

## Barn Rules

- No smoking in the facility.
- Drive Slowly.
- All riders and guests must sign a liability release before handling or riding any horse.
- It is a boarder's responsibility to ensure that all his/her guests have completely filled out and signed a release.
- Do not clean out your trailer in the parking area.
- Persons under 18 may not ride unsupervised without a liability waiver signed by a parent/guardian
- Helmets are encouraged
- Tie only to tie rails, crossties or to stalls (in stalls using a panic string). Please only use tie rails in proximity to your horses stabling.
- It is expected that parents will drop children off for lessons, however it is not acceptable to leave children for more than two hours without prior arrangement.
- Jumping is allowed by minors only during instruction or supervision by either a professional or their authorized assistants.
- Each person is responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their horses.
- Clean up manure immediately. Do not wait until after you ride.
- Please do not bring your dog. If you must bring your dog, you must keep him/her on a leash or in your car at all times.
- Do not feed any horse but your own without owner's permission. Do not allow your horse to "sniff noses" with other horses, as this can lead to injuries.
- Each person will implement any instructions or suggestions for safety made by our staff.

## Arena rules:

- Slower going horses such as warm up and cool down move to the inside tracks off the wall to leave the outside rail free for those who are still working.
- If you need to dismount or stand still in the arena, move to the middle to do so.
- When passing, pass on the left shoulder, which means stay to the right of the horse you are passing.
- Helmets are encouraged, but not required.
- Clicking, kissing, and other noises may help your horse, but maybe not the other horses and riders around so keep noise to a minimum.
- Be aware and courteous of other riders, pass and ride with care.
- Please clean up after your horse and put poop in the muck bucket provided in the arena

## Trail Rules

- Share the trails – cyclists yield to all other trail users and hikers yield to equestrians.
- On crowded trails, proceed single file.

- Slower traffic should keep to the right of the trail; faster users pass on the left.
- Do not pass on narrow bends – pass only when you can clearly see the trail and traffic approaching from the opposite direction.
- When passing other trail users, provide adequate warning and reduce speed.
- Animals on the trail may act unexpectedly. If you are unsure about approaching someone with a horse or dog, ask the handler for guidance.
- If you choose to wear a stereo/headphone set, make sure that the volume neither prevents you from hearing what is happening around you nor disturbs the other trail users.
- If you come upon an injured rider (horse or bicycle), get help immediately. If you come upon a riderless horse, do not approach the horse if you are uncomfortable with horses – seek professional help. If you choose to approach the horse, speak softly to let it know you are there – do not chase it. Approach it from the side.
- Make sure your horse has the temperament and training for riding on congested public trails. Busy multi-use trails are not the proper place for schooling green horses.
- Advise other trail users of your horse's temperament, e.g. a horse with a tendency to kick should always wear a red ribbon on the tail or a stallion should wear a yellow ribbon., Assume that not everyone will know what these ribbons mean, so be prepared to explain or take the necessary precautions to avoid trouble.
- Obey posted speed/gait limits and use common sense in crowded areas. Cantering/galloping on crowded trails endangers everyone.
- Announce your intentions to pass other trail users and reduce speed in order to pass safely. Pass on the left only.
- Stay on the trail
- If you should ride on trails in the area please be especially quiet when near homes, be courteous to our neighbors.
- Remember that other trail users may not be familiar with horses or their reactions to new experiences. Your horse may be another trail user's introduction to horses. What you do is a reflection of the local horse community. You are an ambassador for the entire equestrian community.