

Tri-Star Farm - Boarding Stable & Riding School
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At Tri-Star Farm, we work to maintain a safe, fun, and enjoyable experience for people and horses. Our rules are to ensure just that.

Kathy Ellerbeck, Barn Owner

Every boarder and student is expected to read these rules, and to acknowledge that they have done so by signing here:

Printed name

Date

Signature

1. If you have a problem with someone or something, please talk to the Barn Owner.
2. Refusal to follow any of the Barn Rules could result in eviction.
3. Any inhumane treatment of animals will not be tolerated and may be reported to the authorities.
4. No smoking anywhere in the barn or equestrian areas. Smoking in designated areas only.
5. Please do not bring your dogs without prior approval. Even with approval, please keep your dogs leashed always. (Property owners and tenants are exempt from this Rule.)
6. Clean Up.
 - Please turn off lights and heaters when you are done using them.
 - Throw garbage in the designated cans.
 - Clean the barn aisle after grooming your horse.
 - Pick up your horse's manure from the arena, round pen, wash rack, or walking areas of the farm.
 - Please use the outside wash rack for muddy horses.
 - Keep the tack rooms clean and be respectful of others. Please be mindful of the limits of our space. To avoid confusion, please label or name-tag your spot in the tack rooms (the saddle and bridle racks you use) and your gear (grooming supplies, halters, leads, tack, equipment, trunks, and bins).
 - Please do not use anyone else's tack, brushes, sprays or supplements. If you must absolutely borrow something, make sure you put it back neatly where it belongs.
 - Return all tack to the appropriate areas, as all tack found in the aisles or arenas will be subject to random movements. This means that it will not be where you expect it to be for the next time you ride.
7. Please be respectful of our instructors, boarders, students, and horses.
 - Other People's Horses
 - Do not enter any stall of a horse that is not your own, unless there is an emergency.
 - Please do not feed or give treats to any horse that is not your own.
 - Do not give horses extra feed or hay without the management's permission.
 - Horses should be properly cooled down and groomed after riding.
 - Instructors, Trainers, Barn Owner, Staff
 - Currently there are no specific/set hours for the barn and arena. Please be respectful when choosing riding times and activities around the farm.
 - The residences on the property are private. We ask that you respect our privacy and do not enter, unless invited.
 - For everyone's safety, please do not coach, instruct, or teach other people in the barn. There is only one insured instructor at this facility, and we don't want accidents.
 - For everyone's safety, outside coaches, instructors, and trainers - whether for people or for horses - are only permitted with Barn Owner's express and written permission.

- If you, your horse, or your guests break something on the farm, please tell the Barn Owner. We will come up with a plan to fix or replace it. If it is an easy fix, please fix it yourself—then tell the Barn Management. We reserve the right to charge for any damages your horse might cause to our facilities (stall, barn, fencing, arena, etc.). Normal wear and tear is acceptable.
- Please discuss any changes in your horse’s feed or turnout schedule with the Barn Owner.
- If you have a problem with someone or something, please talk to the Barn Owner.

Other People

- Please play well with others. Be polite. If you have a problem with someone or something, please talk to the Barn Owner.
 - Be respectful during lessons. You are welcome to ride in the large arena during a lesson, but please be kind, follow the flow of traffic, and do not interfere.
 - Please do not turn your horse loose in the arenas unattended for any reason. You may free lunge in the round pen or arenas if nobody is trying to work in there.
 - You may use the jumps, poles, barrels and other equipment, but you must put them back where you found them when you are finished. Do NOT race around the arena. We are not a speed barn.
 - When riding, please stop your horse if someone is having trouble with their mount. Only continue after the horse is under control. If an accident happens, and someone falls off, do not move them or remove their helmet. If the person chooses to rise, that is their choice. If the person is unable to speak, is in much pain, or incoherent, please call 911 immediately. Call us or come knock on the door to the house to tell us what happened.
8. Close all gates and stall doors and gates! Horses are escape artists—let’s keep them all on the property. Always keep gates closed and latched. When you go through them, close them.
 9. Young children must be accompanied by an adult always. Running like crazy, screaming like hyenas, and fence climbing are not encouraged.
 10. All riders must sign a release form before riding.
 - Guests are welcome at the farm, but you are responsible for their behavior and ensuring that they follow the rules.
 - Any guest who wishes to ride MUST sign a waiver and release.
 - Please do not “borrow” a horse for a guest to ride; talk with the Barn Owner first.
 - We highly recommend that all guests, whatever age, wear a helmet.
 11. Dress Appropriately
 - Wear appropriate clothing when you work with the horses. Closed toe shoes are required and long pants are preferred.
 - Equestrian approved helmets must be worn by anyone under 18 while mounted. Parents may not override this rule. Those over 18 may choose to ride without a helmet at their own risk - with one exception: helmets must be worn while jumping.
 12. Healthy Horses
 - Please notify the Barn Owner immediately (by phone and text or email) if your horse is not feeling well, or seems down or in pain. We will figure out a way to separate your horse to keep him or her quiet. In case of an emergency involving your horse’s health, we will try to call you for half an hour. If we cannot reach you, we will call the vet. Please see the boarding agreement to discuss how this works.
 - We work with several veterinarians, farriers, and other equine service providers. Please see the Boarding Contract and talk with us about your and your horse’s needs.