

1. GENERAL

- a. UNH is a NON-SMOKING campus. There is a zero-tolerance policy at the Equine Facility. This includes vaping.
- b. The speed limit is 5 mph within the equine complex.
- c. Horses will be ridden at a walk in the areas of the equine complex outside of the arenas.
- d. Driving in and around the barn and arena areas is prohibited, except when unloading feed, supplies, or equipment.
- e. No horseplay or other actions that are disruptive or offensive to others are allowed.
- f. No marijuana, alcohol, or other illegal substances may be used, stored, or otherwise possessed at the equine facility. Individuals under the influence of any of the above substances are prohibited from handling any horse at the equine facility.
- g. Barn Hours: The facility is open between 8 am and 9 pm. No riding should occur outside of these times, nor should any boarder or non-staff member be present at the equine facilities outside of the posted hours, except in the event of a veterinary emergency.
- h. Parking is available in the visitor spaces along the tree line. There is a strict no-parking rule in effect on the road around the stable and indoor arena buildings.

2. SAFETY

- a. Everyone will comply with all rules and policies.
- b. Because of the potential for serious injury to people or animals, on-the-spot safety decisions by staff or faculty members will be followed.
- c. Horses must always be ridden in a safe and controlled manner.
- d. In case of a serious fall or other injuries, please use first aid training if qualified. Call 911.
- e. Any accidents involving injuries must be reported to the Equine Facilities Manager immediately.
- f. Do not tie horses to panels or pasture fencing. Tie only on appropriate, secure hitching posts.
- g. Trailing riding and riding on the cross-country course is allowable with a buddy. It is

- recommended that you inform someone about where you are riding and when you will return. There will be times when the trails and cross-country course are closed to boarders due to footing conditions or scheduled competitions. This will be communicated in advance.
- h. Earbuds: only one earbud should be worn while working and riding to safely hear your surroundings.
 - i. No open-toed shoes are permitted in the stable areas or around horses.
 - j. Helmets, gloves, and boots are required while lunging.
 - k. Boots and helmets are required any time you are mounted on horseback.
 - l. Boarders are strongly encouraged to have a buddy with them while working or riding their horses. At a minimum, boarders are required to have a phone on their person when there are no other riders or staff present at the facility.
 - m. Boarders are responsible for the conduct of their guests and/or any outside trainer and will be held accountable for any inappropriate behaviors or conduct. See Section 6 for specific details.

3. CHILDREN

- a. Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and not be left on stable grounds without supervision.
- b. Children under 10 years of age must be actively supervised, within eyesight, by an adult always.

4. HELMETS

- a. Helmets are always required for all riders.
- b. Helmets must be ASTM/SEI certified.

5. PETS

- a. Dogs must always be on a leash. They must be well behaved and not left unattended or allowed to bark excessively.
- b. Dogs are not permitted in the arenas or barns.
- c. All dog owners will pick up after their dog.

6. PUBLIC CONDUCT

- a. Boarders are expected to behave in a manner that promotes good order and discipline.
- b. Any boarder that behaves in a contrary manner, including disorderly conduct, foul or abusive language, cruelty, and/or intoxication, will be subject to immediate termination of the boarding contract.

7. ARENAS

- a. Arenas are closed to boarders during ANSC 402 scheduled labs. A schedule will be posted in the barns as well as on the website.
- b. All arenas will be shared by all users.
- c. Lunging and jumping are permitted if other riders do not object.
- d. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder.
- e. When sharing the arena, do not block rail for other riders.
- f. No unsafe galloping or other actions that could disturb or endanger others are allowed.
- g. Close arena gates on entry and exit. Gates must be closed when riding in either arena.
- h. Use common terms such as “heads up” or “hold hard” when passing, jumping, or when an emergency occurs.
- i. All jumps must be removed at the end of the ride.
- j. Manure is to be cleaned up immediately after riding. This includes indoor arenas, outdoor arenas, along with any path, parking, or grass areas.
- k. When approaching a doorway in the arena or barn areas, please yell “DOOR” to alert horses and humans of your presence.
- l. If you are the last person riding in the arena, please turn off the lights and close the gates/doors.
- m. Boarders may schedule lessons with UNH faculty or outside trainers. Arena times should be scheduled in advance with management. The lesson schedule will be published in the barns.

8. TACK AND FEED ROOMS

- a. Tack and feed rooms are for the storage of horse feed and supplies and horse-related equipment only.

- b. Hay and other debris will be swept and/or raked up by the person moving the hay or other items inside the barns and immediately outside the entrance.
- c. No dangerous, inappropriate, or flammable materials such as paint and gasoline, etc., will be stored in tack and feed rooms.
- d. All stable and arena lights will be turned off when not needed.
- e. For the safety of both horses and riders, no horses are allowed in the tack or feed rooms.
- f. The tack rooms are equipped with heaters during the winter months. Please do not adjust the setting of the thermostat for any reason. The areas in front of the heater must be kept clear to avoid any potential for fires.

9. EQUIPMENT

- a. Stable property, such as wheelbarrows, muck baskets, pitchforks, brooms, etc. will be returned to their proper place in a clean and serviceable condition. Broken or damaged items will be set aside and called to the attention of the Facilities Manager, Asst. Manager, or Lead Farm Worker.
- b. Borrowing of tack and/or personal riding equipment from other boarders are only allowable with permission of the owner of said equipment.
- c. Boarders are not permitted to use any UNH equipment on any non-UNH-owned or leased horse without expressed permission from the Facilities Manager.

10. GROOMING AREAS

- a. Manure will be removed immediately and completely.
- b. The wash rack and cross ties will be kept clean of manure and debris.
- c. Each stall is equipped with a set of cross ties for grooming and tacking. Please groom and tack your horse in the stall.

11. TURNOUTS

- a. Riding in any turnout is strictly prohibited.

12. TRAINING

- a. Members are allowed to have their trainers provide lessons to them at the facility, provided the trainer complies with the Insurance and Liability rules of the facility, as well as all other UNH governing documents.
- b. Only a trainer approved by the Facilities Manager and complying with the Insurance and Liability rules below may offer lessons to a boarder.

13. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

- a. Before riding at the UNH Equine Complex, any guest must sign a UNH Release of Liability form and submit it to the Facilities Manager.
- b. All trainers must provide proof of insurance for a minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00, listing the University of New Hampshire as a certificate holder. This must be provided one week before any lessons are given. It is the responsibility of the trainer to keep all insurance policies current and updated and provide the Facilities Manager with notification of such.

14. OTHER ISSUES

- a. Any questions or issues you have should be directed to the Facilities Manager:
Rebecca Nelson (603) 834-0037 cell or (603) 862-0343 office or Rebecca.nelson@unh.edu.

I have received and acknowledged these rules as they are written. I understand that they are subject to change, and it is my responsibility to ask questions if they are unclear.

Initials: _____ Date: _____