

7. Health and Safety

7.1. The welfare of the horse, rider, and spectator is of primary importance. Please be aware of the environment and exercise care around the barns and competition areas.

7.2. Every effort should be made to ensure that horses are adequately secured. If a horse becomes loose, please remain calm and notify a Competition Official, Organizer, or the Equestrian Centre Manager and be prepared to offer whatever help is requested.

7.3. Horses may be tied to trailers. **The User** has the right to insist that stabling be used by competitors. The following regulations apply:

7.3.1. The area must be supervised at all times. Any concerns on the part of the Competition Organizer and/or Officials must be addressed immediately.

7.3.2. The location for tying will be determined by the Equestrian Centre Manager and will change according to demand.

7.3.3. Adequate hay and water must be provided.

7.3.4. The User or competitors must clean up any manure and hay waste.

7.3.5. Divots/holes must be filled and packed.

7.3.6. The Equestrian Centre Chair or Manager has the right to charge a clean-up fee if necessary.

7.3.7. The Equestrian Centre Chair or Manager has the right to rescind the option of tying horses to trailers at any time.

7.4. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in or around the stabling area.

7.5. Smokers around the competition rings are reminded to dispose of used cigarettes and matches in the appropriate containers.

7.6. Alcohol is not permitted anywhere on site except in trailers / campers designated as living quarters. Users requiring a permit for a special event must inform MHC well in advance of the event so the permit can be applied for through the Provincial Park office.

7.7. The on-site telephone is for emergency use only. A public phone is available in the adjacent Birds Hill Park Ranch restaurant. It is possible that cell phones may not consistently receive reception in or near the buildings; reception is available in competition areas.

7.8. Users are asked to keep noise levels at the Centre to a minimum. (See also 1.11)

7.9. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times for the safety of the dog(s) as well as all competitors, both human and equine. Loose dogs are subject to a fine (approximately \$180 as per Birds Hill Park Regulations).

7.10. Regular washrooms and showers are available on-site next to the barns. For the comfort and convenience of all site users, please take note of the signage in the washroom facilities.

7.11. There are several other toilets on the site. If there are any concerns about these please alert the Equestrian Centre Manager immediately.

7.12. All the water on the site is potable.

8. Other Rules and Regulations

8.1. Competitors to ride in designated rings only.

8.2. Horses may not be loose in any ring at any time.

8.3. Please keep horses to the designated pathways; stay off the berms and grass areas between the rings. Please do not hand graze during the competition.

8.4. All vehicles (cars, trucks, golf carts, etc) must stay off the grass except in emergencies. Designated pathways must be used.

8.5. The User and designated Event Liaison Officer/ Competition Organizer must make all competitors, volunteers, and all those associated with the User aware of the Rules of Use governing the Equestrian Centre.

8.6. Leave any apparent lost or misplaced items in the lost and found container in the show office. Unclaimed items will be disposed of after 6 weeks.

9. Ring Protocol and Assignment

9.1. If rings are used other than those requested by the competition organizer at the time of booking, the organization hosting the event will be charged.

9.2. Any misuse of the rings may be penalized at the discretion of the Equestrian Centre Chair and Manager.

Grand Prix Ring

9.3. The Grand Prix Ring (grass ring); primarily for competition and assigned clinics only. Permission must be obtained from MHC to use it for any other purpose.

9.3.1. The bank and grob (ditch) are only available for competitions and clinics where permission is granted (see 2.7).

9.3.2. The small Hunter ring is available with the Grand Prix Ring at no extra charge.

Ring 1

9.4. Main dressage ring; for competition and clinic use only. No jumping, sliding, etc., under any conditions.

Ring 2

9.5. Secondary dressage ring; flat work only.

Ring 3

9.6. Cutting ring; priority therefore for cutting use.

9.6.1. This ring can be used for MHC Casual Riding on the assigned days and for other activities with permission of the Equestrian Centre Manager.

