

EQUESTRIANS IN HARMONY & GROVE FARM SAFETY RULES

These rules are for the safety of our horses and guests. In addition to the rules on this list, we expect everyone to be respectful of people, property and animals and to use common sense.

General Rules

1. No smoking.
2. No dogs.
3. All program participants and horse care-givers who ride, lead, feed, or groom a horse must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability form—no exceptions.
4. Please park in designated areas.
5. There is a zero tolerance policy for abuse of any animal or person.
6. Please do not enter any buildings on the property other than the vaulting barn without asking management first.
7. If you go through a closed gate, close it behind you.
8. If you are the last person to leave the premises in the evening, please turn off all lights as appropriate.
9. Children under 18 must be accompanied and/or supervised by a responsible adult at all times, this include assistant coaches and lungers. Small children must be in hand at all times and it is recommended have direct parental supervision.
10. Under no circumstances may you allow your children to yell, run, roughhouse or otherwise bother the horses.
11. No baby strollers, bicycles, motorized vehicles or toys likely to spook horses are permitted on premises without prior permission from management.

Barn Safety and Etiquette

1. You must keep your horse under control at all times. We do not consider ground tying or leading your horse without a halter or bridle to be adequate means of controlling your horse.
2. Please pick up and put away tack, manure forks, & other equipment in designated areas when you are done using them.
3. Please do not feed horses treats without prior permission from management.
4. When you are done grooming or washing a horse, please remove all manure, hoof pickings and loose hair and dispose of them in trash cans.
5. Please tie horses only in designated tie areas. All horses must be tied with a quick-release knot or panic snap. Please do not leave a tied horse unattended or tie a horse with a chain.
6. If you notice damage to a horse's stall, paddock or pasture, please inform management immediately.
7. Please keep the tack room and all other areas clean and neat.

Riding Safety and Arena Etiquette

1. Helmet and Safety Policy
 - A. All riders are required to wear a properly fitted, approved riding helmet with the chinstrap securely fastened at all time when riding.
 - B. It is recommended for any rider jumping to additionally wear a properly fitted, approved safety vest securely fastened.
 - C. All riders must wear proper attire at all times, including closed-toe footwear.
2. Jumping Policy:
 - A. No one may jump on premises unless another adult is present on grounds. It is also recommended to have a cell phone available to contact emergency services.
 - B. No one under 18 may jump on premises unless such jumping is part of an organized riding instruction session.
3. Arena Etiquette:
 - A. Please treat other riders with consideration and respect. Riders going in opposite directions should pass left-shoulder to left-shoulder and riders going in the same direction should pass on the inside.
 - B. Please leave at least one horse-length between your horse and other horses. If your horse is green or feeling frisky, please do not ride in a crowded arena, especially if other green horses or novice riders are present, and warn other riders in the arena so that they may treat you with extra caution. We expect more experienced riders to help less experienced riders by yielding the right of way to novice riders and green horses and politely pointing out any unsafe arena use.
 - C. If any rider falls, all other riders must immediately halt their horses and dismount, immobilize the rider, assist the fallen rider in catching his or her horse, and then inform management.

Accidents and Injuries

1. If you or a horse are involved in or witness an accident or injury, please report it immediately to management so that proper care can be administered.