



Equestrian Facility Rules of Use





Welcome to the Manitoba Horse Council (MHC) Equestrian Facility. We hope you have a great event. Please read the following Rules of Use guidelines for the Equestrian Facility. If there are any questions or concerns regarding Rules of Use please contact us mhc.exec@sportmanitoba.ca or by calling (204)925-5719 Please note that additional rules made be added at any time, such as to address any biosecurity or safety concerns arising for both human and animal.

1. General Rules

- 1.1 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 Facility. Copies are posted in all barns and show offices.
- **1.2** The welfare of the horse, rider, and spectator is of primary importance. Please be aware of the environment and exercise care throughout the facility.
- **1.3** All horses attending the Equestrian Facility must be in good health and free of any communicable disease. All horses attending the facility must meet EC regulation A519: 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 made available upon request.
- **1.4** The health status of the facility is determined by the first user group that books the facility on any given by completing and submitting a MHC Equestrian Facility Booking Form, along with a deposit. All other user groups wishing to use the facility at those times must also follow those health status requirements.
- 1.5 All Livestock on site must have adequate feed and water available to them at all times and stalls must have adequate bedding.
- **1.6** Absolutely **No Smoking** allowed in any structure on the MHC Equestrian Facility property, this includes barns, storage shed, show offices, official's booth, etc. Please dispose of butts appropriately in designated containers.
- 1.7 Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and dogs are not allowed in the barns at any time. 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.
- **1.8** Event attendees are to use designated rings only as booked by the event organizer. Use of other rings could result in additional fees being charged to the event. Horses may not be loose on the grounds in any ring at any time. Please keep horses to the designated pathways; and stay off the berms. 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 Facility Manager and be prepared to offer whatever help is requested.
- **1.9** As the MHC 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.
- **1.10** 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.

2. Security

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

3. Stabling and Bedding

- **3.1.** Stalls will be assigned by the Event Liaison Officer/Competition Organizer. Electronic fillable stall maps are available upon request. Stall maps must be posted and emergency contact information must be posted on each occupied stall.
- **3.2.** Shavings are the only type of bedding permitted. Shavings are available for sale through the Event Liaison Officer/ Competition Organizer. Please dispose of shavings in designated bins. 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 at least 7 days in advance of the event.
- **3.3.** Please pick stalls clean daily. All biodegradable 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. Emptied shavings bags should be folded into each other and placed in designated bins.
- **3.4.** Hay and feed should be stored in trailers. Absolutely no hay or feed of any kind should be left in the alley way, as this is a biosecurity concern, as well as a wild life management concern.

- **3.5.** Please do not attach hoses to water hydrants or exterior water taps and do not place hoses in pails. If using the wash rack, please use your own hose and remove once finished.
- **3.6.** All Doorways must be kept clear at all times and aisle ways must be passable. Competitors are asked to pass through aisles quickly and courteously. General areas must be kept clean and clear of any feed, debris and personal belongings. Please keep valuables locked up. If there are no tack stalls, tack trunks and saddle racks may be stored tidily in the aisles.
- **3.7.** Grooming must be done in stalls or outside the building. Please do not tie horse to stall fronts, Washing of horses must only take place in the wash racks located North side of Barn B.
- **3.8.** The barns will be closed at 1030pm except for emergencies and will not be open to the general public until 1030am excepts for riders/drivers and their immediate help.

4. Parking

- **4.1.** 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 Facility). All fire lanes must be kept clear except during unloading/loading of trailers.
- **4.2.** Upon arrival competitors are asked to unload trailers as quickly as possible. All trailers must be appropriately parked in a timely manner.
- **4.3.** 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. 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
- **4.4.** Camping units can park along the west bush in the south parking lot
- 4.5. 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
- **4.6.** Please do not park in designated mobility spots, mobility permits must be displayed.
- **4.7.** If at any time the Equestrian Facility 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.
- **4.8.** 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 and please have users clean up manure and fill in any divots at the end of your event. Please ensure horse ties to trailers are 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.

5. Camping

- **5.1.** Limited camping is available by prior arrangement with the Equestrian Facility Manager and as per the fees outlined in the Equestrian Facility Rental Agreement.
- **5.2.** Trailers being used as living quarters will have an assigned area. (See 2.4. 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.
- **6.2.** Please put fold shavings bags into each other and put into designated bins. These are not recyclable, nor are they garbage.
- **6.3.** Anything that was brought to the Equestrian Facility 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.

7. Equestrian Facility Equipment

- 7.1. The event organizer agrees to put all equipment used back in assigned locations as directed by the Equestrian Facility Manager within 24 hours of the end of the event.
- **7.2.** Operation of equipment on-site is at the User's own risk. The event organizer must designate an equipment operator and the operator must be approved of the MHC Equestrian Facility Manager.
- **7.3.** Use of MHC equipment must be requested prior to the competition and will be available at the discretion of the MHC Equestrian Facility Manager. An equipment fee may be charged.