Ring 4

9.7. Fenced sand ring; presently used for any assigned activities.

Ring 5

9.8. General purpose ring for MHC Casual Riding, MHC Club activities, competition warm ups etc.

Lunging Ring

9.9. The Lunging/warm up ring is available for any legitimate use in competition, MHC Club activity, or clinic.



Aerial View of MHC Equestrian Centre in Birds Hill Park



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Welcome to the Manitoba Horse Council (MHC) Equestrian Centre. We hope you have a great event.

Please read the following Rules of Use guidelines for the Equestrian Centre. These guidelines have been developed with input and suggestions from the Users to allow all to make the best of their experience at the Equestrian Centre.

1. Stabling and Bedding

1.1. All horses competing and stabling at the Equestrian Centre must be in good health and free of any communicable disease. Horses must meet all veterinary requirements as required for entry into Birds Hill Park.

1.2. Stalls will be assigned by the Event Liaison Officer/Competition Organizer.

1.2.1. The information sheets posted on the stall doors must be completed in case of emergency. Emergency contact information must be available and easily visible for security and barn checks. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters (see also 4.2 below).

1.3. Shavings or sawdust should not be brought into the Equestrian Centre by competitors or the Users. Users are encouraged to use the bedding provided at the site. More are available and the Competition Organizer will set up times when extra shavings can be purchased.

1.4. Alternate forms of bedding are not allowed unless required for the welfare of the horse. This must be confirmed in writing to MHC by a certified veterinarian in advance of the event. The provision and removal of alternate bedding is the sole responsibility of the competitor.

1.5. Please pick stalls clean daily. All barn waste must be placed in the large bin on the West side of the parking lot. Wheelbarrows are available in the barn for transport. Please do not put anything but manure, used bedding, and hay wastage in the bin as it all goes for compost.

1.6. Doorways must be kept clear at all times. Aisle ways must be passable at all times and kept tidy. Competitors are asked to pass through aisles quickly and courteously. General areas must be kept clean and clear at all times.

1.7. All personal equipment to be kept in assigned tack stalls when available. Please keep valuables locked up. If there are no tack stalls, tack trunks and saddle racks may be stored tidily in the aisles.

1.7.1. Hay and feed should be stored in trailers or securely fastened containers.

1.7.2. MHC assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged items and/or competitor equipment. The storage of personal items on site is at the competitor's own risk.

1.8. All notes etc. are to be removed from stalls and billboards after event.

1.9. Grooming must be done in stalls or outside the building. Washing of horses must only take place in the wash racks located North behind Barn B. Please DO NOT TIE HORSES TO THESE RACKS.

1.10. Horses must not be tied to any fences, trees or motor vehicles. Horse owners/competitors are expected to clean up and level footing where horses are tied to trailers.

1.11. The barns will be closed at 22.30 hours except for emergencies. The barns will not be open to the general public until the first class starts.

2. Equestrian Centre Equipment

2.1. The User agrees to put all equipment used back in assigned locations as directed by the Equestrian Centre Manager within 48 hours of the end of the event.

2.2. Operation of equipment on-site is at the User's own risk.

2.3. The User must designate an equipment operator.

2.4. Any equipment requested prior to the competition will be available at the discretion of the Manager.

2.5. Use of any equipment for anything other than competitions must be requested from MHC in advance. There may be a fee in effect.

2.6. Storage on site for the User may be subject to an appropriate storage fee and it is understood that the MHC is not responsible for loss or damage. Any such storage must be suitably insured.

2.7. The bank and the grob (ditch) in the Grand Prix Ring are only available with permission and must NOT be used unless permission from MHC has been granted. These obstacles are NOT to be used for schooling at random.

3. Parking

Competition Parking

3.1. No parking of any vehicles is 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 Centre).

3.2. All fire lanes must be kept clear except during unloading/loading of trailers.

3.3. No parking is of any vehicles is allowed next to the West side of the large barn, at the ends of either barn, or in the driveways.

3.4. Upon arrival competitors are asked to unload trailers as quickly as possible. All trailers must be appropriately parked in a timely manner.

