

# Washington State Horse Park

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Washington State Horse Park Authority intends 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. To support these objectives, the following rules apply to all visitors.

### 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 at the Office or self sign-in using the master registration form at the Visitors' Registration kiosk in order to sign a liability release and pay any relevant fees, or to check in with the Event Organizer.
- 3) Keep all vehicle wheels on gravel; do not park on grass or in woods.
- 4) No horses allowed in wooded RV spaces 1-15.
- 5) Dogs:
  - a. All dogs must be on a leash while on Horse Park property; please pick up after your dog and keep it under control.
  - b. All dogs must be on leash while on the trails - dogs can scare horses, injure or kill wildlife, and be injured or killed by predators.
- 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.
  - c. The Horse Park has adopted an Emergency Evacuation Plan. A copy of the Emergency Evacuation Plan is posted at the Emergency Information signboard in the main parking area (RV hookup sign 22-23) facing stabling, on the Park's website [www.wahorsepark.org](http://www.wahorsepark.org). Each visitor must agree to follow the Emergency Evacuation Plan if the Horse Park, in conjunction with local law enforcement and fire departments, determines an emergency requiring evacuation exists.
- 7) Stay on designated pathways and trails and in all other ways avoid disturbing the undeveloped ground and vegetation that comprise the Horse Park's fragile woodland ecosystem. Do not ride in undisturbed natural areas or forge new paths.
- 8) No motorized vehicles or horse-drawn carriages on trails, including dirt roads, except as authorized by Park management.
- 9) Leave the property as you found it for the next visitor - pick up manure and scattered hay, strip your stall, fix pawing and other impacts, and dispose of trash.
- 10) Personal safety
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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 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)
  - d. Although not required, it's a good idea to take a powered-up cell phone with you on the trails.
  - e. 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.
- 11) Horses:
  - a. Horses may not be tied to trailers or other structures unattended.

- b. All horses on the property overnight must be kept in a stall (one horse per stall) with bedding and water.
- c. Do not tie horses to trees, or to trailers in numbered RV hook-up camping spots, where permanent damage can easily be done to native vegetation.
- d. No horses or carriages in wooded tent camping areas.
- e. Lunge in designated areas by the stalls; no lunging in arenas without prior approval of Horse Park management.

12) Do not dig into or otherwise materially alter arena footing.

13) Alcohol Use: The Horse Park reserves the right to establish areas of the Horse Park where alcohol may be 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 has consumed alcohol and as a result of said consumption 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.

14) Any information or material affixed to the stalls must be removable and secured in such a way as to not cause damage. EVENT SPONSOR is responsible for removal of all materials at the completion of the show/event.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES**

- 1) Call 911 immediately in the event of an emergency. Other emergency contact information may be posted at/near the Office. The Horse Park should be made aware of any accident or injury requiring emergency medical treatment as soon as practical after qualified medical assistance is contacted.
- 2) Emergency Medical Technician(s) are required to be on site for certain organized activities, as agreed in advance with the EVENT SPONSOR.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Horse Park, in cooperation with EVENT SPONSOR, 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.

### **VEHICLES & PARKING RULES**

- 1) All vehicles (including cars, trucks, trailers, vans, motor homes, RV's and golf carts) must be parked in designated areas and not on or in vegetation.
- 2) Hook-ups for trailers/camper/ RV's include water and electrical, and in spots 2-15 sewer. Any vehicle parked in spaces supplied with these services is required to pay for a Hook-up space, whether plugged into utilities or not.
- 3) Only licensed persons may operate a motorized vehicle on Horse Park grounds.

EVENT SPONSOR shall take all steps that are reasonably necessary to enforce the above regulations.

**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.**