

## Rules and Regulations

Help keep the barn neat!! All halters and lead-ropes should be hung neatly on stall doors with the name plates facing out and lead-ropes wound in a spiral. Bits must be washed before returning to their respective bridle racks and hung in a figure eight. Saddles and girths should be wiped off if dusty or muddy. Ask instructors or volunteers for assistance.

Stalls should be picked following each lesson by the rider. Again, we are here to help you. Ask us if you need assistance.

Helmets must be secured on the rider BY AN INSTRUCTOR before entering a stall. Volunteers may NOT assist with helmet fitting. Helmets must be ASTM-SEI approved and checked by an instructor. We will provide helmets if you do not have your own.

Riders must wear shoes that come over the ankle with a hard, smooth sole and low heel. No waffle soled or tennis shoes are permitted while mounted unless previously approved by an instructor. RIDERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON A HORSE WITHOUT PROPER ATTIRE.

All riders should wear long pants for riding. No shorts allowed while mounted.

When you are leading a horse, always use a lead-rope. Never wrap the end of the lead-rope around your hand. The throatlatch of the halter must be fastened. Always unfasten stall guards and walk through the doorway. NEVER duck under a stall guard. Make sure the horse is facing you approach him/her. Make sure all doors are completely open before leading the horse through. When leading a horse to pasture or back into the stall, turn the horse so that he is facing the door/gate before removing the halter and lead-rope. Halters may remain on horses in the stall DURING LESSON HOURS ONLY. Halters should ALWAYS be removed for turnout. Ask for assistance if you are at all hesitant.

Horses should always be in crossties in their stalls while riders are working in or around the stalls. This includes stall cleaning, grooming, tacking, and untacking. Crossties must ALWAYS be attached to the side rings on the halter and never the bit or bridle. This may result in serious injury to the horse. Halters may be placed over bridles in order to crosstie between lessons at the permission of an instructor ONLY.

Stirrup irons should always be properly secured before leading a horse from or to the barn.

Riders should secure the horse in a CLEAN STALL following their lesson time with adequate hay and water.

Feeding:

Riders should always ask for the assistance of an instructor or volunteer over the age of fourteen when they are feeding. Grain should never be fed to the horses without the permission/assistance of an instructor. Riders should not enter stalls to grain horses or while horses are eating grain without the assistance of an instructor or volunteer.

Treats must be placed in feed buckets. Horses should not be hand fed.

Riders should ask instructors for assistance while cooling out horses. Procedures will vary depending on the amount of work and the weather.

No shouting or running is permitted in the barn.

Parents, siblings and guests are permitted in designated areas only. Please obey all signs and instructions. We want everyone involved, but we must think of safety first in the barn and riding areas.

No tobacco is permitted ANYWHERE on the premises.

No one is permitted in the barn or pasture areas without the permission or supervision of an instructor.

Visiting dogs must be leashed

#### Horse Sense- Rules and Reason

- I. Praise often, punish seldom
- II. Use caution when working around horses
- III. Never stand directly behind or in front of a horse
- IV. Horses should never be hand fed
- V. Keep at least one horse length between you and another horse
- VI. Check equipment for proper fit and have you instructor check it before you mount
- VII. Always use a halter and lead-rope or crossties to your horse. Always use a halter and lead-rope or a bridle with the reins over the horses head for leading
- VIII. Treat equipment with care and always put it away properly
- IX. Never wrap or tie anything attached to your horse around your body in any way.
- X. Listen and learn
- XI. Always keep alert and listen for commands from instructors