

Portuguese Bend Pony Club Barn Safety Rules

The following Barn Safety Rules for the conduct of Members, guests, parents, Sponsors and other persons while around the barn or on the Club premises, before, during and after lessons and while riding, have been adopted by the Club. Members and their guests are expected to abide by these Rules while on Club premises.

1. Apparel – An approved ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet must always be worn when riding, longeing or doing groundwork. All helmets must fit and be securely fastened. Sturdy, closed-toe shoes should be worn at the barn and riding areas. This applies to Members, family, and guests. Members must have their ankles covered by an appropriate protective shoe. When riding with stirrups, shoes/boots must have a heel.

2. Visitors - Visitors to the barn must be accompanied by a Member, parent or Sponsor at all times. Non-members may be invited for brief visits but may not be left unattended. Family members may be present but should conduct themselves in a safe manner at all times. Young children may never be left unattended at the barn. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests. No guest or family member may ride a Member's horse without first signing appropriate Club and Landowner Waivers.

3. Dogs - Dogs on Club facilities must be on a leash and under the owner's control when horses are out of their stalls or are being ridden. As long as a dog is under the owner's control, a dog may be off leash when all horses are in their stalls and no horses are being ridden on the Club facility or are in the turn out or wash areas. No dogs are allowed in stalls.

4. Riding – All adult Members ride at their own risk. Unrated and D rated minor Members must have an adult present willing to assume responsibility for monitoring their activities when riding at the Club. Minor Members with a mounted C rating may ride at the Club without adult supervision. No Members are allowed to jump when alone. Before going riding off the property, Members should tell a parent or someone who will be around the barn area where they are going and how long they expect to be gone. If going off the Club facility, the destination, expected return time, and names of riders should be written on the white board on the tool shed door. Members should always return to the barn before dark. Riders should always be courteous to members of the Portuguese Bend community. We are here by their invitation.

5. Longeing – An approved ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet must be worn when longeing. Longeing should be done with a bridle and a properly attached longe line. Minor D rated Members must be supervised and approved by a C-3 or higher rated Member or by a Club

instructor to longe with a bridle and side reins. D rated minor Members may longe with a bridle without side reins provided they have been approved to do so by a Club instructor and the DC. All Members may free longe while wearing a helmet.

6. Turnout - Use of the turnout and the arena for turnout is limited to 15 minutes when another Member is waiting to use either. The Member responsible for the horse must remain on the property at all times when the horse is turned out. Horses must be under the direct control on a lead rope held by a Member, or responsible guest, at all times when outside a stall, turnout or the arena. Horses can never be turned free, left untied, unattended or uncontrolled at any time while outside of their stall, turnout or the arena.

7. Horse Care - The following rules apply to the care of horses boarded at or using Club facilities:

7.1. All Members must commit to a minimum of 4 days per week for the care of their horse(s). If a Member is temporarily unable to care for or exercise their horse, arrangements must be made for a substitute and the DC must be notified of the arrangements. The substitute must be provided with written permission to authorize the medical care of the horse in the event of an emergency.

7.2. A quick release knot or quick release snap must always be used when tying a horse. Break-away halters or twine loop attached to halters must be used. Never tie a horse to a pipe corral, the arena, turn out, unsecured horse trailer or other non-fixed object. Never leave a horse that is tied unattended. Never leave a horse alone at the wash rack or in cross ties. Never leave the barn area with your horse tied up.

7.3. All horses boarded at the Club facility must have an appropriate stall card secured to the outside of the stall. Stall cards must have the name and physical description or photo of the horse; TPRs, the name, phone number and emergency contact number of the owner/boarder; the vet and farrier name and phone number; and the horse's feed schedule.

8. Miscellaneous – The following rules apply to all Members:

8.1. No person is allowed to be on horseback inside any of the stalls or in the barn aisle.

8.2. Members must clean up after their horses and properly dispose of manure from stalls, tie areas and wash rack. There should be no loose equipment (wheelbarrows, rakes, halters, buckets, etc.) left in a stall, within a horse's reach or elsewhere around the facility. All tools and wheelbarrows must be secured in a tool shed or storage stall as expected at a rally.

8.3. Brush boxes, buckets, hay nets, lead lines, and other tack, equipment or personal items should not be left out where they can cause a horse or person to trip or injure themselves, or present a safety

hazard. All tack, equipment and personal items must be picked up and properly put away in an appropriate tack storage area before leaving the barn area. All trash must be put into trash containers and properly disposed of.

8.4. The Tack Rooms must be locked when no one is at the barn. Only Members and Sponsors are allowed to have the combinations.

8.5 All feed must be properly stored in secured trashcans within the feed room or a secured storage area. Feed must be stored out of the reach of any loose horse and secured from rodent infestation.

8.6 Horses must only be washed at the paved wash rack.

8.7 All lights must be turned off by 8:30 p.m.

Violations - The use of the Club facility is a privilege and not a right of USPC Membership. Violations of the Barn Safety Rules set forth above will be treated as penalties as set forth in the Club's Barn Policies. Repeated offenses that jeopardize the safety of persons, horses, property, or equipment, or threaten our continued use of the facility, may result in termination of a Member's privilege to board at and/or use the Club facility.

To New Members and Parents: A copy of these Barn Safety Rules are posted in the Tack Room at the Club Facility, and are also found as an attachment to the Portuguese Bend Pony Club Barn Policies. As a new Member, please sign and return a copy of these Barn Safety Rules acknowledging that you have read them and, as a Member, parent, and/or legal guardian, you agree to be bound by them. A copy of these Barn Safety Rules should be kept with your membership materials for your reference.

I acknowledge having read the above Barn Safety Rules for the Portuguese Bend Pony Club, and agree to abide by these rules whenever at the Club Facilities.

Member:Parent/Legal Guardian:

(Signature)(Signature)

(Print Name)(Print Name)