

Washington State Horse Park 2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Washington State Horse Park Authority strives to operate the Horse Park in a safe, sustainable manner; to provide a healthy environment for recreation and enjoyment, and to preserve the natural beauty of the setting to the fullest extent possible.

GENERAL RULES

- 1) Obey all permanent and temporary signs posted by the Horse Park.
- 2) Prior to unloading, visitors bringing a horse onto the property are to immediately register using the master registration form either at the Visitors Registration kiosk or online at wahorsepark.org which includes signing the liability release and paying relevant fees.
- 3) Keep all vehicle wheels on gravel; do not park on grass or in woods.
- 4) Be aware that wildlife may be present in and around the Park: be prepared for sudden interactions, keep dogs on leash, carry your cell phone, etc.
- 5) Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times to protect people, horses and other animals; in addition, barking, aggression and destructive behavior of dogs is not allowed.
- 6) Serious fire hazards!!
 - a. Only propane-fueled fires are allowed at any time, and only on gravel or bare dirt surfaces at least 8 feet from the nearest vegetation in RV and parking areas. No charcoal, wood or other cinder- producing fire materials allowed at any time.
 - b. No smoking near vegetation of any kind, near stalls, arenas, or in any building. All smoking material is to be fully extinguished and disposed in nonflammable containers, not in trash cans.
- 7) Any person riding or driving a horse should wear protective head gear. Any adult choosing not to do so, or parent of a child who allows their child to ride/drive without protective head gear, assumes all risks which may result from their decision, including injury or death.
- 8) Anyone jumping obstacles is required to wear protective headgear and shoes with a heel; those jumping outside of an arena must wear a safety vest. Anyone jumping any man-made cross-country obstacle must be supervised by a professional trainer with proper insurance certificates (see cross country procedures at registration kiosk or on the Park's website).
- 9) Consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited while mounted, and no one impaired by any substance will be permitted to ride or be present around stabling, competition or recreational areas.
- 10) Do not alter arena footing or any property without express permission from Park management.

HORSE HANDLING

- 11) No horses in RV spaces #2-15 or in wooded tent camping area
- 12) Horses may not be tied to trailers or other structures unattended.
- 13) All horses on the property overnight must be kept in a stall (one horse per stall) with bedding and water.
- 14) Do not tie horses to trees
- 15) No turn out in arenas
- 16) Lunge in designated areas by the stalls; no lunging in arenas without prior approval of Horse Park management.

TRAILS

- 17) Stay on designated pathways and trails; do not forge new paths or disturb the undeveloped ground and vegetation that comprise the Horse Park's fragile woodland ecosystem.
- 18) No motorized vehicles or horse-drawn carriages on trails, including dirt roads, except as authorized by Park management.
- 19) Be aware that wildlife may be present in and around the Park: be prepared for sudden interactions, keep dogs on leash, carry your cell phone on trails, etc.
- 20) Although not required, it's a good idea to take a powered-up cell phone with you on the trails.

OTHER VEHICLE & PARKING RULES

- 21) All vehicles (including cars, trucks, trailers, vans, motor homes, RVs and golf carts) must be parked in designated areas and not on or in vegetation.
- 22) Any vehicle parked in numbered RV spaces supplied with utility services is required to pay for a hook-up space, whether plugged into utilities or not.
- 23) Only licensed persons may operate a motorized vehicle on Horse Park grounds.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RULES

- 24) All users of the Horse Park and its facilities understand and acknowledge being informed that during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the Horse Park will comply with all regulations imposed by the State of Washington Department of Health and/or the Kittitas County Department of Health. These regulations may require Horse Park users to refrain from certain activities within the Horse Park. Each user of the Horse Park facilities agrees to comply with such rules and regulations implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If a user is not complying, he/she agrees to leave the Horse Park property at the request of the Horse Park.
- 25) All users of the Horse Park agree they will cease using its facilities and will leave the property if any of the following occur:
 - a. The user feels sick with fever, cough or difficulty breathing.
 - b. The user has been exposed to a person with a confirmed COVID-19 case; then, in that event, the Horse Park user will not return to the Horse Park or use its facilities until the user has self-isolated for a minimum of 14 days consistent with applicable health department guidelines.
 - c. The Kittitas County Public Health Department has required the Horse Park user to self-quarantine.
- 26) Each Horse Park user agrees to do the following while at the Horse Park and using its facilities:
 - a. To cover their mouth and nose with some type of mask, bandana or handkerchief when around others while at the Horse Park, except while mounted. (To be reviewed prior to event for compliance with updated Department of Health regulations)
 - b. Maintain at least a 6-foot distance from other people not in your immediate household.
 - c. Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after visits to high-traffic areas or upon leaving and returning to the Horse Park.
 - d. Not shake hands with anyone.
 - e. Not share with anyone tack or horse equipment without sanitizing.
 - f. Use their sleeve to cover their mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing.
- 27) All Horse Park users agree to leave the property upon any of the following occurring:
 - a. A user shows signs of COVID-19 (fever, cough, or trouble breathing).
 - b. An employee requests the user to leave the property because of a violation of these COVID-19 Pandemic Rules.

OTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

- 28) Call 911 immediately in the event of an emergency. Other emergency contact information may be posted at/near the Office.
- 29) The Horse Park must be made aware of any accident or injury requiring emergency medical treatment as soon as practical after qualified medical assistance is contacted.
- 30) Obey any directives pursuant to an Emergency Evacuation or Containment Plan, or Bio Security Plan, as directed by Park management and local officials.
- 31) The Horse Park reserves the right to establish areas where alcohol and other mind-altering substances may and may not be consumed, and the right to remove from the Horse Park any visitor if, in the sole judgment of the Horse Park, the individual is unable or unwilling to follow the rules and regulations established by the Horse Park and/or creates a disturbance or unsafe circumstances for themselves, other visitors and/or their horses.
- 32) If hazardous conditions occur, (e.g., lightning, heavy rain, ice, heavy wind, etc.) Horse Park has the right to postpone or cancel any activity or event.
- 33) Horse Park reserves the right to require immediate removal of a horse to an isolated location at owner's expense if a horse is deemed by a licensed veterinarian to have, or be a carrier of, an infectious disease.
- 34) Horse Park may remove dangerous, disruptive or unlawful persons from Horse Park property or vehicles improperly parked, request the assistance of law enforcement officers in removal of such persons or vehicles and to resolve other problematic situations, and request the assistance of emergency medical personnel, veterinarians or law enforcement officers to address any issues that come to the attention of the Horse Park

The Horse Park will take whatever action is necessary to enforce these Rules and Regulations, which may include towing of offending vehicle(s), fines and/or restrictions on future use of the Horse Park.

The Washington State Equine Limitation of Liability Act, RCW4.24, applies to all horse-related activities associated with the Horse Park. Horses by their very nature present a risk of injury, harm or death. Riders represent that they are qualified to participate in the activities and at the levels they elect. All horses on the property participate entirely at the owner's and rider's risk and are in their care and custody while at the Park, including transportation in case of an emergency. The owner/rider is personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves or their horse.

All Event Participants

WSHP Release of Liability for Property Damage, Personal Injury or Death

I choose to participate voluntarily in Equine Activities, as that term is defined in RCW 4.24.530(2), at the **Washington State Horse Park** ("WSHP"). The WSHP is an equine activity sponsor, as that term is defined in RCW 4.24.530(3). I am fully aware of and acknowledge that Equine Activities involve inherent dangerous risk of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering or death ("Harm").

I agree to release WSHP Authority and the individual WSHP Board members and the WSHP Foundation and the individual WSHP Foundation Board Members, their agents, assigns, employees and contractors and members, the City of Cle Elum and Suncadia, LLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Released Parties") from all claims for money damages or loss for any Harm to me, my injury or death, the injury or death of my child(ren) named below ("Child") or my horse or for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm, directly or indirectly, resulted from the negligence of the Released Parties.

I agree to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my child or my horse.

I agree to indemnify the Released Parties and to hold the Released Parties harmless from all claims, causes of action and money damages resulting from Harm to me, my Child, or my horse while I am participating in Equine Activities at the WSHP facility.

Under Washington State law, except as provided in RCW 4.24.540(2), an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional shall not be liable for an injury or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity, and, except as provided in subsection (s) of this section, no participant nor participant's representative may maintain an action against or recover from an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity.

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of WSHP that are posted on the WSHP property. I understand these rules and regulations of WSHP will be changed from time to time and I agree to abide by the changed rules. I represent that I and/or my child have the requisite training, coaching and ability to participate safely in the activities we chose to pursue at WSHP.

Release of Photographic and Video Images

I hereby give permission to WSHP and those acting with its authority the unrestricted right and permission to use, publish and republish any photographic or video images of me and/or my horse for promotional and marketing purposes of the Horse Park. I also permit the use of any printed material in connection therewith and relinquish any right to review or restrict it's use or publication.

I have read and understand these Releases; my signature below signifies my acceptance of their terms and conditions. I agree these Releases shall remain in full force and effect until they are specifically revoked by me in writing or superseded by new releases issued by the Horse Park and signed by me. An electronic signature will have the same force and effect as a handwritten signature.

Name of Event: Reining in the Park Show

Event Date: July 21-25, 2021

Participant's Name _____ DOB if under 18 _____

Participant's Signature _____ Today's Date _____

If Event Participant is under 18 years of age, his/her parent must sign on his/her behalf below:

Parent's Name _____ *Today's Date* _____

Parent's Signature _____

Signer's Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____