

**OTH**  
**SAFETY and Barn Rules**

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3. Riders and their volunteer(s) must stay together at all times until rider is released to parent/guardian or caretaker.
4. No hitting, biting, throwing, screaming, yelling, kicking, running, derogatory/negative language or other disruptive behavior.
5. Dispose of food or beverage containers in trash cans. No food, gum or candy while riding or working around horses.
6. Long pants and hard soled shoes with a heel are recommended; please consider the barn environment, task, and weather conditions. No large jewelry that may catch, please secure hair longer than shoulder length with hair clip, hat or rubber band.
7. No smoking, tobacco, or alcohol
8. ALL children must be accompanied by an Adult at all times. All riders must have a volunteer with them when entering the arena or stall barn.
9. Visiting Dogs are not allowed due to the safety of the dog, its owners, horses, students and staff.
10. Riders, volunteers, parent/guardian must stay in designated areas
11. Only riders, volunteers, staff are allowed in the arena, No one enters the arena while a lesson is in progress unless specifically asked by Instructor.
12. No sitting, standing, leaning, hanging, or climbing on fences, gates, buildings, or trees.
13. Only volunteers & staff are allowed in the horse stall barn, unless specifically requested by staff.
14. Treat everyone with respect, humans and horses; be courteous...it costs nothing and pays more dividends than any other investment you will make.
15. Share your ideas or thoughts by filling out a comment card and dropping it in the box located in the arena barn.
16. Make note of all exits and location of fire extinguishers in the event of an emergency. Emergency Phone is in the tack room.
17. Horses stall doors and pasture gates are to be opened with staff supervision only.
18. Parents/guardians or caretakers, guests, volunteers, and OTH staff are asked to use the vibrate option on their cell phone.
19. **THINK SAFETY**-These rules are designed for the safety of everyone involved, please follow these barn rules even though you may do things differently at home or at another stable-These rules are your responsibility.
20. Speak up if you notice a safety issue, please immediately notify the staff.
21. No hand feeding of animals. Treats may be given with prior permission and supervision by staff ONLY.
22. Students who miss a scheduled lesson without calling will be charged for that lesson time. (24 hours notice)
23. Ohio Equine Law states participation in an Equine/Farm activity dealing with animals, participant assumes apparent risk- Animals are unpredictable and can be dangerous.

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**Participants/Parents and or Caregivers/Volunteers and Visiting Guests are responsible for ALL the safety and Barn Rules set forth and fully understand by failing to abide these rules OTH will be forced to take action.” Lesson privileges will be terminated.**

Signature of Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Caretaker (if under 19) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of OTH Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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