

EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



SAFETY FIRST

SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY AT THIS STABLE. We teach safe practices to all of our students and expect the same from our boarders. We have a lot of “rules” because we have a lot of new and/or beginner students and new and/or first time horse owners who are learning about horses and don’t know the consequences of unsafe horsemanship. Please read and review our rules to familiarize or to remind yourself with how this stable is operated. These rules help to protect and respect people, horses and property. They also help to avoid misunderstandings, keep the stable safe and organized, and allow everyone to enjoy his/her time with the horses. If you need to comment or have any concerns, please let the stable manager know. We are open to suggestions for improvements. **If you are an experienced horse person and already follow these rules, THANK YOU!** Your example setting and support is greatly appreciated.

THE STABLE IS A HARD HAT & PROPER FOOTWEAR AREA! Why? ALL horses are unpredictable due to their natural instincts and can create dangerous situations that put people at risk.

MANDATORY ATTIRE:

- **ALL persons, (even adults, boarders/owners and Western riders), must wear a SEI/ASTM approved equestrian helmet while mounted. Adults & Western riders fall too!**
- **ALL persons under 18 and ALL students/guardians/participants/volunteers of any age must wear a SEI/ASTM approved equestrian helmet when around or handling horses. It is strongly recommended that all adult boarders/owners also wear approved equestrian helmets while around or handling their own horses. Why? Any horse may kick or trample you. Don’t lose your head!**
- **ALL persons must wear shoes/boots suitable for riding with a hard, smooth sole and low heel (1 ½ in.) while riding or when handling horses. Boots with deep treads and rubber boots that are not made for riding are acceptable in the stable only, as these types of boots are unsafe to ride in. Sneakers, sandals, open-toed shoes, heels, flip-flops, clogs, etc. will not be allowed for riding or horse handling by ANYONE. Why? Boots are sturdier and will protect your feet more (should you get stepped on), than tennis shoes and sandals. The one & half-inch heel will help keep your foot from sliding through the stirrup.**
- **NO ONE, (including a guest), is allowed to walk around the stable barefooted or in open shoes. Why? Because of health reasons from manure, parasites and tetanus.**

JUMPING SAFETY

- **ALL RIDERS that jump, MUST wear an approved safety vest in addition to other safe attire. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Why? The vest will help to protect your back and rib cage and internal organs.
- **NO ONE is to jump without an assistant and/or another supervising rider in the same area.**

RIDING ALONE SAFETY

- **NO ONE is allowed to ride one of our horses/ponies unless someone else is at the stable.**
- **Please do not trail ride alone unless someone knows where you are going to ride.** If no one is here, leave a note on the Riding Alone board telling the date, time left, time expected to be back and where you are going to ride. Please try not to deviate off your designated/planned route. Why? If you are riding alone and no one knows where you are and your horse throws you and comes back to the barn by himself, we will not know where to look for you if you are injured.
- **Remember to carry your cell phone on your persons, not in a saddlebag .** Should you become separated from your horse, you may be able to call for help if you have your cell phone.

FAMILY & VISITOR SAFETY (Those that accompany a student/participant)

- **Liability releases** must be completed and signed for each visitor or family member and kept on file.
- If horses are in the area, any one that is not a student or a participant must wait in the lounge or stay clear of any horse by 20 feet. They may also wait at either end of the aisle or the designated area(s).
- Should a parent want to help the student/participant, the parent should take and /or audit the Equi-Basics course and all safety wear must be worn.
- Siblings may wait in the lounge or designated area(s). Parents may bring a VHS tape, homework, books or toys. Young children cannot be left unattended. Babysitting may be arranged, for a fee.
- **Please no running, yelling or playing where horses are or where they might be.** Why? Running invites tripping, slipping, and falling, any of which may cause an accident. Running also spooks horses in or out of the barn. Someone may get hurt if a horse spooks. **REMEMBER, THIS IS A STABLE, NOT A PLAYGROUND!**

