

# Arena Etiquette

1. Always pass “left shoulder to left shoulder”.
2. Keep a minimum of “one horse-length” between you and any other horses/riders at all times.
3. If you pull equipment out for your ride, please return it to its proper place when finished.
4. Let other riders know when you are approaching from behind and on which side you intend to pass by calling “inside” or “rail”. Make sure there is enough space to pass safely.
5. Make sure nobody is behind you before stopping or backing up.
6. Call out “diagonal” before crossing the arena at more than just a walk when other riders are present.
7. Call your line while jumping by saying “heads up”. Stop to avoid a close call or collision.
8. Try to be courteous to someone riding in a pattern or figure.
9. No unsupervised jumping is permitted.
10. Extreme speed should be avoided unless it will not interfere with other riders. Great speeds should be avoided when others are in the arena.
11. Be considerate and aware of other riders, especially less experienced riders.
12. Do not tie horses to the arena fencing.
13. If a rider falls off or a horse gets loose in the arena while you are riding, promptly stop what you’re doing, and dismount until the situation is handled.
14. No lunging in the large arena when riders are present.
15. All gates and entrances to the arena must be closed and latched.
16. Dismount to open and close all gates.