

2019 Winter Session Information

*Below you will find information with regards to our Winter Session.
It is also helpful to read the Riding Centre Updates located in the lounge or on our [website](#).*

Payment

Invoices will be emailed closer to the end of December to the contact info that you have indicated on the program registration form. Please indicate the riders name when making a payment.

We accept cash (exact amount; no cash is kept on premises), cheque (made out to Alborak Stable Inc.) or e-transfers can be sent to alborakstable@gmail.com.

Payment will need to be received prior to the lesson or on first lesson day.

Dates

The schedule will be running as follows:

Monday and Friday classes will run from **January 14th until March 22, 2019**

Saturday and Sunday classes will run from **January 19th until March 31, 2019**. **The weekend of February 16/17 there will be NO LESSONS.**

If there are times where Alborak needs to cancel a lesson due to uncontrolled factors, we will look at makeup lessons for the week of **April 1, 2019** or a credit may be added to your account. Refunds will need approval from the Program Coordinator.

Lesson Amounts and Credits

Credits have been noted on selected invoices. Please ensure that your information matches the invoice prior to making a payment.

If there is additional information that was not indicated on the registration forms with regards to lesson attendance, please email alborakstable5726@gmail.com **Attn: Justine** so that invoices may be adjusted. **You have until the first day of class to make these adjustments.** Minimum attendance for registration is 50%.

Pony Club Discounts for the 2019 Winter Session

Without the Alborak Riding School programs, some of our riders would not have the opportunity to be a member of the Canadian Pony Club. We will be offering a Pony Club discount to our 2018/2019 members* registered in the 2019 Winter session.

The incentive will be revisited prior to the Spring 2019 program and is subject to change.

**Discount currently not available to Alborak Pony Club members that board at Alborak or lease an Alborak horse.*

Refund lesson policy

We currently run under a no refund policy, unless approved by Program Coordinator.

Paperwork; please bring completed paperwork to the first lesson (where applicable)

Media Release form

We will now ask parents to read and sign the Media Release form if they wish to grant Alborak the right to use pictures/videos of the students. This is not mandatory.

****2019 Release forms** are mandatory for all riders. Please ensure that you bring a completed form to the first lesson.

Rider Profiles are required for all new riders. If there are any current students that need to update their information (ie address, riding goals) please complete a new form.

Attire

- 1/2 inch heeled boot (little to no grip on soles)
- Jeans or riding breeches
- No loose clothing, hoodies or jewellery
- Gloves are preferred (not suitable for grooming)
- Long hair neatly tied back
- Students must dress for the weather (to include boots for the muddy weather); layers is preferred as rider warms up once riding
- Riding helmet is mandatory. If you do not have an SEI approved helmet, students are welcome to borrow one of ours

Helmet Check and Safety Talk; *what to expect at the first lesson*

Helmet checks will be taking place in the lounge prior to riders entering the barn.

Safety talks lasting approx. 5 mins will take place in the barn prior to bridling. Topics will include: rider fall, horse gets loose, tack check review. All are welcome!

NEW for 2019! Coach and parent phone recap sessions

As we take another look at our program for ways to increase education and communication, we will be trying a new incentive for the Winter session. We will be offering 15 minute phone sessions for parents and instructors midway through the session. The program coordinator will be advising parents both via email and in person the week of Feb 2, 2019 as to when these recaps can be booked.

The recap sessions will be offered throughout a weekend (dates pending) to discuss any concerns, compliments or questions that students or parents have.

We understand that the instructors don't always have time throughout the lesson days to talk to parents individually and we hope that by us offering these one on one sessions will increase understanding about our program and the progression of the riders.

These recaps are NOT mandatory.

Lesson Programs Adjustments

BEGINNER L1 & L2 Lesson length is between 1-1.15 hrs.

These programs are designed to instruct students on how to safely catch, lead, groom and tack the horse under supervision.

L1 students: Please ensure that you are arriving on time for your lesson and wait for instructor's instruction either in the lounge or in the barn.

L2 riders: You are permitted to arrive **15 mins early to catch their horses** and must be accompanied by an adult or instructor. Please note that riders in this group will start the riding portion together, therefore assisting other riders in the class might be needed. Remember, the more you practice the better you will get!

Students who can successfully and safely perform those tasks with the addition of confidently riding basic figures, post trot and are developing a strong 2 point position may be invited to move onto the Novice Program.

NOVICE

Please ensure that you are arriving early enough to get your horse ready. If your horse is being used in the previous lesson, please help the other riders with their horses.

Be in the arena **5-10 mins before your lesson starts**. You will then be able to walk your horse around, perform your safety tack check and alleviate congestion at the mat where hoof cleaning is done.

Reminder: When a lesson consists only 1 student, lesson time will be reduced by approximately 15 minutes.