DROPPING OFF OF CHILDREN

- **NO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION & PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE STABLE MANAGER.** A parent or guardian must stay and supervise that child unless permission is given and that child is scheduled to be here when adult stable personnel can supervise. **DO NOT ASSUME THAT ADULT STABLE PERSONNEL ARE ABLE TO SUPERVISE.**
- **ASK FIRST!** “SUPERVISION” means that the adult person may be able to help with an emergency, not baby sit a child or be responsible with assisting that child with his/her horse. It is **NOT** our responsibility to care for other children that are dropped off unless they are scheduled to be here.
- **It is never our responsibility to provide drinks and food.** If your child is at the stable for a scheduled lesson, event, to work as scheduled or is a boarder, then please provide drinks and food for that child.
- If a dropped off child does not follow the stable rules, the parent/guardian will be notified. If there is a second offense, that child can only come to the stable when his/her parent/guardian is able to stay at the stable. This will last until the stable manager and parents agree that the child has learned/shows responsibility. If that child is a working student then that child will be considered for suspension/termination in the Working Student Program.
- There are additional safety rules for children that are boarders. Please review them.

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STABLE RULES®

FEES

THIS STABLE IS A BUSINESS. Although we like to have a friendly, family-like atmosphere; **payments for services are expected and will be collected from everyone.** NO EXCEPTIONS! We need to charge fees for our (and the horses') services and collect them to help take care of our deserving equine friends and run our programs.

IF YOU USE ONE OF OUR HORSES AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAMS OR STABLE ACTIVITIES, THERE WILL BE A FEE EACH and EVERY TIME.

IF YOU ARE A BOARDER, FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR EXTRA SERVICES, FEED, HAY, BEDDING, HANDLING FEES, ETC.

ALL PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS must be made through the business or stable manager; not the instructor(s), event secretaries or program directors.

GUESTS

ALL guests to the farm, MUST sign liability waivers, even if they aren't riding. If the guest is under 18, then a parent must sign for him/her. No guests under 16 are allowed on the farm without adult supervision. Do not assume that adult stable personnel will be able to supervise. NO EXCEPTIONS. Extra forms are located in the file folder on the Information Wall. **The stable manager must have all contact information in case of an emergency and forms must be completely filled out.** Boarders and students/participants are responsible for their guest's behavior and any damage that their guest may do. It is the responsibility of the boarder or student/participant to go over these rules with their guest.

SMOKING

There will absolutely be NO SMOKING in or within 50 feet of the barn. Why? Smoking is a fire hazard. We don't want to burn down the barn because of a cigarette that didn't quite get put out. An ash from a cigarette can smolder for 5 days in a pile of hay before igniting.

ABSOLUTELY NO UNDERAGE SMOKING allowed at this stable or any stable social event.

If you do smoke, **please do not smoke around children or any non-smokers.** We prefer that you smoke in your own vehicle. All butts are to be picked up.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & ILLEGAL DRUGS

ABSOLUTELY NO ILLEGAL DRUGS allowed at this stable or any stable social event. Legal action will be taken against any known or suspected illegal drug use. This is a Drug Free Zone!!!!!!

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED at this stable or any stable social event. For those responsible adults that feel they "want a beer" after working around the farm, there are several pubs in the area.

ABSOLUTELY NO UNDERAGE DRINKING allowed at this stable or any stable social event. Legal action will be taken against any known or suspected underage drinking. Why? Alcohol and illegal drugs cause unsafe, abusive and disruptive behavior.

Any alcoholic beverage consumption off the stable/event premises will only be tolerated by responsible adults that return to the stable/event that are not:

- assisting, supervising or instructing people and/or
- riding, training, handling or supervising horses and/or
- operating equipment or a vehicle on the farm/event premises.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Gossip, back biting, poor sportsmanship and making someone else feel bad is wrong and will NOT be tolerated. Please don't do this! If you have a problem with someone, try to work it out with that person directly. Do not involve other people or start rumors. If you still can't solve the problem, then come to the stable manager to see if the problem between the parties can be worked out.

No unsafe, abusive or disruptive behavior to any animals or to other people will be tolerated.

