

HORSE SHOW ETIQUETTE

Please share with all riders

The following is a list of suggestions on the proper protocol in the warm-up arena. There are usually several riders at a time so it's a good idea to keep your distance and be aware of everyone else. We want everyone to be safe and have a good time.

1. Keep your eyes up and pay attention to traffic. Watch where you are going and plan ahead. Please do not ride with headphones/earbuds in as you will not be able to hear surrounding noises and traffic that may become important to your situation.
2. When at all possible remain going in the same direction as other riders. If everyone is going the same direction the slower moving horses should take the rail and the faster moving horses stay to the inside. Never pass between another horse and the rail.
3. If a rider falls off or is clearly having trouble controlling their horse stop your activities and wait for acknowledgement from the distressed rider that all is ok to continue your work.
4. If you have a horse that has been giving you trouble/acting up try to work them at times that are less busy in the arena. If this is not possible please let the other rider's know of your horse's problems and try to avoid disrupting the other horse's works in the arena.
5. If you need to stop your horse for any reason please do so off of the rail and out of traffic to avoid being in the way.
6. Be courteous and supportive to the other riders as you are all there to work your horses and make use of the arena. No one is more important than another and everyone deserves to be using the arena to their maximum benefit. Address any possible conflicts directly and politely with other riders involved or their parents and be proactive in finding a workable solution to any problems that may arise. Avoid negative language and attitudes when riding with others, especially children.
7. Report any unresolved issues immediately to the show chair in order to get to timely response/resolution.