

YORK EQUESTRIAN

Riding School

Camp Riding Level Guide

The purpose of this guide is to help you accurately register your child for YERS camp. This guide will help parents and riders understand how we assess skill level at York Equestrian. Our number one priority is the safety of our riders. Campers will not be placed or moved into a different riding group unless the instructor feels it is suitable.

New Rider

The rider has had little to no experience. Little experience would include pony rides, trail rides or a handful of lessons. This rider has little to no experience in grooming and tacking up a horse.

Beginner

The rider has attended weekly camp programs in the past, but has not been in a consistent lesson program. This rider is working on basic steering skills at the walk and developing their posting trot rhythm. This rider is also working to strengthen their steering and control at the trot. The rider has basic knowledge and skill in grooming and tacking up but may still require assistance.

Novice

The rider has been in a consistent lesson program for at least one year. The rider has good steering control and body control in the walk and trot. This rider is able to guide their horse through a pattern with precision in the trot. The rider has had some purposeful experience at the canter. The rider can independently groom and tack up a horse.

Intermediate

The rider has been in a consistent lesson program for more than one year. This program has them riding confidently in the walk, trot and canter a pattern with good steering and rhythm control. This rider has started working over fences (jumps). The rider can independently groom and tack up a horse.