Anyone caught or reported using inappropriate behavior will be called into the office and appropriate actions will be taken. This is a professional as well as, family oriented business. Again, **any inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.**

NOTE: This stable reserves the right to ask anyone to dismount off a horse and/or leave the property. At the stable manager's discretion, this stable reserves the right to take care of any horse that is being improperly cared for or neglected, and the owner charged any fees accordingly.

There are children around at ALL times, and all adults are asked to remember that. Please refrain from offensive language.

REGARDING OUR FAMILY

DO NOT DISTURB OUR FAMILY UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY. If we aren't at or in the stable, then we are having family time, working or are doing school. If you need assistance or have questions, please call. Feel free to leave messages for the stable staff or boarders on the message board. **If you are a guest and/or visitor, please leave a message on our message board or call 443-898-2772.** We may be able to come out then, and will be happy to show you around if we are available. If we can't, then we can schedule a convenient time.

PARKING

Please park your vehicle in the parking lot. Parking is allowed in front of *and* behind the horse trailers, *not on the grass along side of the stable.* There is overflow parking at the top of the hill by the loft entrance. **There are 2 spots out front that are reserved for our vehicles.** Parking may be done in front of the horse trailers, *only* as long as you are present on the grounds. **If you leave your vehicle at the stable, please park behind the trailers.** A trailer may be needed for transportation. Do not block a dumpster, a gate, a trailer, a tractor, Porta-Potty or another vehicle! Also, please park your horse trailer in your assigned spot only.

DO NOT PARK in the manure bed, as this is a deep pit and your vehicle will get stuck!

DOGS

NO DOGS! Please keep them home. Why? Our insurance does not allow for visiting canines. We have had our own dogs and cats attacked by visiting dogs in the past. Loose dogs are the number one cause of horse related accidents.

INFORMATION WALL

Please read message boards upon your arrival for any new information or messages for you.

Vet, worming and farrier information will be posted. Fees and any changes will also be posted here as well. Check the bulletin board, sign-up sheets and file box for information on upcoming stable activities, horse shows, clinics, etc. It is your responsibility to keep current with schedules and announcements. If you are a boarder and can't come out weekly, please call to get any new information.

Please bring to the attention of the stable manager or note on the message board about any needed repairs, supplies, feed, hay, etc.

Please make any checks payable to Equi-Venture Equestrian Centre. Thank you. A payment lockbox is provided. Please do not leave loose cash in the lockbox! Envelopes are provided for cash. Remember to label the payment with your name, amount and what the payment is for on the envelope.

Please check Lost & Found regularly. Lost & Found is located in the main aisle. Any items left over 30 days will be donated to the lesson program. Once it becomes stable property or is given away, it can not be taken back. This is for items that are truly lost, not items that weren't put away and cleaned up by barn personnel.

LOUNGE/OFFICE & RESTROOM FACILITY

We have provided a lounge area complete with kitchen appliances, TV, library, and climate control units. **Please follow the rules posted for the lounge/office.**

Everyone that uses the lounge and/or office must keep it **clean at all times. It is not right to track in mud and leave trash or food/drinks laying about.**

Keep the Port-A-Potty clean. If you notice that it is messy, please let the stable manager know.

PHONE

Please bring your own cell phone. Since almost everyone has cell phones, there is no landline phone at the stable. We are now using a cell phone as our business line. There is NOT a cell phone that stays in the barn. **DO NOT drop off a child without a cell phone during unscheduled times!**

Emergency numbers are located in the office/lounge. All owners', veterinarians', farriers' and barn personnel phone numbers are there. If no stable help is on the premises and you notice a downed fence line, an immediate needed repair or a loose horse that you can't catch; please contact the stable manager. If you notice an injured, sick, trapped or downed horse; please contact the stable manager, owner and if in doubt, a vet.

TACK & EQUIPMENT

DO NOT use any equipment/tack unless it is yours. NO EXCEPTIONS. Permission must be given each and every time. If you used an item previously, do not assume that you can use it again without asking first. **Just because something may be out**, like crops, fly spray, shampoo, lead ropes etc. **do not assume you can use it, even if it belongs to the farm.** We have some things out for our students to use with and/or/after a lesson. (This does not include water buckets, manure forks, rakes, wheelbarrows, muck buckets and brooms).

