

## 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. Be nice to others, both people and horses, no exceptions. Treat other boarders, staff, 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. 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.

### 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 and fox holes and other marked and unmarked obstacles. Be aware: There is a LARGE sinkhole on the west side of the property between Summerfield and the adjacent Jacob's farm. If you find holes that should be marked, please let management know. It is NOT SAFE to ride or walk around the perimeter of the farm in the dark.

## **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 let the Barn Manager know 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. Please close the driveway gate if you are the last to leave, whether during or at the end of the day.
3. Customer parking is in the gravel area between the outdoor ring and the house. The area in front of the barn should remain clear for pickups and deliveries, moving horses, etc.
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 Liability Release Waiver before they may handle or ride any horse.
5. 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 stall, 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. Management reserves the right to grant or refuse access to our facilities at our discretion.

## **Horse Care**

1. Please provide your horse with a 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.

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. If a vet is called to provide emergency care to your horse, you are liable for all bills associated with that care according to the terms of the boarding agreement.
6. Please make arrangements with your own vet and farrier for care for your horse.

### **Facility Maintenance**

1. 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. You may also store off-season gear in the loft over the office; if you do, please place all of your stored gear in a plastic container that is clearly labeled with your name.
2. Cleanup after yourself and your horse when using the aisle and wash rack.
3. Do not groom/pick feet in the wash rack. Hair, dirt, manure, etc. will clog the drain.
4. Please do not waste water; turn off water after use and use buckets whenever possible. Please coil hoses when you are done using them.
5. Dogs may be allowed at Summerfield Farm by management discretion only. Dogs must be leashed, under control and quiet. 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. Dogs are not allowed in the pastures or riding arenas at any time.
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.

### **Arena Etiquette**

1. The indoor and/or outdoor arenas will be set with jump courses. You may raise or drop rails/fences or open jumps when you are riding, but please put them back the way you found them when you are finished and please do not significantly alter the course without talking to management first.

2. 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.
3. Lessons 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.
4. Always ride in control and be courteous of other riders around you. Remember to look out for less experienced riders.
5. Clean up after your horse when you have finished riding—put away all gear and remove all manure.

### **Lessons**

1. Summerfield Farm *may* grant permission for 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:
  - a. All outside instructors and trainers must provide documentation of instructor certification (ARIA/ARICP, USDF, or CHA).
  - b. 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.
  - c. All sessions involving outside instructors/trainers must be scheduled in advance, through the farm owner.
  - d. All outside instructors must adhere to the farm policies and procedures and to the barn rules, including those regarding helmets and footgear.
  - e. 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
  - f. 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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(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)

*\*This applies to lessons/services that are in addition to the lessons/services that are included in the Training Board and Premium Training Board packages.*