

## Summerfield Farm Rules

To keep Summerfield Farm a nice place to be for all, there are some rules that all boarders, lessons students, family members and guests need to follow. These rules are intended to make your experience at Summerfield Farm as safe and pleasant as possible. These rules will periodically be updated or modified and posted on our website ([www.summerfieldfarm.com](http://www.summerfieldfarm.com)) . Summerfield Farm reserves the right to remove or refuse entry to anyone who violates any of these rules.

### Conduct

1. Help us make the farm a fun, friendly, supportive environment for all! Be nice to others, both people and horses, no exceptions. Treat other boarders, management, family, and guests (including their horses and property) with the same kindness and respect with which you would like to be treated, while on the farm, at shows or clinics and on social media.

Summerfield Farm is at all times to remain a friendly place suitable for the entire family of the other boarders and clients. No belligerent, malicious, lewd, vulgar, profane or otherwise objectionable conduct or language will be tolerated. The conduct of everyone on the farm will at all times be dignified and civil. Failure to comply with this key rule will result in your being asked to leave Summerfield Farm.

2. No smoking or drug use on Summerfield Farm property.
3. **All riders** must sign a Summerfield Farm Liability Release Waiver before handling or mounting any horse or pony on farm property.
4. Don't use or borrow things that aren't yours unless you have permission from the owner.
5. If you move something, please put it back. If you open it, close it (doors, gates, etc.). If you turn it on (water, lights, heaters, etc), turn it off. If something breaks or needs attention, please let management know.
6. If someone does something clearly wrong AND it is a safety issue/hazard let the Barn Manager know. Don't confront the person unless a horse or person is in immediate danger.

### Safety

1. Ride at your own risk.
2. **All riders** must sign a Summerfield Farm Liability Release Waiver before handling or mounting any horse or pony on farm property.
3. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to supervise their children at all times when on the farm.
4. ASTM approved helmets must be worn by all riders at all times while mounted.
5. Appropriate, closed-toe footwear is highly recommended for everyone near the horses or stable.
6. Keep your horse on a lead at all times when out of the stall or pasture.
7. Do not leave horses unattended in arenas, wash racks or cross-ties.

8. Do not tie horses to any stall, sliding stall door or fence; it is dangerous!
9. When riding in fields or trails, watch out for groundhog holes and other marked and unmarked obstacles. If you find animal holes that should be marked, please let management know.

## Use of Facilities

1. Barn hours are from 7 am til 9 pm daily. We will work with you for early shows or horse illnesses, but please provide the Barn Manager with advanced or immediate notice if you have any reason to be on farm property outside of these hours.
2. Perimeter/driveway gates will be opened in the morning and closed at the end of the staff workday, unless there are clients on the property. Please close the driveway gate if you are the last to leave the barn, whether during or at the end of the day.
3. Parking for boarders, clients and guests is in the gravel area between the outdoor riding ring and the residence. Parking in front of the barn is reserved for loading and unloading only.
4. Clinics, lessons and special events will be offered. These events will have precedence in facility and horse usage. Management will keep you informed of these activities with as much advanced notice as possible.
5. If you give someone else permission to visit/handle/ride your horse when you are not on the farm, please let the Barn Manager know ahead of time. These visitors **MUST** sign a Summerfield Farm Liability Release Waiver before they may handle or ride any horse.
6. We may offer limited access to our indoor arena, outdoor ring, and trails to outside guests. Guests trailering horses to Summerfield Farm must make prior arrangements with Summerfield Farm management, and must provide proof of current negative Coggins, and all vaccinations required of boarder's horses (Tetanus, Rabies, West Nile, Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Influenza (Flu), Rhinopneumonitis (Herpes), Strangles) **BEFORE** their horses may visit the property. Haul-in horses may not enter the barn or use wash stalls, and may not be left unattended. Owners of haul-in horses must sign a Summerfield Farm Liability Release, and must comply with all applicable barn rules including cleaning up after their horse and restoring any jumps or equipment that were moved in the rings. The haul-in fee is \$20 per horse, per day and must be paid in advance. Management reserves the right to grant or refuse access to our facilities at our discretion.
7. Boarders' and guests' dogs *may* be allowed at Summerfield Farm by management discretion only. Dogs must be leashed, under control and quiet. Dogs are not allowed in the barn, pastures, paddocks, outdoor ring or indoor arena for any reason. Owners must clean up after their dogs. Dogs which pose a nuisance or danger to horses or people, or whose owners do not follow these rules will be asked to leave.

