



Please note that all students (and parents of minor children) must read, sign and return this document AND a waiver BEFORE taking lessons.

Things to know when taking lessons at Ramaker Stables, LLC.

1. Students and parents must sign a Ramaker Stables Waiver and this document BEFORE taking lessons.
2. Students need to be on-time or early for their lessons. If the student is to tack up their own horse, then they need to arrive in time to get the horse, tack the horse and be ready for the lesson at the scheduled time.
3. Students are allowed on the Ramaker Stables property only to take a scheduled lesson. If a student need to come on the Ramaker Stables property for some other reason, they need to clear this first with Tami Ramaker.
4. Students need to bring an ASTM Approved Riding Helmet with them for all lessons. Helmets must be worn when mounted on a horse. Helmets can purchased on-line, or at a tack store. An example brand of helmet is Troxel available locally at Tractor Supply Company.
5. Students should wear proper clothing when riding. Proper riding apparel is long pants (no shorts) and a shoe or boot with a heel (no tennis shoes, no flip flops, no sandals). Loose clothing should be avoided when riding western as your jacket or shirt could get caught on the saddle horn. If the student rides English, half chaps and breeches are recommended.
6. Please remember that all lessons are scheduled in advance. As a result, **students are required to give 24 hours notice if a student will not be able to attend his or her lesson.** If a student misses a lesson and does not give 24 hours notice, the student or their parents will be asked to pay a no-show fee. If a student gives proper notice, (and more notice is better) then the student will be allowed one make up lesson per month. If an instructor has to cancel due to illness, weather, or emergency, he or she will try to reschedule the lesson. Please be courteous and give as much notice as possible if a student will not be able to participate in his or her riding lesson. If a student must change lesson times due to a schedule conflict, please request these changes in advance.
7. Students should copy ramakerstables@gmail.com on all cancellation notices, notices to stop taking lessons, or if there are any problems.
8. Please be sure to give at least 2 weeks notice if you or your child will have to quit taking riding lessons. We appreciate your courtesy.
9. If physically able, students are responsible for tacking and untacking their own horses, as well as wiping down the tack and bit after riding. Students need to put back all tack where they got it from when they are finished with their lesson. Students also need to clean up the poop in the halls, wash stalls or arena and tidy up any area where grooming or hoof picking was done (before the lesson). Please do not leave brushes and grooming items in the grooming areas while you are taking a lesson, so it is not in the way of another person who will be using the grooming area.
10. Students are responsible for putting away the horse in good condition after riding. Putting the horse away could mean back in his/her stall or back to his/her turn out pasture. In good condition means to brush down the horse and pick his/her feet. If the horse is hot, he/she will need to be hosed down in a wash stall. In winter, the horse might be blanketed, etc. If a student is unsure of what to do with his or her horse after a lesson, the student should ask the instructor. If a horse is in a shared paddock and the lesson is during feeding time, students will need to ensure horse is fed.
11. For everyone's safety, **please supervise all riding and non-riding children at all times.** Please do not allow running, loud talking or yelling, rough-housing, gum-chewing, playing or climbing on the hay or stalls, or chasing after the chickens, and no running in the creek, etc.
12. Unless directed to do so by a riding instructor, no one is allowed to enter a horse's stall without permission from the horse's owner, and the horse's owner must be present for a student to enter a horse's stall.
13. Students should bring water or another beverage to drink when it is hot. There is also a vending machine available at the barn.
14. Students trailering in a horse for lessons must park near the shop where the tractor is, but do not block the tractor so it cannot be driven in or out of the building and do not block the shavings. You may also park between the barns on the rock only if you do not block the entire driveway, do not block trailers or the manure box. You are responsible for picking up after your horse. A current copy of the horse's Coggins must be on file with Ramaker Stables and must be kept current yearly.
15. Each student and his/her parents will be given a gate code. Please note that this gate code is for the students' family's use only. Please do not give out the gate code to anyone else under any circumstances. Please do not give the gate code to friends and do not key in the code to allow another car to enter the stable property. Please contact the barn owner, Tami Ramaker, for a guest gate code if friends are coming to visit and let her know that guests will be arriving. Ramaker Stables is private property.
16. If a student is riding or working with a horse during feeding time, that horse will miss his or her meal; therefore, barn staff will place the horse's feed outside of his/her stall or paddock. It is the student's responsibility to be sure the horse is fed. After feeding the horse, the student should then return the feed container to the feed room that is located in the big barn. If the horse is to be turned-out in one of the pastures, please be sure to turn out the horse in the proper place and turn off the fan in his/her stall. If a student does not know where a horse belongs, the student should ask the instructor.
17. As a safety precaution, horses are only to be tied to tying rings. Please do not tie horses to the bars on the stalls, the green panels, or anything else in the barn. For everyone's safety, horses must be tied only in designated tacking areas. Please do not leave tied horses unattended or tied up in their stalls. Do not use the wash stall for tacking up horses.
18. Do not park in front of the barns or in front of or next to the horse trailers. Do not park on the grass. Only park in front of the barns in designated vehicle parking areas.
19. It is the student's responsibility, or that of his/her parent or guardian, to inform Ramaker Stables of changes of address, phone number, e-mail addresses, etc. Please be sure to let us know if personal information changes in any way. This helps us to keep in contact with students in cases of emergency, events, inclement weather, or changes in schedules.
20. Contact Information: Tami Ramaker can be reached at 512-259-3009 or Tami's cell is 512-507-2578 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (unless it is an emergency), e-mail is ramakerstables@gmail.com, website is www.ramakerstables.com.