Please keep the barn aisles clear of tack and extra trunks. The aisle is for walking through and grooming, not storage. We don't want a person or a horse to trip over items not put away.

If you use a piece of equipment, put it back where it belongs. Why? This keeps everything neat, organized and easier to find. It is very irritating to have to hunt for the rake every time you need it.

Do not let tack drag on the ground. Why? It makes the leather extremely dirty and you have to clean it more often. There's also a good chance that you or your horse will step on it, break it /tear it.

If you or your horse breaks/damages ANYTHING, you are responsible for the repair or replacement within seven days.

Please follow the rules posted in the tack room.

FEED, HAY & FEEDING THE HORSES

No one is allowed in the Feed Room, hay stall or loft unless they are stable personnel.

NO ONE is to be up in the loft unless they are stable personnel. NO ONE, except stable personnel, is allowed on the loft ladder. Why? There are many areas to fall from. Climbing and/or playing on ladders is dangerous, there is no reason for non-personnel to be up in the loft and also, snakes like to hide in lofts.

Please **DO NOT pet or feed treats to other horses.** Some horses bite; some horses may not be able to eat certain foods; and some horses are very allergic to certain ingredients.

DO NOT feed any hay/grain to any horse unless okayed with the stable manager. We have horses here that are allergic to certain hays and feeds. All horses are on individual diets. If you feel that your horse's ration needs to be adjusted, please talk to the stable manager.

If permission is given to a student to give treats to a school horse, please **DO NOT hand feed any treats.** Why? Hand feeding encourages rooting, nipping and biting. Use a treat pail instead. Also, do not treat one horse while another horse is looking and/or near. Why? This encourages the horse that isn't given a treat to become aggressive.

Do not climb on the hay bales. Why? The bales can become loose and break open or shift causing you to fall. Also the hay is our horses' food. You would not like mud in your dinner!

TYING & GROOMING HORSES

NEVER tie your horse where there are loose horses or horses being ridden. DO NOT tie your horse where another horse may be able to reach him. If using the crossties, please close any stall doors near your horse. This is especially important if there is a horse in the stall. Open the stall door up again once you are finished.

NO TIED HORSES ARE TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED! Even for a minute. If you can't stay with your horse, find someone who can, or don't tie him!

Horses are to be TIED WITH THEIR HALTERS ONLY at the grooming areas, in the wash rack or in their stalls ONLY. NEVER, EVER tie a horse with his reins or snap a tie rope or crosstie to his bit or bridle.

If you aren't sure if a horse ties, then don't tie him! Use proper knot and rope length or safety snaps/rings ONLY. A good rule is "eye high and arm length"- that is the height to the horse's eye and the length of the handler's arm. **ANYTHING TO DO WITH PROPER TYING WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!**

Please follow the rules posted at the grooming area(s).

HORSE HANDLING

DO NOT HANDLE OR RIDE ANYONE ELSE'S HORSE unless you have written permission that is given to the stable manager if the owner is not present. **Permission must be given each time unless a note that is kept on file indicates otherwise. THIS INCLUDES THE LESSON/STABLE'S HORSES/PONIES.** These horses are not a free-for-all for everyone to jump on and ride.

There are certain horses on this farm that not to be handled by anyone under sixteen and those over sixteen still need approval. There is a No Handling List posted. Do not ask to handle these horses if you are under sixteen.

DO NOT leave your horse's stall door open if your horse is in there unattended, (even if the door is opened just a crack or even if you will be only be a second). Why? Horses **will** try to squeeze through openings. They cannot comprehend that they cannot fit through a particular opening and may seriously injure themselves or their handlers.

NO LOOSE HORSES! Do not let your horse go to his stall by himself. Lead your horse to and from his stall and/or turnout area.

NO FREE GRAZING! If you want to hand graze your horse, you may do so by the round pen or beside the barn. Do not sit down on the ground while hand grazing your horse. All manure must be picked up.

