

Ocean Equine Training: Rider Level System

Rider Name: _____

Start Date: _____

Current Level: _____



■ Beginner 1 (B1)

Leadline friends and newest riders. Learning to safely move around horses, basic grooming, posture, and steering at the walk. Posting and balance work begin on the lunge or leadline.

Goal: Confidence and comfort at the walk and trot with instructor guidance.

■ Beginner 2 (B2)

Gaining independence! Tack up and ride mostly on your own at walk and trot, practicing circles, figure-eights, and poles. Graduating this level means you can start joining group lessons!

Goal: Independent control over direction, rhythm, and posture.

■ Beginner 3 (B3)

Advanced beginners learning to canter and jump small courses (~2'–2'3"). At about the halfway mark, riders earn the ability to lease or ride to Crosswicks.

Goal: Confident canter work, small courses, readiness for independent riding.

■ Intermediate 1 (I1)

Building your rider toolbox. Warm up independently, ride connected horses, and handle hunter paces or light adventures without instructor assistance.

Goal: Self-sufficient riding with focus on connection, bending, and transitions.

■ Intermediate 2 (I2)

Riders can ride complex exercises, adapt to different horses, and problem-solve confidently. Interested students may shadow lessons/training sessions!

Goal: Confident, adaptable riding and a deeper understanding of training concepts.

■ Advanced (A)

Mastered foundation and able to apply it to new challenges. May join advanced lessons, clinics, or lessons with Coach Rachel's trainer, and mentor others.

Goal: Independent, adaptable, knowledgeable equestrian ready to teach/train while continuing to seek new learning opportunities.