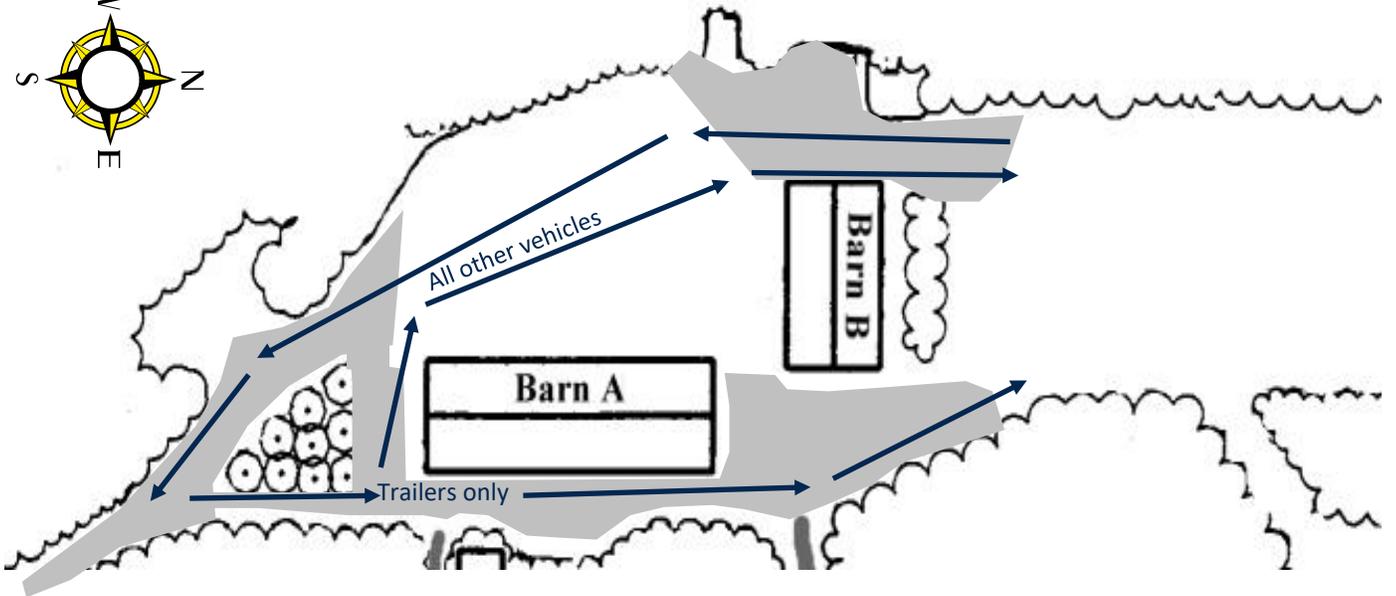
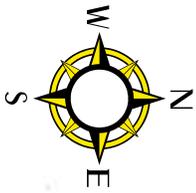




# Equestrian Facility Rules of Use



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## Parking at the Equestrian Facility

No parking in shaded areas.

Parking is available on the west side of Barn A, south side of Rings 3 & 4  
and in the parking lot south of the polo field

Traffic is permitted as noted above during competition hours.

Trailers may unload along east sides of Barns A & B.