## Horse Care

1. Please provide your horse with a breakaway halter. Stalled horses must have their halter, with a lead rope attached, hanging on the front of the stall at all times when they are in their stall (in case of emergency).
2. Don't feed treats to any horse that you do not own unless you have permission from the owner.

3. Horses are fed twice daily. To request a feed change, please put a note on the white board and/or discuss the change with the Barn Manager. Do not help yourself to extra feed, hay or shavings.
4. If you are riding at feed time, we will leave your horse's feed so that you may feed them after your ride and after they are cooled.
5. Horses may only be turned out in their pre-approved paddocks. Horses may not be moved to a different paddock at any time without the notification and permission of the Barn Manager. If you feel there is a need for change, please discuss this with the Barn Manager.

### **Facility Maintenance**

1. There is room for one tack box per boarder in the front/main aisle. Please keep the area in front of your stall neat, and your tack and gear put away in either your box or the tack room. Personal items found in cross-ties, wash stalls, riding arenas or paddocks will be placed in "lost and found."
2. The tack room includes one saddle rack, one bridle rack for each horse. There is room for your helmet on the shelf over the bridle racks, and room for your grooming tote (please label with your name) on the tack room shelf if you choose to use them.
3. There are cross-ties in each stall, the wash rack and three aisles. Please groom in your stall whenever feasible to keep the aisles clear for passing horses and guests. If you groom in the aisle or wash rack, clean up thoroughly after your horse, including sweeping up hair and dirt, shoveling (hosing and scrubbing, if necessary) manure from the mats and concrete aisle.
4. The barn aisle and wash rack areas are to be kept free of grooming tools, equipment, hair, dirt, hay and manure. PLEASE clean up after yourself and your horse.
5. Please do not waste water; turn off water after use and use buckets whenever possible. Please coil hoses when you are done using them.
6. Any damage done to the barn, stalls or other facilities by your horse will be repaired at the horse owner/boarder's expense. Horses that crib or chew wood are required to wear a cribbing strap or muzzle at the owner's expense
7. Please notify management of any necessary repairs, maintenance, problems, or needed supplies so that repairs may be made or problems remedied as soon as possible.
8. The boarders' tack room doors should remain closed and locked at all times for the safety and security of your tack and that of other boarders. Barn cats are not allowed in the tack room. Only boarders should know the tack room door lock combination—for the safety of everyone's gear, please do not share this with anyone who is not a boarder.

9. When cleaning out your trailer, please place all manure and soiled bedding in the manure spreader. When the spreader is not in use, it is parked inside of the large tobacco barn. Please do not leave muck buckets of manure inside the horse barn.
10. Please be respectful that the house is a private residence. Please do not graze your horse on the lawn.

### **Arena Etiquette**

1. Arenas are solely for the purpose of riding – DO NOT use arenas for turnouts. Free running and/or free lunging are NOT allowed in the indoor or outdoor arenas.
2. Lessons being conducted by our trainers have priority and right of way in the indoor arena and outdoor rings. 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 available on our website; it is kept as up-to-date as possible, though last minute changes may occur.
3. When riding during a lesson, ride at the level of the lesson (ie. no galloping or jumping during a walk/trot beginner lesson) unless you have specific permission from the trainer giving the lesson to do otherwise.
4. Always ride in control and be courteous of other riders around you. Remember to look out for less experienced riders.
5. Ask before taking down or moving jumps. Put them back as you found them when you are done.
6. Clean up after your horse when you have finished riding—put away all gear and remove all manure.

AS A USER OF THE SUMMERFIELD FARM FACILITY , I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING THE ONES PROVIDED ABOVE.

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(IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE CO-SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

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(Rider)

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(Parent/Guardian)