

# ECHO SPRINGS ARENA RULES

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- ❖ ARENAS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EQUESTRIAN USE.
- ❖ IF YOU WISH TO LUNGE YOUR HORSE ON A LUNGE LINE WHILE SOMEONE ELSE IS RIDING PLEASE ASK TO MAKE SURE IT WILL NOT BOTHER THE OTHER HORSE.
- ❖ ASK BEFORE TAKING DOWN OR MOVING JUMPS. PUT THEM BACK AS YOU FOUND THEM WHEN YOU ARE DONE.
- ❖ THE UNIVERSAL RULE IS 'LEFT-SHOULDER-TO-LEFT-SHOULDER' WHEN PASSING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS WITHIN THE ARENA. ALWAYS KEEP AT LEAST ONE HORSE DISTANCE BETWEEN AND AROUND OTHER HORSES. IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE, SLOW DOWN, WORK DEEPER INTO CORNERS, MAKE A LARGE CIRCLE; PASS TO THE INSIDE OR CROSS THE ARENA TO AN OPEN AREA ON THE RAIL. NEVER PASS ON THE OUTSIDE (BETWEEN THE HORSE AND THE RAIL) OF ANOTHER HORSE WHEN APPROACHING FROM BEHIND - ALWAYS PASS TO THE INSIDE AND VOICE YOUR INTENTIONS CLEARLY, STATING "INSIDE". THE LEFT TO LEFT RULE WILL NOT APPLY IF ONE RIDER IS CONSISTENTLY USING THE INSIDE TRACK, BE SURE TO OBSERVE OTHER RIDERS IN THE ARENA AND COMMUNICATE IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF THEIR INTENTIONS.
- ❖ LESSONS BEING CONDUCTED BY OUR TRAINERS HAVE PRIORITY AND RIGHT OF WAY IN THE ARENA. RIDERS NOT IN THE LESSON MAY BE ASKED TO "PULL OVER" AND WAIT IN A SAFE AREA WHILE STUDENTS ARE JUMPING COURSES. IF THERE IS EVER A QUESTION OF CONTROL AND SAFETY, THE TRAINER HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK RIDERS USE ONLY A DESIGNATED PORTION OF THE ARENA OR TO LEAVE THE ARENA UNTIL THE LESSON IS FINISHED. THE LESSON SCHEDULE IS POSTED IN THE BARN; IT IS KEPT AS UP-TO-DATE AS POSSIBLE, THOUGH LAST MINUTE CHANGES MAY OCCUR.
- ❖ WHEN RIDING DURING A LESSON, RIDE AT THE LEVEL OF THE LESSON (I.E. NO GALLOPING OR JUMPING DURING A WALK/TROT BEGINNER LESSON) UNLESS YOU HAVE SPECIFIC PERMISSION FROM THE TRAINER GIVING THE LESSON TO DO OTHERWISE.
- ❖ IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH YOUR HORSE AND MUST STOP, PLEASE MOVE TO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA SAFELY OUT OF THE WAY OF THE OTHER RIDERS. LET OTHER RIDERS KNOW THAT YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES. LEAVE THE ARENA IF YOU ARE CREATING A HAZARD FOR OTHER RIDERS OR DISRUPTING A LESSON.
- ❖ YOUR SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY. IF A RIDER FALLS, STOP, DISMOUNT IMMEDIATELY AND WAIT QUIETLY WITH YOUR HORSE UNTIL TOLD IT IS SAFE TO RE-MOUNT.
- ❖ DO NOT KEEP YOUR HORSE ON THE RAIL WHILE MOUNTING, CHECKING TACK OR UNTACKING YOUR HORSE. THIS SHOULD BE FREE FOR WORKING RIDERS.
- ❖ NO PERSON MAY ACT AS A TRAINER/INSTRUCTOR/EQUINE PROFESSIONAL (WHETHER PAID OR UNPAID AT THE BARN WHO IS NOT EITHER 1) INSURED BY THE BARN, OR 2) HAS SUBMITTED WRITTEN PROOF OF INDEPENDENT INSURANCE TO MANAGEMENT AND HAS PERMISSION TO INSTRUCT AT THE BARN.