**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 with notice posted at Summerfield Farm at the main aisle notice board and on our website (www.summerfieldfarm.com) . Summerfield Farm reserves the right to remove or refuse entry to anyone who violates any of these rules.

**Conduct**

1. 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.

1. No smoking or drug use on Summerfield Farm property.
2. **All riders** must sign a Summerfield Farm Liability Release Waiver before handling or mounting any horse or pony on farm property.
3. Don’t use or borrow things that aren’t yours unless you have permission from the owner.
4. 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.
5. 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. ASTM approved helmets must be worn by all riders at all times while mounted.
3. Appropriate, closed-toe footwear is highly recommended for everyone near the horses or stable.
4. Keep your horse on a lead at all times when out of the stall or pasture.
5. Do not leave horses unattended in arenas, wash racks or cross-ties.
6. Do not tie horses to any stall, sliding stall door or fence; it is dangerous!
7. When riding in fields or trails, watch out for groundhog holes and other marked and unmarked obstacles.

**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 notice if you have any reason to be on farm property outside of these hours.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Liablity Release Waiver before they may handle or ride any horse.
5. We may offer limited access to our indoor arena, outdoor ring, cross-country course 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. The haul-in fee is $20 per horse, per day.

**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.
6. We have established a relationship with Wolfcreek Equine Hospital (Dr. Susan Mende and Associates. You are also welcome to use your own veterinarian.
7. We have an established relationship with two farriers. If you would like your horse to be on the schedule with one of our farriers, please discuss this with the Barn Manager, who can help with coordinating farrier visits. You are also welcome to use your own farrier and coordinate your own appointments; please notify the Barn Manager of your appointments.

**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 aisleway.
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. Dogs may be allowed at Summerfield Farm by management discretion only. All dogs must be leashed, under control and quiet. Dogs are not allowed in 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.
7. 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
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 of the horse barn.

**Arena Etiquette**

1. Arenas are solely for the purpose of riding – DO NOT use arenas for turnouts. Lessons have priority and right of way in the indoor arena and outdoor rings.
2. Always ride in control and be courteous of other riders around you. Remember to look out for less experienced riders.
3. When riding during a lesson, ride at the level of the lesson (ie. No galloping or jumping during a walk/trot beginner lesson).
4. Pass left to left – faster horse has outside track when going the same direction.
5. Working horses have the right of way over horses relaxing or cooling out.
6. Call your jumps and location when working with other horses in the arena or ring.
7. Ask before taking down or moving jumps. Put them back as you found them when you are done.
8. Clean up after your horse when you have finished riding—put away all gear and remove all manure.

**Lessons**

1. Lessons should be coordinated with your regular instructor.
2. Lesson fees and schedules will be posted on our website and on our notice board. More detail will be added to this section as soon as possible.
3. Lesson students may be subject to additional rules at the discretion of their instructor.
4. Parents and visitors are welcome to observe students during their lesson by standing or sitting outside the arena(s). Please control small children and keep them in sight at all times. Parents and visitors may only enter the arena with permission from the instructor. Please make sure small children understand that running and yelling in on near the barn, arena and riding ring can spook a horse and contribute to accidents and will not be tolerated.
5. Please let your instructor know if you will not be able to make a scheduled lesson. Lessons cancelled with less than 24 hours’ notice will be billed at the discretion of the instructor.
6. There may be times when lessons need to be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather. We will keep you advised as early as possible and work with you to reschedule these lessons.
7. Lessons are billed monthly. At the end of the month you will receiv
8. Summerfield Farm *may* grant permission for some outside riding instructors and/or trainers to conduct lessons on our property. Permission is solely at the discretion of Summerfield Farm Management, and is subject to the following requirements:
	1. All outside instructors and trainers must provide documentation of instructor certification (ARIA/ARICP, USDF, or CHA) in the specialty to be taught.
	2. All outside instructors must provide proof (one copy required to be kept on file at our farm) of current instructor liability insurance, with Summerfield Farm listed on the policy as additional insured.
	3. A $20.00 arena fee will be charged for all outside instructors/trainers per session.
	4. All sessions involving outside instructors/trainers must be scheduled in advance, through the farm owner or Head Trainer.
	5. All outside instructors must adhere to the farm policies and procedures and to the barn rules, including those regarding helmets and footgear.
	6. The farm reserves the right to turn down outside instructors who do not meet these requirements and standards, or who have not maintained their instructor certification or their insurance
	7. These requirements must be fulfilled, documentation provided and permission granted by Summerfield Farm Management before any lessons may be conducted on our farm.

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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