

## **Arena and Facility Rules for Valley Water Mill Park Equestrian Center (referred to as VWMPEC)**

### **General Rules**

1. All persons using the arenas are required to sign the VWMPEC Liability Release For Participants and Participants under the age of 18 must have Release signed by their parent or guardian. All horses brought to facility must have negative Coggins test within 12 months, be current on all vaccinations and be visibly healthy.
2. This arena is for pleasure riding only unless rented for exclusive use through the business office. No professional lessons permitted unless rented for that purpose. Ask for more information about arena rental and insurance requirements.
3. Reasonable control of your animal must be exhibited at all times. No horses are to be turned loose, left unattended, put in pens or tied to rails.
4. No dogs allowed except service animals.
5. Absolutely no smoking or tobacco use of any kind. NO drug or alcohol use - anywhere, anytime!
6. Pick up your horse manure and trailer debris in the parking lot before leaving.
7. Vehicles operating within the confines of the Equestrian Center shall be limited to a speed of not more than 5 mph.
8. Park only in designated areas. All others will be towed.
9. Balloons, firecrackers and other potentially noise-making items are prohibited.
10. VWPMEC has a zero tolerance policy for abuse of any animal or person. Unnecessary force or inhumane handling of horses will not be tolerated on premises and you will be asked to leave by the discretion of the manager or authorized personnel on duty.
11. Please do not enter any buildings on the VWMPEC property including the barns or Boarder areas such as tack room and feed rooms without asking management first.
12. If you go through a closed gate, close it behind you.
13. Any unruly behavior, disorderly conduct or use of threatening or harassing language to patrons or personnel shall be grounds for expulsion. All rules will be strictly enforced by Facility Management and/or their employees.

## **Arena Rules**

1. **Stable recommends all mounted riders wear a properly fitted, approved riding helmet with the chinstrap securely fastened at all time . All riders must wear proper attire at all times, including closed-toe footwear with a heel.**
2. Lunging with horses present in the arena only allowed with permission. NO WHIP CRACKING is allowed.
3. Call "Door" before entering arena
4. Mount/Dismount out of traffic area
5. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder
6. Stay one horse length away from other horses
7. Communicate- make intention known when passing or changing direction. Be respectful of other riders.
8. There will be no racing or playing games in the arenas.
9. Children under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by an adult when using the arenas. Children riding must be at least 8 years old. Small children must be in hand at all times.
10. Be aware that horses may get loose from their handlers and suddenly rear, leap, shy, run, buck, kick, or bite, causing other horses to act similarly
11. If someone falls off - Stop. If another rider takes a tumble, don't keep riding around. Stop your horse. If you're the closest rider, dismount and offer assistance. Help the person and catch their horse if it is loose. If the rider is injured appoint someone to call for help.
12. Keep gates closed while riding in an arena. This is a simple safety issue. If someone has an accident, the loose horse won't run off if the gate is closed.
13. Riding permitted in designated areas only. No horses or vehicles allowed on lawns, concrete or blacktop areas.

**For information, contact the Valley Water Mill Park Equestrian Center Office at 417-833-3291**

Print Equine Participant's Name

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Equine Participant's Signature    DATE

(If less than 18 years of age, this must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian).

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Parent or Legal Guardian of Equine Participant