3.5. Trailer parking will be assigned upon arrival, or permitted as listed in below. Once trailers have been unloaded, please park accordingly. Parking is allowed only in designated areas as per on-site signage.

3.5.1. General trailer parking is allowed as follows:

3.5.1.1. At right angles to the bush in the South lot between the barns (live-in units have priority)

3.5.1.2. parallel to the outdoor stalls in the North lot (limited number of units; competitors stabled in outdoor stalls have priority)

3.5.1.3. backed in at the south end of the Equestrian Centre rings

3.5.1.4. at the extreme north of the site between the trail and the bush (small units only with trucks detached)

3.5.1.5. competitors and the User are to ensure trailers are parked reasonably close together and parallel to each other.

3.5.2. For the accepted location of and regulations regarding the tying of horses to trailers please see 7. Health and Safety.

3.5.3. Competitions with a large number of entries must especially follow the above guidelines (3.5.1) for trailer type/size assignment priorities.

3.6. Users that wish to allow parking at their own convenience must designate a parking marshal whose sole responsibility is to ensure the modification to above rules are followed by each competitor. The parking marshal must be present in the parking and general areas during set-up times, busy parking times, and at the end of the show. Failure to provide a parking marshal may result in fee being levied.

3.7. Car parking is available as follows:

3.7.1. the centre of the lot between the barns, (please leave plenty of space at the corners of the barns for easy flow of traffic)

3.7.2. in the North parking lot (secondary to trailer parking)

3.7.3. between the trail and the dressage berm

3.7.4. in the general parking lot by the Birds Hill Park Ranch

3.8. Some assigned parking is available for organizers, officials and the disabled at the small Hunter ring.

3.8.1. A reasonable number of vehicles may be parked at the canteen and show office, at the discretion of the Equestrian Centre Manager.

3.8.2. It is a responsibility of the Event Liaison Officer/Competition Organizer to ensure appropriate parking.

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

Casual Riding Parking

Those using the Equestrian Centre as a MHC Casual Rider:

3.9.1. If the intent is to tie a horse to a trailer, please park at one of the following locations (this applies to MHC Casual Riders only):

3.9.1.2. At the South end of the Western Ring on the grass

3.9.1.2. In the lot between the two barns

3.9.1.3. In the North lot

3.9.2. Do not leave anything of value in an unlocked trailer. Please clean up any manure, and rake divots at the end of your visit.

Clinics and Other Event Parking

For non-competitive event use:

3.9.3. Please park at one of the following locations:

3.9.3.1. In the lot between the two barns

3.9.3.2. In the North lot

2.9.3.3. Please DO NOT park in the lanes between the barns and the bush.

3.9.4. Please clean up any manure, and rake divots at the end of your visit.

4. Security

4.1. Overnight barn security is **mandatory**. The User must make provision for this or discuss alternative arrangements with the Equestrian Centre Manager. Should overnight security be arranged by MHC, the User will be charged for this at rates in line with current industry standards.

4.2. The information sheets posted on the stall doors must be completed in case of emergency. Emergency contact information must be available and easily visible for security and barn checks. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

5. Camping

5.1. Limited camping is available by prior arrangement with the Equestrian Centre Manager and as per the fees outlined in the Equestrian Centre Rental Agreement.

5.2. Trailers being used as living quarters will have an assigned area. (See 3. Parking.)

5.3. There are no electrical hook-ups for campers.

6 Garbage/Disposal

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

6.1.1. Please do not place garbage in the manure containers.

6.2. There are a number of recycling bins around the site and you are encouraged to join MHC in making this as "green" a site as possible. All plastic, metal and paper products can be recycled.

6.3. Do not put the shavings bags in these recycling bins or in the garbage cans; these bags take up too much room. Stuff several shavings bags inside another and place them in the corner by the old drinks machine. These will be collected daily.

6.4. Anything that was brought to the Equestrian Centre must be taken away upon leaving. Please pick up lost and found items at the end of the event; these items are kept in the show office. Unclaimed items will be disposed of after 6 weeks.