### Birds Hill Provincial Park

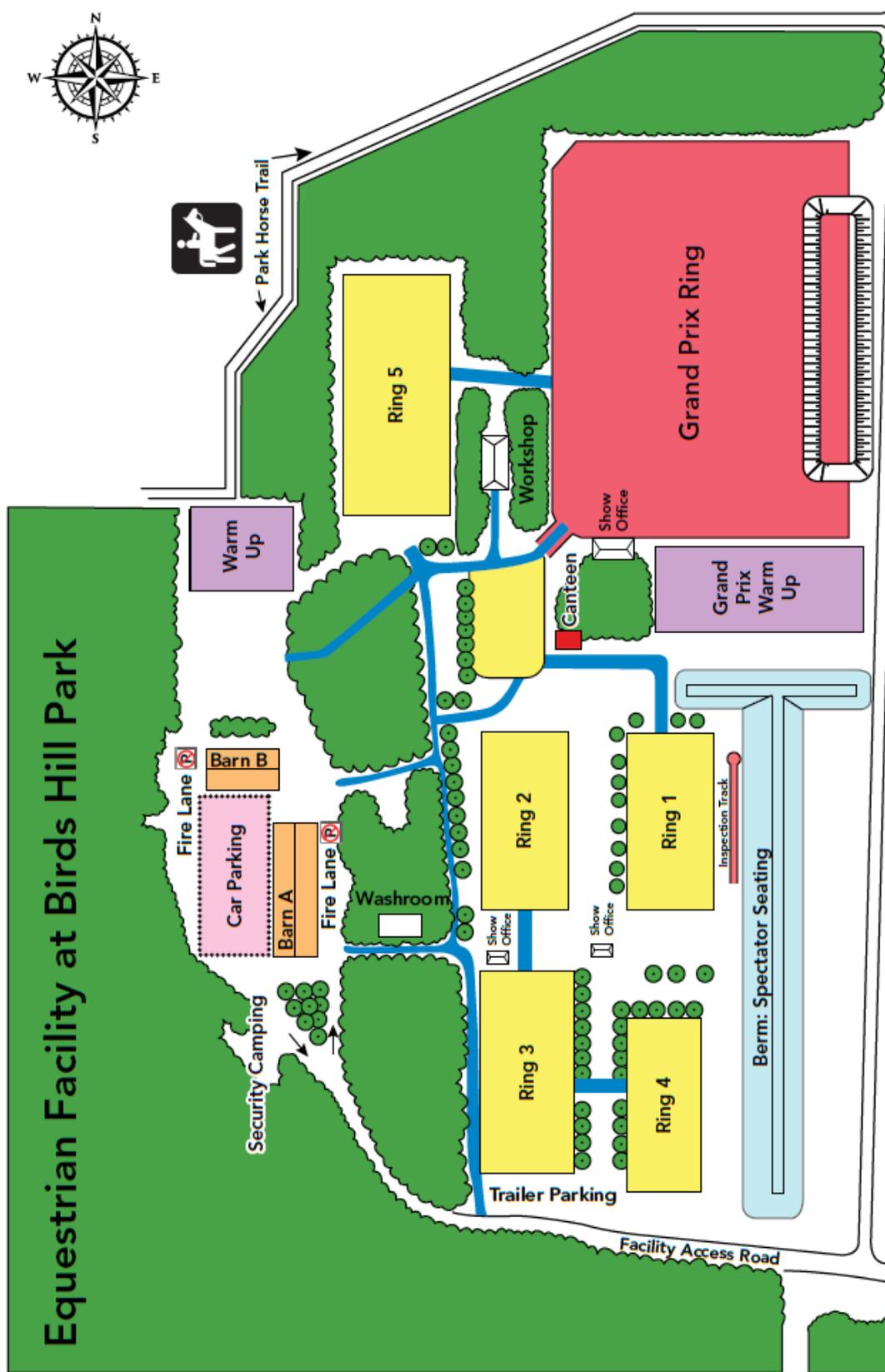
*The MHC Equestrian Facility is located in Birds Hill Provincial Park which is less than 20 minutes from Winnipeg. Birds Hill is one of Manitoba's busiest parks with hundreds of thousands of visitors per year. Under the Provincial Parks Act (1993), Birds Hill is classified as a Natural Park and is intended to preserve areas of a natural region while accommodating a diversity of recreational opportunities and uses. The park contains 100 kilometres of all-season trails and hosts a variety of special events including the Winnipeg Folk Festival in July.*

*The Equestrian Facility operates under a long-term lease with the Government of Manitoba which is overseen by the Parks Branch. All development at the Equestrian Facility must be approved by Parks personnel.*

*As the Equestrian Facility is within a provincial park, there are additional rules that may apply. It is the responsibility of those entering the park to understand provincial park rules and regulations.*



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Blue lines denote horse paths.

