



# Mill Creek Equestrian

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## BARN RULES

At Mill Creek Equestrian it is our goal to provide a clean, organized facility for all our boarders and visitors to enjoy with a positive and friendly environment filled with horse lovers. Please be courteous and follow the guidelines below and ask your guests to do the same.

### I. General Barn Practices:

1. All individuals interacting with horses on Mill Creek Equestrian property MUST complete a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. Extras are located outside the Barn Office.
2. All horses must have proof of a current negative Coggins and vaccination record before getting off the trailer and entering the barn or arenas.
3. Clean up after yourself and your horse in all public areas, including arenas. Dispose of hair, hoof clippings and nails in the trash and all manure and hoof pickings etc. in designated containers.
4. Always use lead ropes when moving horses, there are spares posted around the barn.
5. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
6. Riders under 18 must wear helmets at all times when mounted.
7. Visiting dogs must be kept on a leash. Clean up any accidents in and around the barn or arenas.
8. You are responsible for the safety of your guests and ensuring they follow the barn rules.
9. Unless it is an emergency, no staff should be contacted between 9:00p and 7:00a.
10. Staff schedules are posted on the online barn calendar. Do not contact staff on their days off. Nicole is the default if you do not know who is working.
11. Concerns about staff performance should be brought to Nicole, not discussed directly with staff.

### II. Arena Use & Outdoor Riding:

1. All boarders have equal right to use of the arenas.
2. If a lesson is in progress, please ask the rider and/or instructor if it is okay for you to share the arena.
3. Turnout is not permitted in any arena.
4. Jumps, cones, etc. must be put away after each use in the indoor arena. Jumps/poles may be left up in the outdoor with management approval.
5. Riding is permitted in all areas of the farm, including empty pastures. If ground is soft, please use an arena to avoid damaging our grass or hay.
6. If you choose to take a trail ride on the back side of the property alone, please let Management know you are going out and when you return, in case of emergency.

### III. Tack Lockers & Stall Fronts:

1. Each owner is provided with a private tack closet which has at least one saddle rack. You may add additional hooks and bins to your tack closet provided they do not permanently damage the interior.
2. It is recommended that you lock your tack closet every time you leave the barn.
3. Each stall has a bridle hook and blanket bar.
  - a. Bridle hooks are for 1 halter and 1-2 lead ropes only; blanket bars are for 1 fly sheet in the summer or 1 winter blanket in the winter (to be used for temperature related blanket changes).
  - b. The only other items permitted on stall fronts are items staff will need regularly to care for your horse (e.g. fly spray, bell boots, stable wraps). Do not leave any other items on the stall fronts when you leave the barn.
  - c. Hang wet items on the racks provided under the viewing area. Do not leave items on drying racks indefinitely. Items left long term will be thrown away or donated.

#### **IV. Feeding & Care Practices:**

1. Management will work with you on developing a proper diet for your horse when they arrive. Any concerns regarding body condition should be brought to Management immediately.
2. Do not feed additional hay or grain without staff permission.
3. If you wish your horse to receive supplements, please provide them in daily dose containers or SmartPaks to be fed by the staff.
4. Boarders may not clean their stalls or add bedding without staff permission.
5. When bringing horses in from turnout, no horses are to be left alone.
  - a. If you wish to bring your horse in and doing so will leave only one horse alone in the paddock, please bring the other horse in or contact staff to have them bring the horse in for you.
  - b. If your horse is on day shift and you are not comfortable with potentially needing to bring in any other horse, your horse must be left in for you in the morning. Please make arrangements with staff per IV.6.
6. Requests for horses to be left in must be received before the start of the shift in question (i.e. prior to 8:00a for day shift horses, or prior to 5:00p for night shift horses).
7. Boarders are responsible for putting appropriate blankets back on their horses following exercise. Do not leave horses in a cooler for staff to change.
8. Boarders are responsible for bringing their horse in from turnout for appointments or making arrangements with staff as outlined in IV.6. for them to be left in.