If there is a grazing lot available, time is restricted to 15 minute sessions only. Sign-in sheets may be implemented.

PLEASE KEEP HORSES OFF THE GRASS AREAS OF THE LAWN!

DO NOT change horses around in stalls or turnout areas. The stable manager decides where each horse's stall is and where each horse gets turned out. This is decided by the sex of the horse, the size of the horse, the feeding requirements of the horse and what other horses get along with the horse. This is **subject to change** at any time due to the arrival of a new horse, pasture conditions, feeding requirement changes, turnout time, riding availability of a field, weather, and pecking order to name a few.

PUT YOUR HORSE BACK where you found him, UNLESS told differently by stable manager. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, ASK. We will assume that you are putting your horse back where you got him unless we tell you. You do not want your horse to miss his feeding, go thirsty or be left in, etc.

Please keep your horse's halter and lead rope where he is. If your horse is out, leave the halter and lead rope by the gate. If your horse is in, leave the halter and lead rope by his stall.

RIDING & CONTROL ISSUES

ALL HORSES ARE TO BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES. For safety reasons to you, your horse and to the other people and horses, **NO GALLOPING OR RUNNING IS ALLOWED on this farm's property.** There simply is not adequate room to do this safely. Reserve these activities to your trail rides or while under instruction. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

ALL HORSES MUST WALK ON ANY PAVEMENT. Why? Your horse can easily slip and fall on the pavement. Road rash is painful and leaves scars.

ALL HORSES MUST BE RIDDEN AT THE WALK or LED AT THE WALK WHENEVER COMING BACK TO THE STABLE. NEVER allow your horse to jog, trot or run back towards the stable! There is no excuse for anyone that does anything other than walk their horse back to stable. Why? You will teach your horse to become barn sour and form other dangerous bad habits.

ALL HORSES MUST WALK BY THE GROOMING AREAS OR WHERE ANOTHER HORSE IS TIED or BEING RIDDEN. Why? You could spook a horse and cause it to panic or bolt. This could hurt the handler or rider.

ALL HORSES MUST BE LED INTO AND OUT OF THE INDOOR. NO RIDING IN THE BARN or THE AISLES. Why? Your horse could slip and fall on the pavement/ change of footing. A horse tied in the crossties or a horse being ridden can spook, possibly hurting someone. **NO EXCEPTIONS! THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED !**

DO NOT WALK ON FOOT OR RIDE AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE INDOOR WHEN THERE ARE HORSES BEING RIDDEN and/or HANDLED IN THE INDOOR. If you are not sure if the indoor arena is being used, then still, do not do this! Why? The horse(s) inside cannot see you and may get startled. This could cause the handler or rider to get injured.

HORSE CARE

IMPROPERLY WARMING UP AT THE BEGINNING OF A RIDE AND IMPROPERLY COOLING OUT AFTER A RIDE CONSTITUTES ABUSE OF A HORSE. This is unhealthy, inhumane, and unfair to the horse and will not be tolerated. This causes concern to the other horse people, sets a bad example to beginners that may be watching and makes our stable look bad! The stable manager or stable personnel in charge, reserve the right to have the rider dismount and leave the property. All horses are to be treated with regard to their welfare.

If any boarder's horse is ridden in a way that is unsafe, unhealthy, and dangerous then that rider will be asked to dismount by stable personnel. If the rider is a child, the parents will be told. Continued abuse like this and disregard to stable rules may make it necessary to ask that boarder to move.

If any horse, (including a boarder's horse), is not properly put away cooled out, and the barn personnel feel that they have to cool out your horse, you will be charged double the normal hot walking rate.

Horses should not be worked for at least 30 minutes after they have finished their feed or grain. An hour is better. This does not include hay. If you are not sure when your horse ate, **ask before riding him.**

If you are not sure if a horse is cooled out completely, or when your horse may be eating after a workout, please ask! Colic and founder may result! **A general guideline is at least 30 minutes (after the cool out time), before a horse eats.**

DO NOT EVER PUT A HORSE IN A STALL WITH HIS TACK AND/OR BRIDLE ON unless he has his halter on over top of his bridle, his reins and stirrups are secure and he is properly tied to the wall.

