

# Cottonwood Riding Club



## RULES

Horseback riding is a dangerous sport. The use, handling and riding of a horse involves a risk of physical injury to any individual undertaking such activities; a horse, irrespective of its training and usual past behavior and characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or fright which, likewise, is an inherent risk assumed by horseback rider. To provide a safer more enjoyable atmosphere for its members and riders, Cottonwood Riding Club has instituted the following rules, which will be enforced by management and fellow boarders.

### **GENERAL RULES:**

1. Maintain a MAXIMUM speed limit of 15 MPH upon entering Cottonwood,
2. NO DOGS allowed past the parking lot. We highly recommend you keep all dogs at home.
3. Cars are NOT allowed in the courtyard or pasture areas (see management when loading or unloading). Cars are restricted to designated parking areas only.
4. NO SMOKING in any buildings, please no littering.
5. NO OUTSIDE TRAINERS we offer classes in a variety of disciplines and are always open to hearing more ideas. Please bring all new ideas to the office
6. Guests are allowed to trailer-in but must check in at the office, there is a trailer-in fee (please see price sheet), and health certificates should be made available to management. All trailer-ins should park on the north side of the lane up by the outdoor arena.
7. NO RUNNING, or other disruptive behavior is allowed on Cottonwood property. Remind your kids no running or playing in the courtyard area or under the bridge and no tree climbing.
8. No horses are to be left outside their pen unattended. All horses must be tied with a complete halter, to strings only and under the owner's immediate control.
9. Horses are to be tied in designated areas only, never tie to arena rails, car doors, pen rails, or in the aisle of the New Barn etc. They are not designed to hold if a horse is spooked and pulls back, you will injure your horse.
10. Horses are not allowed in tack rooms or in the clubhouse lawn area.
11. A halter left on the tie does NOT reserve your space while you ride. If a halter is left tied the next person should remove it a place it on the ground safely out of the way.
12. Horses are to be kept at a walk in the courtyard area at all times.
13. Horses are not to be left unattended in arenas or in round pens. Riders have priority over turnout horses.
14. Washing or hosing down horses is never allowed in the courtyard area; please use the wash area only.
15. All Cottonwood feed and bedding is restricted from general use. It's your responsibility to time your rides so that your horse doesn't miss his/her meal, a routine eating schedule is important to your horse's digestion. If you need your feed marker changed put a note on the office door.
16. The turnout pastures are restricted to the Cottonwood turnout program only Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. After these times and all day Sunday you are permitted to use the turnout paddocks. Please limit use to 30 minutes.
17. Please turn off all lights and LOCK you tack room after use.

18. Keep all pasture gates, pen gates, and stall doors closed (with clips) at all times.
19. All Supplemental feed must be kept under the office in a sealed container. No feed in tack rooms.
20. Farriers must never block the aisle way of any barn with either your horse or with their equipment. Horses may be shod in the tie stall on the east side of the Breeze Way barn or on the west side of the Arapahoe barn or under the trees by the canal. You are responsible to clean up after your Farrier.

### **STALL BARN RULES:**

1. No riding or mounting in stall or breezeway barn aisle ways.
2. No horse is to be left unattended in the stall or breezeway barn aisle way and NEVER tie in the stall barn aisle.
3. DO NOT clutter barn aisle ways or tack rooms with tack or off-season equipment such as winter blankets in the summer time or unused gear.
4. Horses are not to be led between the tractor and barn walls, use an alternate entrance if the barn equipment is in the way.
5. Stall barn and breezeway barn aisle way is for all boarders to use in bad weather.
6. In good weather please use outside crossties leaving barn aisle ways clear.

### **ARENA RULES:**

1. General riding has priority over specialty riding except during lessons or in the polo arena where polo players have priority.
2. No foreign objects such as polo mallets or ropes are to be used while other riders are in the arena.
3. Lunging is allowed in the arenas with the following restrictions: NO LUNGING if more than 4 riders are present or if a lesson is being conducted on school horses. Lunge only if all other riders give their permission. Never lunge to get your horses bucks and kicks out when other riders are present; your horse must be under control at all times.
4. Polo and Jumping are not allowed without safety approved hard hats and riding boots. We recommend that riders wear helmets and a hard soled shoe with a ½" heel at all times while riding.
5. All indoor arena observers must remain behind barriers provided.
6. Jumping is only allowed while in a lesson with a Cottonwood Instructor. Exceptions are made only for those riders that are over the age of 18 and who have competed in an USEF show in the last 6 months.
7. Riding is allowed in the arenas while lessons are going on (excluding polo lessons). However the instructor is in charge of setting special arena rules during that time due to the inexperience of their students. During lessons all riders must follow the same direction as the lesson, if you wish to reverse please ask the instructor if that would be possible.
8. For safety reason all riders must remain in control of their horse at all times. If you are traveling faster than other riders pass on the inside and verbalize your intentions to all riders. Look ahead and avoid collisions by circling or slowing your horse down.
9. If a rider falls off, all other riders are to stop immediately. DO NOT move the rider pending first aid care.
10. When riding in opposite directions, pass left hand to left hand. All riders performing; figure eights, circles, jumping ect. should verbalize their intent to other riders and they should always take the inside track.
11. No loitering while in riding in the arena. Do not stop to talk to others or ride side by side this is dangerous and inconsiderate of other riders.
12. NO TURN OUT in the Polo arena

### **BOTTOM LINE: Safety first, and be considerate of other horses and riders, especially those less experienced.**

If any member or rider needs further explanation of the club's policies or rules, please feel free to see the management.

Thank you  
Cottonwood Management