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Quail Ridge Equestrian

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Rules

WARNING

Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

- 1. Respect hours of operation.
 - a. Hours and Holidays: 7 AM 8 PM daily
 - i. If you need to be in the barn either before or after hours because of an emergency or horse show, please notify the barn manager.
 - ii. The barn is open every day, 365 days a year, so you are welcome to visit your horse any day you wish, even on holidays.
- 2. No speeding in the driveway!
- 3. All riders must sign a release form before riding.
- 4. Always wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet with secured chin strap at all times while mounted.
- 5. Help us make the farm a fun, friendly, supportive environment for all! Be nice to others, both people and horses, no exceptions. Treat other boarders, management, family, and guests (including their horses and property) with the same kindness and respect with which you would like to be treated, while on the farm, at shows or clinics and on social media.
- 6. Quail Ridge Equestrian is at all times to remain a friendly place suitable for the entire family of the other boarders and clients. No belligerent, malicious, lewd, vulgar, profane

or otherwise objectionable conduct or language will be tolerated. The conduct of everyone on the farm will at all times be dignified and civil. Failure to comply with this key rule will result in your being asked to leave Quail Ridge Equestrian.

- 7. Don't borrow without asking permission.
- 8. Don't move anything without asking permission.
- 9. Don't straight, ground, or cross-tie a horse that won't stand quietly.
- 10. Notify the Barn Manager 48 hours before the vet, farrier, etc. is going to be on the property.
- 11. Riding on neighboring property without permission is prohibited by county ordinance. If you are unsure of Quail Ridge Equestrian's boundaries, please check with a staff member.
- 12. Lessons may be given only by instructors authorized by Quail Ridge Equestrian, LLC.
- 13. Everyone is welcome to use the arenas during business hours, but please be aware of and courteous to those taking lessons.
- 14. Please use caution when entering the arenas. Be sure to let other riders know when you are passing, and follow the left-hand-to-left-hand rule. Please use common sense and courtesy when riding with others, especially if there are green horses or riders involved. Always be polite and accommodating to others.
- 15. If people are riding, lungeing is limited to ONE horse at a time per arena. Horses involved in a lesson have priority. If someone is waiting to lunge his/her horse, please try to limit their wait to 10 minutes.
- 16. It is NOT permissible to allow your horse to roll in any arena if others are riding.
- 17. It is your responsibility to keep your horse under control at all times. If it becomes unsafe for others to be in the arena because your horse is not under control, please be courteous and leave the arena until a time when others are not at risk. This is a barn full of knowledgeable and kind people. Do not be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help if you need it – everybody needs a hand at some point.
- 18. For the safety of both people and horses, do not leave horses unattended in cross-ties.
- 19. Turnout is a major concern of boarders and also the staff here at Quail Ridge Equestrian. We will strive to provide the best quality of turnout that we can. Please keep in mind that weather conditions may limit what we feel is safe and healthy for your horse. Extremely cold or hazardous weather could prohibit safe turnout, so please understand if your horse is not outside on a given day – we have his/her best interests at heart.
- 20. Any damage occurring to stalls, fencing, or other property should be reported to the staff immediately. Normal wear-and-tear is expected; however, any excessive or negligent damage caused by you or your horse may be considered your financial responsibility.
- 21. Children must be under adult supervision at all times. If you are planning to leave your child at the barn for a period of time, please make sure that you have made arrangements with another adult to supervise your child in your absence.
- 22. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to ride when there is not an adult present at the barn. This is extremely important we really do not want anybody getting injured, and especially if there is no one around to help.