ARENA USE

Knock or ask before entering any arena or the indoor. Why? So any horse already in the arena will not be spooked. **All gates or doors are to be closed and locked if someone is riding in the arenas.** Why? The horse that is being ridden might decide to leave the arena on it's own.

NO JUMPING ALLOWED UNLESS THERE IS AN ASSISTANT AT THE ARENA.
Approved helmet, boots and vests required by ALL riders, even adults and boarders.

If you or your horse breaks/damages any equipment used in the arenas, you are responsible for it's repair/replacement within seven days. (This includes rails and cups).

If your horse makes any manure in any of the arenas or round pen, it must be picked up as soon as possible.

If you tear up the footing in any of the arenas, you are required to rake it back as soon as your horse is put away. This includes footing dislodged from galloping, stopping, jumping, barrel racing, etc. The footing must be kept level, smooth and safe.

There is to be no galloping done in the indoor arena.

Dismount and lead horses into and out of the outdoor arenas unless there is someone to operate gates.

Please follow the rules posted at the arenas for their use.

MANURE MANAGEMENT

ALL persons are responsible for cleaning up any manure that their horse makes in ANY arena or leaves on the driveway, lawn or walk areas. This includes ALL students and boarders. **All manure is to be picked up as soon as possible or as soon as your horse is put away.**

Should your horse urinate in the aisle, use a shovelful of dry bedding to absorb it. Then clean it up as you would manure.

ALL manure is to be dumped, NOT left in the muck buckets or wheelbarrow. If any manure is not cleaned up or is left in the muck buckets or wheelbarrows, clean up fees will be applied.

Please empty all muck buckets and wheel barrows when finished. Put away all tools when finished.

Manure is to be dumped in the far end of the manure pile only. Manure is to be piled as high as possible before moving to another section.

DO NOT dump manure near or onto the parking areas! Parking space is limited as it is and we do not want manure taking up any more room than absolutely necessary. Do not dump manure close to the driveway as well.

There must be a “lane” kept clear around the manure pit. This “lane” is needed in order to allow tractors, vehicles and trailers to be maneuvered. We must be able to get trucks into the pastures.

TRASH

THE MANURE PILE/BED IS NOT THE PLACE FOR TRASH! Please place all trash in trash cans and tightly close lids. Place aluminum cans in the recycling can. Money raised from recycling will go towards our “footing fund”.

Place baling twine in the twine can. Baling twine lying about will not be tolerated.

Put farrier trimmings and nails in the trash can.

Take large amounts or bulk trash out to the designated area.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT ANY DISCARDED FOOD IS PROPERLY AND SECURELY DISPOSED OF.

WASHRACK & HOSES

Please follow the rules posted in the washrack for it’s use.

Roll up any hoses after using in the barns or washrack. Why? So people and horses won’t trip. Also hoses won’t get damaged from being stepped on.

If you remove a nozzle for any reason, PUT IT BACK ON as soon as you are finished with the hose.

DO NOT SPONGE OFF HORSES IN THE AISLES! This creates a mess and mud. Use the washrack instead.

Make sure that the hose drains into the washrack and not into the aisle.

PASTURES & PADDOCKS

EVERY TIME: ALL GATES ARE TO BE CLOSED AND LOCKED AT ALL TIMES unless a note is posted on that gate. Why? The number one reason why horses get loose is because somebody forgot to close/lock the gate.

NO UNAPPROVED RIDING IN PASTURES/PADDOCKS where there are loose horses. By anyone. For any reason. At any time. **PERIOD.**

Unless they are accompanied by an assistant, absolutely no one under sixteen is allowed in pastures/paddocks where there are loose horses. If a child boarder needs to get his/her horse, then the parents can help before they leave.

Do not climb on any board/PVC fencing or the gates. Why? The boards can become loose or break. The gates will sag from bent hinges therefore not opening/closing properly. **Do not climb through the electric tape or wire fencing.** Why? You will get shocked!

