

# RIO'S RANCH BARN RULES



Rio's Ranch barn rules are in place to ensure the safety of the horse owners, riders, and horses. Rio's Ranch is a special place to connect with people and horses. Please treat others with respect, courtesy, and consideration. Safe, considerate, and courteous behavior of each boarder, family member, and guest is always required! Your safety is our primary goal. After review, please obtain copy, sign, and date and give it to the barn owner. If there are any questions, feel free to ask the barn owner.

## Basic Rules:

1. If you don't know ask.
2. If you open it, close it.
3. If you turn it on, turn it off.
4. If you lose it, replace it.
5. If you break it, you fix it or buy it.
6. If you move it, put it back.
7. If you unlock it, relock it.
8. If you take it out, put it back.
9. If it's not yours, don't touch it.

## Detailed Rules:

1. No smoking on the premises at all.
2. No dogs on premises without prior approval.
3. Riders under the age of 18 **MUST** always wear a helmet when riding.
4. Correct footwear with a heel must be worn while riding. No sandals or tennis shoes at all while riding.
5. No running or yelling in the barn areas as this could spook a horse.
6. Observe barn hours: 7 am to 7 pm 7 days a week.
7. All visitors must sign a waiver release form prior to riding or handling a horse on the property.
8. Stall doors must remain closed when horses/ponies are inside.
9. Report any unsafe conditions immediately to the barn owner.
10. Always have a halter or bridle on your horse when the horse is out of the stall. Hold or tie the horse. Horses may not be loose.
11. Do not mount or ride in the barn.

- 12. Never leave your horse unattended in the crossies. If you need to step away from your horse, then please make sure someone is nearby to watch your horse.**
- 13. Never tie a horse to stall grills. Damages including repair and replacement of the damaged grill will be the boarder's responsibility.**
- 14. When getting your horse from the paddock or pasture make sure all gates are secured when you go in and after you come out.**
- 15. Clean up after your horse, BEFORE or AFTER YOU LUNGE OR RIDE. This includes sweeping up the crosstie areas and placing the sweepings in the muck bucket. Clean up all manure in the riding arenas after use.**
- 16. Adult supervision is required for all young children. A minor needs to have permission from the barn owner before being left at the barn alone without supervision.**
- 17. Do not put your horse in another horse's stall without the owner's consent. If you have permission to use a different stall, then leave it exactly how you found it. Make sure it is clean from all manure. Please leave the stall better than you found it.**
- 18. All horse hair clippings and loose hair should be put in designated garbage cans.**
- 19. Designated wash area needs to be cleaned after each use to prevent clogging of the drain. Immediately after you are finished using the wash area, please sweep up all debris and put it in the muck bucket. Please hose down the remaining debris. After the area is clean, if there is standing water in the area, please squeegee water into the drain. Please double-check to make sure the water is turned completely off.**
- 20. When bringing your horse into the barn from the paddocks please stay on the path at all times. If you walk your horse on the grass when the ground is soft or wet, it will tear it up. There are designated areas for you to hand graze your horse.**
- 21. Turn off the lights if you are the last one to leave the barn. Make sure all arena lights are off as well as the aisle lights. Working together to conserve electricity will help keep the board rates down.**

#### **Handling Horses:**

- Respect animals ALWAYS!**
- When walking/standing behind a horse this is to be done at your own risk.**
- Do not handle anyone's horse(s), or enter any stall, without express permission by the horse owner and barn owner to do so.**
- Do not remove a horse from a stall or paddock that you do not own. Permission is required from the horse owner or barn owner.**
- Keep a safe distance between horses (horse length)**
- If a horse is loose and acting in a dangerous manner, move to a safe position against the wall, and call for help if necessary.**