



## 2024 Blue Ridge Riding Club

### Arena Rules

1. ALWAYS check Facebook to see that the arena is open before hauling. (Must be a member to use arena outside of events)
2. All equipment (barrels, poles, cones, etc.) must be returned to the side of the arena prior to leaving. If you are the last one USING equipment you are responsible for putting it away, even if you didn't set it up.
3. Prior to leaving our facility, you are REQUIRED to clean up after yourselves. This includes ALL parking, and spectator areas that you, your animals or anyone in your party visited while at our facility.
4. Current negative Coggins are required.
5. If you have a sick horse, **DO NOT** bring it to our facility. Horses are our livelihood and we take their health VERY seriously. Anyone with a sick horse will be asked to leave immediately.
6. All garbage belongs in the garbage cans we provide around the arena.
7. Absolutely no lights may be used prior to dark. NO EXCEPTIONS. DO NOT LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON IF YOU ARE THE LAST ONE HERE!
8. No horse may be loose, or turned out, in the arena.
9. Professional use such as lessons and/or clinics are NOT permitted under general member use. You must fill out the member professional use form and be approved by the board.
10. Remember that the arena needs to be shared with all members; all riders should be considerate of others.
11. No alcohol is allowed on the premises and no glass bottles of any kind are permitted inside the arena or warm up area.
12. Always lock the entrance gate if you are the last one here
13. Leave all side gates to the arena CLOSED at all times.
14. If anything breaks while you are at the arena contact the number on the webpage.



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### Arena Etiquette

- **Left shoulder to Left Shoulder:** Riders should try to ride in the same direction. If this isn't possible then the left shoulder to left shoulder rule should apply.
- **Slow on the Outside, Fast on the Inside:** Slower riders should ride against the rail including those doing schooling such as lateral work etc. Riders working at a faster pace such as a lope or canter should stay on the inside of the arena (off the rail).
- **Pass on the inside and do not cut riders off:** Try not to pass between a horse and the rail. If you must, announce your intentions. When passing don't return to the rail until there is at least a horse length. Do not cut riders off.
- **Be Courteous:** If riding circles or working a horse in the middle of the arena, be thoughtful of others also working in the middle. If on the rail, be courteous of riders working in the middle. Do not ride into their circles or lunging pattern.
- **Be Respectful:** Be respectful of other riders and their abilities and if they are having problems with their horse.
- **Be kind to your fellow riders:** This includes but not limited to anyone monopolizing the arena or bullying, intimidating or in any other way making an unpleasant experience for a fellow open rider.