

## ARENA RULES AND RIDING ETIQUETTE

## ARENA RULES

- 1. Arena is available on a first come first serve basis and is open from dawn to dusk.
- 2. Organized group use by permit only. Permitted use will have priority.
- 3. Corrals are available for rent. Corral renters are responsible for the safety of the corral and horse and are responsible for cleanup.
- 4. All riders are encourages to wear a helmet.
- 5. Never ride alone or unsupervised.
- 6. Use of equestrian facilities is at your own risk. You must thoroughly inspect the facilities you intend to use before use.
- 7. Dogs must be on a 6 foot leash, be restrained at all times and have a current license.
- 8. No smoking within 25 feet of arena. (CA. H & SAFETY CODE Section 104495)
- 9. Pick up your horse manure and trailer debris in corrals and parking areas before leaving.
- 10. Park speed limit is 5 MPH.
- 11. Arena users are to park in the area provided to the north and south of the arena.
- 12. Keeping the gates closed at all times ensures that horses will not bolt out of the arena. If gateways are small, it is a good idea for riders to dismount and lead their horses through the gate.
- 13. The California State Vehicle Code is enforced within park boundaries. All other District, local, and state regulations apply.
- 14. Equestrian day use, camping, and corral use must adhere to Equestrian Camp Rules.

## Park District employees have the right to refuse service to anyone and remove patrons for violating rules.

## **RIDING ETIQUETTE**

- 1. Always give yourself plenty of space, at least one and a half horse lengths behind the rider in front of you.
- 2. Horse should always be reverse to the inside (away from the rail), with a quick look over your inside shoulder (shoulder facing the center of the arena) to make sure the way is clear.
- 3. When passing another horse in the same direction, always pass to the inside. You may say "passing". Come away from the rail and pass the horse reasonably quickly, return to the rail only after giving yourself at least one and a half horse lengths in front of the horse you've just passed. You should in no way interfere with the horse on the rail.
- 4. When passing a horse going in the opposite direction, you should always be left shoulder to left shoulder. This means you will be going past on the right.
- 5. Do not stop on the rail to talk or to ask questions or gather in the middle of the arena. Exit the arena if you wish to talk.
- 6. The middle of the arena may be used to work circles, practice stops, work figure eights, practice backing, etc.
- 7. If you must make a tack adjustment, exit the arena.
- 8. Always be aware of your surroundings and the other riders around you.
- 9. Be considerate and patient of other riders and horses.