

# Cello Studio Policy Letter 2022

**Greetings cello squad!** In this letter you will find our cello studio policies including the **Sliding Scale Policy**, the **Late Cancellation Policy**, and notes about **Group Classes**. Please take your time to read it thoroughly, and feel free to send me any questions about what you've read. When you finish, please sign and date at the bottom of the page and scan it back to me so that I know you have read and agree to the terms.

## Sliding Scale Policy

I charge for cello lessons on a **sliding scale of \$50–\$100** per hour, in recognition of income inequality and student debt, and in order to make cello lessons accessible to more people.

I believe that lessons are more than simply transactional - they are a practice of community care. I ask that cello students or their families pay what they feel is appropriate for their income within the scale. If you make more money, pay in proportion with your income in order to support those who cannot afford to pay as much. If you make less money, pay what you can within that scale. It is up to you whether you choose to pay for a month of lessons at the start of each month or week by week.

## Late Cancellation Policy

Out of respect for the hours each week that I commit to holding your lessons, I request that any cancellation or reschedule be made **at least 24 hours in advance** of your scheduled lesson time. You can text, call, or email me to initiate a change in schedule. In the event that you must cancel your lesson with less than 24 hours notice before the scheduled lesson time, I will assess a **late cancellation fee of \$50**.

There will be no cancellation fee if I am able to find a time to reschedule your lesson later that week. I will do my best to reschedule, and I cannot make any guarantees about whether a reschedule will be possible. When possible, please communicate with me about the nature of your cancellation. For example, family emergencies and covid exposures present a proper excuse for me to waive the late cancellation fee. A change of schedule or a double-booking do not.

## Group Classes

Once a month, members of the cello studio meet for **group classes** on zoom. The purposes of cello group class are to network the brilliant minds that populate Sam's cello studio, inspire your growth through observing others, practice performing in a supportive community setting, set regular performance goals, and experience more opportunities for playing, listening, and talking about music. 60-minute zoom group classes cost **\$15 per person per class** and will occur once a month.

When we meet together as a studio via zoom room, you will be able to introduce yourself and play a passage or movement from a piece you are working on. You will get to watch your studio mates introduce themselves and hear them play. After you play, your colleagues will offer gentle, supportive feedback about what they heard you play. You'll also get to make observations about what your colleagues play.

## Signatures

Signing below indicates that you have read and agree to the terms of the above cello studio policies including the **sliding scale policy**, the **late cancellation policy**, and the **group class information**.

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Student signature

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Date

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Parent signature (if student is under 18)

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Date

*Sam Johnson*

6/11/2022

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Teacher signature

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Date