LESSONS & STABLE ACTIVITIES

CORRECT ATTIRE

- **ALL students / participants must wear long pants when riding. Jeans are acceptable for Western riders only. English riders must wear riding breeches or jodhpurs to prevent damage to our English saddles.**
- **Correct schooling attire is required by all students/participants.**

Lessons/stable activities have priority in arenas/round pen. Times and location of lessons/stable activities are posted. Boarders may ride in the same arena as long as the lesson/stable activity is not being interfered with. However, for some lessons, clinics or stable activities, a particular arena may be closed. Please ask first. It is preferred that the boarders use the other arena if possible.

Boarders may have their own instructor come to the farm to instruct them on their own horse. However, that instructor must have proof of his/her own liability insurance and sign all of our liability releases. These lessons do not have priority over the arenas.

If you take lessons or participate in programs at our stable, please be sure to familiarize yourself with our lesson/program policies. ALL policies and program fees will be enforced. There is a copy of these policies kept in the office that is available.

During shows, stable activities, clinics and schooling sessions, certain areas of the farm may be reserved or closed. Occasionally, the indoor arena may be reserved for a birthday party. Please remember that kid's parties are active and loud. We will try to have the horses that this unsettles, out at that time. This will be posted in advance.

BEFORE LEAVING

- Please turn off any lights, fans, heaters, AC, appliances, etc. if not needed.
- Close all stall doors and any needed barn doors.
- Please make sure all of your tack/equipment is neatly put away.
- Clean up any manure your horse made.
- Clean up, sweep/rake up any dirt or hair left by you.
- Please lock the tack room if you are the last one in the stable.
- Return the key.
- Please check all gates and lock.
- Glance and make sure all horses are secure.
- If you aren't sure about anything, call the stable manager.

THANK YOU!

STABLE RULES REGARDING BOARDERS THAT ARE CHILDREN

IF A BOARDER IS A CHILD OVER THE AGE OF TWELVE BUT UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN, WE WILL ALLOW THE PARENTS TO DROP OFF THAT CHILD WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION BUT, THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

1. **EQUI-VENTURE Equestrian Centre or any adult barn personnel or other adult boarder is not responsible for the care of or the safety of that child. Do not assume that someone will be here** or be able to stay to keep an eye on that child.
2. Please be aware that your child will **only** have access to the barn or tack room / lounge. **The farm is dark at night.** Please be aware that other people, **including strangers**, stop at the stables. It is up to the parents to decide if they want their child(ren) **exposed to these obvious risks.**
3. Please provide adequate food, drinks, clothing and a cell phone for your child.
4. Any dropped off boarder child(ren) **must** have a current signed and notarized emergency consent form. In the past, we have had trouble contacting parents in emergencies. Please see the stable manager for the forms.
5. **That child cannot ride or handle horses, (even his / her own) if there is no adult stable personnel present** that has been asked to supervise or if that adult stable personnel must leave or has left. Remember supervise means that this person **may be able** to assist with an emergency (although not guaranteed). It does not mean assisting your child with his / her horse or riding. Again, if your child's horse is turned out with other horses, please help get the horse. He / she is not allowed in the pastures / paddocks unsupervised.
6. Absolutely **no guests under the age of sixteen with the dropped off child** on the property **unless supervised by parents. Special permission** can be given by the stable manager to allow certain guests to stay if there is an adult stable personnel present, **but this must be okayed first.**
7. All dropped off children are to **wait in the barn or tack room / lounge for their parent to pick them up.**
8. Please have your child(ren) clean up any mess, put their things away, lock up, close any necessary doors, turn off unused appliances, lights & radio. Parents will be responsible for checking to make sure that the stable is properly closed up.
9. No children are to be dropped off earlier than 9 am and all children are to be **picked up no later than 6 pm** unless arrangements are made with the stable manager or that child is scheduled to be here. Please do not be late in picking up these children.
10. **DO NOT drop off a child without a cell phone! There is NOT a phone at the stable.**
11. **All other farm rules are applicable and will be strictly enforced.** If there is any disobedience of the stable rules the parents will be told. If there is a second offense then that child cannot be dropped off without adult supervision again.