Arena Rules, Safety and Etiquette

Riding in the covered arena is our only option during bad weather so we want everyone to do their part to make riding with others fun and safe. The arenas are primarily for riding. We need to be courteous to others that are riding in the arenas. Riders should at all times be aware of the other horses and riders in the arena and should be looking where they are going so they are less likely to collide. Riders should at all times behave sensibly and proceed with caution. Humans can be just as unpredictable as horses!

Arena Rules:

- Please pick up ALL poop from arenas, hallways, and wash stalls and put in large container between the 2 barns.
- The arenas are for riding -- if you want to lunge your horse or put up something in any arena, you must ask the other riders first. If they are uncomfortable with this, then wait until they are done riding.
- Pick your horses feet BEFORE any riding in the covered arena and sweep up BEFORE riding.
- Do not leave horses unattended in arenas or grooming areas at any time.
- Do not use the outdoor arena or round pens when they are wet. RS will put a zip tie on the arena gate so that you will know the arena is too wet to use.
- Jumps, poles or barrels may be set up in the outside arena only when it is dry. If you want to set something up in the arena and there are other riders, ask first if it is ok with them. Do not practice barrels, poles, etc. in the covered arena in a fast pace as this will tear up the base. Walk-over poles and cones may be set up in the covered arena, but may be done only at a walk or trot. The white jumps and colored/striped poles belong to Vanessa and you will need to get her permission to use them.
- Mount your horse in the entry way (where there is a mounting block). Leave and exit the indoor arena from the entry ways only.
- When you use the arena, leave it in the condition you found it. Take down all items set up when you are finished riding.

Arena Etiquette:

- Left shoulder to Left Shoulder: Riders should try to ride in the same direction. If this isn't possible then the left shoulder to left shoulder rule should apply. This means that riders working on the right rein (with their right hand nearest to the center of the school) should give way to those riders working on the left rein. To do this they should move on to the inside track and away from the wall.
- Slow on the Inside, Fast on the Outside: Slower riders should ride on the inside track including those doing schooling such as lateral work etc. Riders working at a faster pace such as a lope or canter should stay on the outside track. Stay in one track when working.
- Announce Your Intentions: Tell the other riders what you plan to do: "passing on your left", "leaving arena", "entering arena".
- Mount Out of the Way: Mount and dismount in the center--not on the track.
- Stopping on the Track: Don't stop and talk inside the track -- take this outside the arena. Don't stop and talk to people sitting at the picnic tables or get stuff -- leave the arena and come back. No rider should halt on the track as a rider approaching from behind may not be able to stop in time, so be aware of where other riders are before stopping.
- Work Together: Riders should be doing similar things if at all possible. And even though the rule is left shoulder to left shoulder understand it isn't always possible. Be generous with right-of-way.
- Cue Quietly: Voice commands, kissing, smooching to cue your horse should be done quietly and away from other horses. Accidentally cueing another person's horse as you ride along side them could cause problems.
- Right of Way: Advanced and more competent riders should always give way to the less advanced riders. Less advanced riders may not be in full control and may be unable to move their horse out of the way. Advanced riders only have right of way when performing lateral movements and they should be allowed to finish their movement. However, common sense should prevail at all times and the advanced rider should give way if a dangerous situation needs to be avoided.
- Lunging: It is preferred that you lunge your horse in one of the round pens. If the weather is bad and the round pens are closed, you can lunge your horse in the inside arena, but it should not interfere with people who are riding and you should ask the other riders if you can lunge your horse while they are riding. Please use common sense when lunging a horse while others are riding. Do not lunge your horse in the covered arena when there are more than three horses already working there. Please respect the fact that you as a rider have more control over your horse than someone who is lunging and give them the space they need.

Arena Safety:

- Keep A Horse Length Between: Don't crowd other riders and keep at least a horse length between you and the horse in front of you. This keeps you at a safe distance from being kicked. Also when there are riders working on both the inside and outside track, leave enough passing room that one horse isn't able to bite or kick at the horse on the other track.
- All Horses Under Control: There should be no loose horses in the arena. If you cannot control your horse, do not ride with others.
- Be Aware: Be respectful if another is having problems with a horse, is riding a young horse, or is a beginner or timid rider.
- Give Right of Way: Be generous giving right of way even if it is not technically the correct right of way. A slower horse should try to give the right of way to the faster horse. For example: If I'm walking, I should "yield" to a rider who is cantering. Riders should refrain from practicing figures, movements, or patterns if there are several riders in the ring.
- Always Ride Safe: Wear a helmet and proper boots and ride in control. No loose clothing.
- Don't Get in the Way: Spectators should stand outside the arena, not along side the track. Parents and non-riders should not talk to the instructor during lessons, or walk into the middle of the ring (unless it is an emergency).



LESSON DOCUMENT

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- No Dogs: No dogs (or other animals or children) in the arenas or round pens with horses and riders.
- In an Emergency - Get Off: If a rider falls off and a horse gets loose, all riders should dismount.
- Stay on Plan: Riders should indicate their moves correctly and not make sudden or unpredictable changes to their initial plan. Should they make a sudden or unexpected turn, other riders cannot predict where they are going.

All Students, Children, Parents and Leasees must read before signing:

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

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