- 23. Dogs are not permitted on the premises. Due to the unpredictability of dogs and horses, it is not a safe environment for them or our patrons, so please leave your short furry friends at home.
- 24. Please turn off any lights that are not in use.
- 25. You should never touch, feed, or handle any horse other than your own without permission from the owner. The owner must notify the staff if someone other than him/herself will be handling the horse.
- 26. We will be happy to add feed supplements or administer medications with written instructions from the owner. If the request involves a substantial amount of time or labor, there may be a small fee.
- 27. Please respect the privacy of the Ray-Roehms. Remember this is our home as well as our place of work. Do not allow horses to graze on the lawn close to the house, or ride your horse near the house.
- 28. This is a smoke-free environment. The use of tobacco or illegal drugs is prohibited on the property. The use of alcohol is prohibited with the exception of staff-planned events.
- 29. All horses must arrive at QRE worm-free, current on all common vaccinations and a negative Coggins in-hand. We require that all horses participate in the QRE Worming Program. Spring and fall shots will be scheduled with Elizabethtown Veterinary Hospital; if you use a different veterinary practice, please schedule your shots for the same week as we do.
- 30. Automobile parking is available along the fence line of the horse pasture. Please do not park around the main red barn or in the private driveway of either of the two houses on the property. Trailer parking is available on a limited basis. Please talk to the barn manager if you wish to leave your trailer here.
- 31. Please notify a staff member or leave a note if you are taking your horses off the property (even if only for a trail ride). We don't want to worry about you or your horse.
- 32. Please do not take hay, grain, or shavings for a horse show, or feed your horse an extra helping, without first consulting QRE staff. You are welcome to the supplies, but we need to keep track of things and make sure horses are not given double feedings.
- 33. Everybody who rides here at Quail Ridge Equestrian must sign a liability release form. This means that if you have a friend who wants to sit on your horse for even 5 minutes, he/she MUST sign a release form. If your friend is a minor, his/her parent must sign or they cannot ride or sit on your horse. Forms are available in the barn on top of the shelves leading into the tack/feed room next to the phone.
- 34. Most importantly: Please use common sense! If something you are doing could cause a problem for you, your horse, or someone else please don't do it!
- 35. These rules are intended to create a mutual understanding of the requirements necessary to maintain a pleasant and safe riding environment. We thank you for your cooperation. Boarders and students who are unable to follow these rules will unfortunately be asked to leave Quail Ridge Equestrian.
- 36. Appropriate, closed-toe footwear is highly recommended for everyone near the horses or stable.
- 37. Keep your horse on a lead at all times when out of the stall or pasture.

- 38. When riding in fields or trails, watch out for groundhog holes and other marked and unmarked obstacles. If you find animal holes that should be marked, please let management know.
- 39. If you give someone else permission to visit/handle/ride your horse when you are not on the farm, please let the Barn Manager know ahead of time. These visitors MUST sign a QRE Liability Release Waiver before they may handle or ride any horse.
- 40. We may offer limited access to our ring and trails to outside guests. Guests trailering horses to QRE must make prior arrangements with QRE management, and must provide proof of current negative Coggins, and all vaccinations required of boarder's horses (Tetanus, Rabies, West Nile, Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Influenza (Flu), Rhinopneumonitis (Herpes), Strangles) BEFORE their horses may visit the property. Owners of haul-in horses must sign a QRE Liability Release, and must comply with all applicable barn rules. The haul-in fee is \$20 per horse, per day and must be paid in advance. Management reserves the right to grant or refuse access to our facilities at our discretion.
- 41. Please provide your horse with a breakaway halter.
- 42. If you are riding at feed time, we will leave your horse's feed so that you may feed them after your ride and after they are cooled.
- 43. Horses may only be turned out in their pre-approved paddocks. Horses may not be moved to a different paddock at any time without the notification and permission of the Barn Manager. If you feel there is a need for change, please discuss this with the Barn Manager.
- 44. Please do not waste water; turn off water after use and use buckets whenever possible. Please coil hoses when you are done using them.
- 45. When cleaning out your trailer, please place all manure and soiled bedding in the tractor bucket. Please do not leave muck buckets of manure inside the horse barn.
- 46. Prior to leasing a horse, the boarder must obtain prior permission from Stable management. As a reminder, all Stable visitors are required to sign a release immediately upon entering the Stable premises.