



Harmony with horses

STABLE RULES

Everyone who boards or rides horses at Mill Creek Equestrian, LLC (“Stable”) is, in addition to the terms and conditions of their respective boarding agreements, subject to the following Stable Rules as may be amended from time to time at the Stable’s sole discretion:

1. The Stable is a community. Please treat other members of the community with respect, courtesy and consideration. Safe, considerate and courteous behavior of each boarder, family member and guest is required at all times! Your safety and peace is our primary goal.

2. **RELEASE AND WAIVER REQUIRED:** All boarders, guests and instructors must execute and deliver a Hold Harmless Liability Waiver and Release before participating in any equestrian activities.

3. **HELMETS REQUIRED:** ALL MINORS 18 AND UNDER RIDING AT THE STABLE MUST WEAR AN ASTM APPROVED HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING OR MOUNTED.

4. **SHOES REQUIRED:** ALL PERSONS RIDING AT THE STABLES MUST WEAR STURDY SHOES OR BOOTS WITH HEELS

HOURS: The Stable is open to Owners seven days per week: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, but may be closed periodically by Stable management during inclement or severe weather events for the protection of Owners and horses or for other reasons at Stables discretion.

5. **LESSONS:** Please notify your instructor at least **12 hours** in advance if you cannot attend a scheduled lesson or class. The ring time, horse and instructor have been reserved for your use. There will be a charge for any lesson if the Stable is not timely notified that you will be absent.

6. **GATES:** All gates must be closed at all times except when attended. All visitors must close any gate on the property that they open (and may not open locked gates). Gates shall only be opened after making a reasonable determination that it is safe to do so.

7. **GROUND:** Owner’s and their guests are welcome in the arenas, barns, tack rooms, and parking areas.

8. **DOORS:** All doors must remain closed while not attended including tack room doors, barn doors, hay storage stall doors and feed room doors. Owners and guests

please close unattended doors whether you opened them or not. Stall doors may remain open when not occupied by a horse.

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9. **PARKING:** Parking is permitted in the designated areas provided. Do not park in front of barn entrances. Do not park on the lawn (unless there is an event/show going on). Any parking/driving related damage in non-designated areas will be repaired at Owner's expense.

10. **CHILDREN:** No one shall leave a minor under the age of 14 unattended on the Stable's property. Minors under the age of 14 (hereinafter referred as "Children") must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times.

- a. No Children may play in/on the hay bales.
- b. Children **must wear AN ASTM APPROVED HELMET** at all times while on horseback.
- c. Minors between the ages of 16 and 18 must have an emergency contact phone number listed in the office to ride in the absence of a parent or guardian.
- d. No Children may jump a horse.

11. **JUMPING/JUMPS:** No lesson students shall jump unless accompanied by an instructor or other person authorized by Stable staff.

12. **NO SMOKING.** SMOKING is NOT permitted anywhere on the Stable's property

13. **NO DOGS:** No dogs are not allowed at the Stable, except the dog of a boarder/student that has been given permission by Stable management to bring that specific dog to the Stable. All such dogs must be under the immediate care and supervision of their owners at all times. Any/all such permissions may be revoked by Stable management at any time in its sole discretion without advance notice.

14. **GUESTS:** It is the responsibility of each boarder sponsoring a Guest to make sure that the Guest(s) are aware of, and follow, these Stable Rules. Anyone not in compliance may be asked to leave the property without notice. No Guest may handle or ride a horse unless that Guest shall have first signed and delivered a Hold Harmless Liability Waiver and Release to Stable management and Stable management has approved Liability Waiver and Release.

15. **HANDLING HORSES:**

- a. Respect animals ALWAYS! No hitting or violence!
- b. Never walk or stand behind a horse.
- c. Do not handle anyone's horse(s), or enter any stall, without express permission by the horse owner and Stable Management to do so.
- d. Do not remove a horse from a stall or paddock without staff permission.
- e. When exiting a stall with a horse, open stall door fully. Latch door completely open.

- f. Always use a halter and lead line when moving horses.
- g. Always use cross ties, stall, or hitching post when tacking or blanketing a horse

18. LEASES: No horse may be leased out by a boarder without the express approval of Stable management. This is to ensure that the Stable knows the person that is coming onto the property.

19. GROUNDS: It is the duty of every boarder to help keep the Stable property free of litter, clean and organized. This duty requires all boarders to clean up after themselves, especially while in the barn.

- a. Keep the aisles clean and tidy for your safety and the safety of others.
- b. Everything belonging to the Owner or otherwise moved by the Owner must be kept out of the aisle except when it is being used.
- c. Clean up after using the horse ties, hitching posts and wash racks. Cross ties are provided in the aisle.
- d. Clean the wash stall after use. Remove debris; do NOT wash it down the drain.
- e. Sweep up after picking hooves, grooming or clipping in the aisle.
- f. Pick up your horse's manure from the aisles, arenas, the parking lot, and around the barn.
- g. Deposit only manure (and shavings) in the muck buckets provided by the Stable.
- h. All other garbage goes in the respective garbage and recycling cans located in various areas on the property.
- i. Turn off lights in the arenas, tack room, bathroom and aisles, when you have finished using them.

20. TACK AND BLANKETS:

- a. Do not use anyone's tack, grooming supplies or any equipment that is not your own without permission to do so.
- b. All halters, leads, boots, sheets and blankets etc should be clearly identified and must be maintained by the Owners in the designated locations.
- c. If a horse wears boots, they should be hung on outside of the horse's stall door or stored in Owner's tack trunk when not in use.
- d. ALL TURNOUT BLANKETS must be WATERPROOF.
- e. Do not leave sheets or blankets on the aisle floors while you ride.
- g. Stable does not provide laundry service. Owner is responsible for keeping blankets and pads in clean, dry and sanitary condition.

21. FEED:

- a. Do not enter the Feed Room without authorization from Stable Management.
- b. Do NOT feed hay to your horse. All hay feeds are provided by Stable staff.
- c. Do not feed treats to any horse other than your own, without first obtaining permission from the horse's owner. Safety first=)

22. CONDUCT:

- a. No person may act as an instructor at the Stable who is not either 1) insured by the Stable, or 2) has submitted written proof of independent insurance to Stable management and has permission of Stable management to instruct at the Stable.
- b. Do not keep your horse on the rail while mounting, checking tack or untacking your horse. This should be free for working riders.
- c. Do NOT leave your horse unattended on the cross-ties or in the wash stall.
- d. Do not handle anyone's horse(s) without express permission to do so.
- e. Running, shouting, rock throwing, and rowdy boisterous behavior are not permitted at any time.

23. ARENA USE:

- a. You must clean up after your horse; it is very important for the longevity of the footing that manure be removed from the footing immediately.
- b. Please follow Arena Etiquette. Some students are learning. Please help teach them kindly if they do not know yet.
- c. Use of the outdoor arenas is weather-dependent. These areas may be closed at Stable management's discretion.

24. The Stable is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE AFORESAID RULES, AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FAMILY'S AND GUESTS' AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Minors Name: _____