Polo Field

To: Ranch parking lot  
 Nimowin Rd.  
 Park Office  
 Pine Ridge Cemetary  
 North Drive



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Facility Manager: Kelly Roe  
MHC Email: [mhc.exec@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:mhc.exec@sportmanitoba.ca) (emails are not checked on weekends)  
MHC website: [www.manitobahorsecouncil.ca](http://www.manitobahorsecouncil.ca)

### All mail should be sent to the attention of:

Mail: Manitoba Horse Council  
145 Pacific Avenue, RM 103  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2Z6

## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

The Manitoba Horse Council Facility Committee works tirelessly with Parks officials to maintain the grounds in order to hold equestrian shows and events in a safe manner. The volunteer Facility Committee, in consultation with the Facility Manager, MHC Executive Director and provincial park officials may change rules & regulations as necessary to maintain the health and safety of both horses and humans.

In booking the MHC Equestrian Facility, the competition organizers and you have agreed to honour the rules and regulations as specified in this document.

## EQUINE BIOSECURITY

The MHC Facility Committee, in consultation with veterinary and animal health authorities, have determined the protocol necessary in order to reasonably and effectively manage possible biosecurity concerns. **We STRONGLY recommend that you consult with your veterinarian regarding the most appropriate vaccination protocol for your horse(s).**

**All horses brought onto the grounds shall not have been in contact with sick horses within the last 21 days, and must not be showing any signs of illness.** We recommend that all horses on the grounds have their temperature taken and recorded twice daily throughout the show and for three (3) days prior to arrival. Any elevated temperature or other signs of illness must IMMEDIATELY be reported to the show office and treating veterinarian.

**Avoid direct and/or indirect contact between horses**, especially nose-to-nose contact and the use of common feed/water buckets. Individuals should not be handling horses from different barn groups. Please wash/sanitize your hands frequently throughout the day, especially after being in a communal area.

The Facility Committee will closely monitor any developments regarding any potential biosecurity issues and will adjust procedures and requirements for horses as needed.



## **COGGINS, EQUINE INFLUENZA & EHV**

All horses being brought onto the grounds must be in compliance with the Equestrian Canada regulation A519 and must have been administered Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus (1 and 4) vaccinations within six (6) months (+21 days grace period) before arrival at the competition. No horse shall have received vaccination within seven (7) days prior to arrival at the event. Proof of vaccination must be available upon request.

For any competition date(s), the first confirmed booking will declare YES or NO for requiring proof of negative Coggins. Any subsequent bookings, for those same dates, will be subject to the policy determined by the first booking (including providing proof of negative Coggins for each horse).

## **PARKING & RVS**

No parking allowed in the **Fire Lanes** (areas between the barns and the bush, along the edges of the bush, and the lanes leading into the Equestrian Facility). **Fire Lanes** must be kept clear except during unloading/loading of trailers.

Upon arrival unload your trailer as quickly as possible. All trailers must be appropriately parked in a timely manner. See the map on page 2.

Trailer parking will be assigned upon arrival by the Competition Manager, or permitted as listed in below. Once trailers are unloaded, please park accordingly. Parking is allowed only in designated areas as per on-site signage. Competitors and organizers are to ensure trailers are parked reasonably close together and parallel to each other.

- A) At right angles to the bush in the South lot between the barns (live-in units have priority)
- B) parallel to the outdoor stalls in the North lot (limited number of units; competitors stabled in outdoor stalls have priority)
- C) at the south end of the Equestrian Facility rings 3 and 4, preferably backed in to create a natural buffer to the general public
- D) at the north end of the site under the direction of the Facility Manager

RVs can park along the west bush in the south parking lot. Single vehicle parking is to be in the centre of the south parking lot or in the general parking area adjacent to Bird's Hill Park Ranch. Please do not park in designated mobility spots, mobility permits must be displayed.

