10-week session payments must be made one week prior to the start of the session.

No Show Policy- If a student is unable to attend their lesson and does not contact MBA to cancel at least 24 hours in advance, the student will not be offered a makeup lesson and will not be refunded for the missed lesson.

Make Up Policy- If a student cancels their lesson with 24 hour advanced notice, they will be given a 10-day grace period to schedule the makeup lesson. All make-up lessons must be taken within the same session as the missed lesson. If the student does not retake their missed lesson in that time frame, they will not be able to make it up and they will not be refunded for the missed lesson.

Unused Lesson Rollover Policy- If a student does not use all 10 lessons within their 10-week session, the unused lessons WILL NOT rollover into the next session. Unused lessons cannot be applied towards payment for the next session.