

Washington State Horse Park

Use of Derby Field for Schooling Late Summer and Fall 2012



Overview of Derby Facility

The first phase of the Derby Field was completed in time to host the West Coast Pony Club Championships on August 9th. The "Field" is a 15 acre lightly wooded parcel of varied terrain; it includes permanent water, bank and ditch obstacles and portable cross country jumps from Beginner Novice through Training level. Some of the cross country jumps can be height- adjusted with natural rails, and there are 4-5 sets of show jump standards with poles available for constructing combinations as needed.

The galloping tracks encompass almost 1300 meters and average about 15 feet wide but are narrow in places around jumps. The surrounding woods are not groomed and may contain hidden holes, roots, sticks, rocks, etc.; riders must stay on the dirt track for safety and to preserve the environment.

Warm-up: inviting and safe space is provided in one of the sand arenas for flat work and stadium jumping, followed by a two minute trail walk to a cross country warm-up jump by the start box. And then on to the Derby Field!

Reservation of Derby Field

- Send email request to director@wahorsepark.org at least 7 days in advance. State date and time period desired, number of riders, trainer's name and proof of insurance (see below), and organizer's contact information.
- All riders who wish to school over the Derby course must be accompanied by a trainer who has current professional liability insurance of at least \$1 million. A copy of the trainer's policy declaration page or other statement from the insurance company must be provided that defines the named insured individual and business, the coverage limits and policy period before any jump schooling activities can be approved.
- Once insurance coverage and other details are finalized, an email confirmation will be sent by Leslie Thurston stating that the schooling reservation is approved.

Schooling Day

- When arriving at the Park, the organizer must check in with the on-site Facilities Manager, Deanie Hosker, to complete paperwork and payment. Deanie's cell # is 509-607-4643. Please call 24 hours ahead to confirm arrival time.
- All riders and trainers using the Derby Field must sign the appropriate (rider or trainer) Horse Park Cross Country Liability Release. Riders under 18 years of age must have their Liability Release signed by a parent or other designated responsible adult.
- All riders using the Derby Field must wear **safety vests, helmets and footwear with a heel.**
- Warm-up on the flat and over fences must be in a designated sand arena and not in the Derby Field.
- All Horse Park equipment made available for schooling use must be returned to its original location at the end of the schooling period. Items not returned or damaged may require payment of a damage and/or replacement fee.
- The Derby Field will be closed for the season on October 1, 2012 in order to remove jumps and seed all bare ground to ensure time for germination before freezing temperatures arrive. We want to be ready for schooling early next Spring!!