Limited camping is available by prior arrangement with the Facility Manager and as per fees outlined in the Rental Agreement. There are no electrical hook-ups for campers.

If at any time the Equestrian Facility Manager or designate deems inappropriate parking is not rectified in a timely manner, the vehicle will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

## HAUL INS

If your event is hosting haul-ins and horses will be tied to trailers, please ensure parking is done safely to allow for ample room between trailers.

You are responsible for cleaning up manure and filling any divots before leaving the grounds.

Horses tied to trailers shall be supervised at all times.

Remember you are in a public park and members of the public may attend at any time.

The location for tying will be determined by the Equestrian Facility Manager and will change according to demand. Any concerns raised to the event organizer/manager must be addressed immediately.

## SMOKING/VAPING/CANNABIS

There is a strict NO SMOKING or VAPING policy inside all MHC buildings, or within 8 feet of any entrance. Competitors are responsible for the actions of their group. Any person caught smoking/vaping in a barn or building will be assessed a fine of \$250 applied to the event organizers account. The use of cannabis (including but not limited to smoking) is STRICTLY PROHIBITED on the MHC Equestrian Facility grounds.

## PETS

The rules and regulations of the Provincial Parks Act **requires all pets to be leashed, tied up, caged, or under direct physical control at all times (unless in designated off-leash areas)**. Aggressive dogs are best left at home. If you do bring a dog to the Equestrian Facility, you are responsible for it at all times and in all places in the park. This means that you must:

- take responsibility for the behavior and conduct of your animal
- clean up after your dog and place its waste in a garbage container (if garbage containers are not available, you must remove your dog's waste from the park)
- ensure your dog does not make excessive noise or disturb other park users
- have physical control of your dog at all times. In designated off-leash areas you must maintain voice control and carry a leash with you, should it be required
- ensure pets are wearing a current identification tags

The MHC Equestrian Facility is NOT a designated off-leash area. Parks Personnel will issue fines if your dog is not on a leash.

## STABLING

The Competition Manager is responsible for assigning stalls. Stall maps must be posted and emergency contact information must be posted on each occupied stall.

- Any stall fittings/tack/equipment etc. left after check-out will be removed and placed in the Lost & Found.
- Early arrivals are NOT permitted without prior permission from the competition manager / show organizer.
- Horses remaining on the grounds after the show closing time are subject to additional stabling charges.
- All stalls must be picked clean daily and all biodegradable barn waste (manure, used bedding and hay) placed in the large bin on the West side of the parking lot. Wheelbarrows are available in the barn for transport.



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- Shavings are the only type of bedding permitted in stalls. Shavings are available for sale through the Show Office. Used shavings are disposed of in the large Bin on the West side of the parking lot. Fold emptied shavings bags into each other and place in designated bins. These bags are not compostable—**DO NOT** put them in the bin with manure, shavings & hay waste/
- For biosecurity and wildlife management, hay and feed must be stored in trailers. **DO NOT** leave hay or feed of any kind in the aisleway.
- DO NOT attach hoses to water hydrants or exterior water taps and do not place hoses in pails. When using the wash rack, please use your own hose and remove it once finished.
- DO NOT block aisles or stall doors with decorations or tack trunks.
- General areas must be kept clean and clear of any feed, debris and personal belongings.
- Keep valuables locked up.
- Grooming must be done in stalls or outside the buildings. DO NOT tie horses to stall fronts.
- Barns will be closed at 10:30pm except for emergencies and will not open to the public until 10:30am (except for riders/drivers and their immediate help).

## **FEED & BEDDING**

Horse owners are responsible for bringing hay and feed for their horses. The MHC Equestrian Facility does not keep hay or feed onsite. Hay and feed must be stored in trailers.

Shavings are the only type of bedding permitted in stalls. Shavings are available for sale through the Show Office.

## **GARBAGE/DISPOSAL**

Birds Hill Park is home to a variety of wildlife which makes proper garbage disposal a must.

