

Northwestern Riding & Driving Club

GROUND RULES

The objective of this association shall be to promote good fellowship and to provide recreation among and for horse-lovers, young and old.

1. Any rider/driver under 18 or entered in a youth class is required to wear a helmet while mounted or in a cart on the grounds.
2. A current negative coggins test and rabies vaccine will be required within one year of date.
3. Canterng outside of fenced in rings is not allowed, except as required by special events.
4. Horses are not allowed in designated spectator areas.
5. Horses and horse trailers must be at least 200 feet away from concession stand.
6. When trail riding, use path around outside area of hay field.
7. Riding boots or shoes with heels are required. Sneakers or flat soled shoes are not allowed.
8. Use of alcoholic beverages on the grounds by participants, handlers, judges, officials, committee members and spectators during any active horse-related event is strictly prohibited.
9. Riding double is not allowed, except as required by special events.
10. All riders ride at their own risk and are responsible for damage done by their horse.
11. Abuse of horses will not be tolerated, riders will be asked to leave and will receive no refund. If you have concerns about the treatment of any horse, please address it with a committee member.
12. At the discretion of committee members, anyone whose horse cannot be controlled in or out of the ring and may cause injury will be asked to leave without any refund.
13. All dogs must be leashed, attended at all times and kept away from all riding rings or you will be asked to remove your dog from the grounds. If your dog barks excessively, please leave them at home.
14. This is a family focused club, foul language or excessive cursing is strongly discouraged. If any person has an issue with any other member during an event, notify a committee member as soon as possible so that it can be addressed in a timely manner.
- 15. Use of club grounds, other than events, is for members only.**
16. Please return equipment to designated area after use.
17. Horses are not to be turned loose in the Sand Ring, Grass Ring or Trail Ring and lunging is not allowed in the Grass Ring.
18. Persons participating in an ongoing event have priority use of all rings and the grounds over all other riders or persons on the grounds.
19. Persons who are not in good standing with the club are not eligible for year end awards.

Per the NWRDC By-Laws the event committee has the ability to prohibit further participation at any event in any form by participants, judges, officials, committee members and spectators due to inappropriate conduct and request immediate removal from the grounds if deemed necessary. The Board of Directors maintains the right to suspend any member due to inappropriate conduct at meetings, trail rides, shows, races, or other activities, without refund of dues.

Please be aware that the individual events being held at NWRDC have their own rules that need to be followed, for a list of those rules please contact the individual committees.