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**BARN, RIDING  
AND BOARDING  
RULES AT THE  
STABLES**

*Heritage Club Stables*



## **BARN RULES**

1. All riders must wear an ASTM F-1163-01/SEI certified riding helmet, properly fitted and secured while mounted. Unless they have signed the release at the end of this document and in the Release of Liability form.
2. Riders should be dressed appropriately for safe riding. This includes all riders: boarders, lesson students and guests. Long pants and heeled riding boots are necessary for safety. Rider may not mount if they do not have safe footwear. A heeled boot may prevent the foot from slipping through the stirrup, which could be tragic if they rider would fall and be dragged.
3. Riding guests must sign a waiver from upon arrival to the Stable. If the guest rider is a minor, that child's parent or legal guardian must sign the liability acknowledgement and waiver form.
4. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult at all times. Children may not be "dropped off" at the barn, as we are not equipped to supervise children while we are working. An adult must be present and accountable for each student and rider.
5. Please look after small children, as the barn can be a dangerous place. Encourage kids to behave calmly around horses. Running in the barn yard, screaming, and throwing objects is not permitted around the horses. If a horse should become suddenly frightened it could easily injure itself, the rider, or anyone else in the arena.
6. Never tie a horse to the fence boards, gates or posts. Ties horses to designated hitching posts. "Remember the 'Five P's: Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance.'" Plan ahead to prevent spooky situation for your horse, A horse can easily pull back and break an oak board or bend a gate off the hinges a dangerous flight response.
7. Horses may be led by a lead road clipped to a fastened halter only. No loose ropes about the neck, or unfastened halters. Horse may never run freely through the barnyard to their stalls. In all open and general use areas, the horse must be under your direct control.
8. Please be certain to pick up your trash, your children's trash or any other trash you see lying around. Let's keep our stables a beautiful place.
9. We love dogs! However, we have a "No Dog" policy on the premise of our stables.
10. We have a NO SMOKING policy on the property.
11. Of course you may not use alcohol or illegal substances while on the premises of the property. If we have come here under the influence of anything you need to leave the stables and come back a different time.
12. All gates are to be closed and latched at all times.
13. Bad language and gossip are not tolerated at the stables. There are many children in and out of the facility and we adults need to set a good example. Regarding gossip, if you have an issue with someone please go to that person directly.
14. Never ride in the barn or into the barn.

## **BOARDERS**

1. Boarders are responsible for any damage caused by themselves, their children, their guests or horses.
2. Please pick up any manure piles left by your horses in the roadways, barnyards, or other general use areas.
3. Only manure and bedding is to be placed in the manure pile (no trash or bailing twine). The composted manure will be used in the future.

4. If you are the last to leave the barn at any time of the day, it is your responsibility to close the barn door, turn off all the lights and close the tack room door.
5. In cold weather, the hoses must be drained after use. Frozen hoses create a big problem for the stable at feeding time. If you are not sure how to drain the hose, please ask for a demonstration. A small amount of effort on your part can save a huge burden if the hoses don't have to be thawed in freezing temperatures.
6. Please report destructive horse behavior as soon as you notice it. For instance, if you notice a horse chewing bark off trees in the pastures, or chewing the fences, please let us know so that we can protect both horse and property.
7. Horses that crib must wear a cribbing collar. We prefer the humane "Miracle Collar."
8. If you groom your horse in the barn, please be sure to sweep the area afterwards.

**RIDING**

1. Maximum pace is a walk on the lane and around the barn.
2. Do not ride horses in the yard or garden area.
3. Please do not ride through or on the hay field.
4. All horses and riders must be back to the barn before dusk.
5. We encourage riders to carry a cell phone, and to never trail ride alone. It is best if someone back at the barn knows when to expect your group and horses to return as well. You can leave this information on the message board in the barn.

**BARN**

1. No alterations may be made to the barn or stalls. This includes signs, hooks, racks, pictures, etc.
2. Please keep the inside and outside of your stalls neat and tidy.
3. Barn and riding hours are 7:00 AM until 9:00 PM. All lights out by 9:00 PM.

"Our goal is for you to have an excellent equine experience. Your safety and satisfaction are our first priority. Thank you for your business."

By my signature I certify that I understand and agree to abide by the stable rules:

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Boarder's Signature Date

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Primary rider, if other than Boarder Date

I waive all my rights on wearing protective headgear and I release \_\_\_\_\_  
from any or all liability.

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Rider's Signature Date