All personal garbage must be placed in garbage cans. Use the recycling bins and garbage containers appropriately. Failure to comply will result in additional charges being levied.

Please fold shavings bags into each other and put into designated bins. These are not recyclable or compostable, nor are they garbage.

Anything that was brought to the Equestrian Facility must be taken away upon leaving. Please leave the grounds in the best condition possible for the next show.

## **WASH RACKS**

Wash racks are located on the North side of Barn B. Only use the designated area for washing your horses. Dispose of any manure deposited on the wash rack tarmac. Wash your hands before and after using the wash racks. Use your own hose and remove it once your horse is washed.

## **LOST & FOUND**

The Lost & Found is located in the Grand Prix Show Office. Items not claimed within one week of the end of the show will be donated.

## **USE OF EQUESTRIAN FACILITY EQUIPMENT**

The Competition Manager will ensure that all equipment used during the show is put back in assigned locations as directed by the Facility Manager within 24 hours of the end of the event.

Operation of equipment is at the User's own risk. The Competition Manager must designate an equipment operator and that operator must be approved by the Facility Manager. Use of the equipment is at the discretion of the Facility Manager.

There is a **10km/hr. speed limit** on the Equestrian Facility grounds. Operators of equipment must adhere to this limit for the safety of humans and horses as well as to avoid unnecessary wear and tear on the equipment.

## **SECURITY**

Overnight barn security is mandatory and must be supplied by the Competition Manager or make alternative arrangements with the Facility Manager. If overnight security is provided by MHC, the Competition Manager will be charged for this at rates in line with current industry standards.



## Emergency Contact List

**RCMP** **9-1-1**

**Fire** **9-1-1**

**Ambulance** **9-1-1**

**Birds Hill Park Patrol** **204-792-1849**

*You are located at the  
Manitoba Horse Council Equestrian Facility  
in Birds Hill Provincial Park,  
off of Nimowin Drive.*

**Facility Manager** **Kelly Roe** **204-799-5941**

**Manitoba Horse** **Diane David** **204-925-5719**  
**Council office**

## Equestrian Facility Rules & Regulations

1. **Competitors to ride in designated rings only.**
2. **No tying horses to wooden fences or vehicles.** Replace divots caused by horses tied to a trailer before leaving.
3. **No Smoking** anywhere in or around stabling area.
4. **No Alcohol or Cannabis** anywhere except in area designated by Competition Manager.
5. All personal equipment to be kept in assigned stalls when available. **Lock up your valuables.**
6. **Do not leave hay or feed of any kind in aisleway.** Horse owners are responsible for bringing hay and feed for their horse. Hay and feed must be stored in trailers.
7. **Keep doorways clear at all times.** Aisles must always be passable. Please pass through barns quickly & safely. General areas must be kept clear and clean at all times.
8. **Do not tie horse in the aisle to groom.** Grooming must be done in stall or outside buildings.
9. **Horses may only be washed at the wash rack.** The wash rack is located north of Barn B. Dispose of any manure deposited on the wash rack tarmac.
10. **Stalls must be picked clean daily.** All barn waste must be placed in the manure bin. Only manure and bedding permitted. All personal garbage must be placed in the garbage cans. Anything that was brought with you must be taken away when you leave. Failure to comply will result in additional charges being levied.
11. **Only shavings are permitted to be used for bedding.** Alternate forms of bedding are not allowed, unless required for the welfare of the horse and confirmed in writing by a certified veterinarian. Alternate bedding will be the sole responsibility of the competitor.
12. **Bring and use your own water hoses and buckets.** The Equestrian Facility does not supply hoses. Remove and store hoses immediately after use.
13. Noise level must be kept down.
14. **Dogs are not permitted in or around Barns A and B.** Dogs must be kept on leash at all times. This is both for biosecurity and because it is law under The Provincial Parks Act.
15. **No parking in fire lanes.** Parking is allowed only in designated areas .
16. **Return all equipment belonging to Equestrian Facility to assigned locations** as directed by Facility Manager within 24 hours of competition end.