



## Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences Horse Center Boarder Policies and Code of Conduct Agreement

**This is not a typical boarding facility. Please keep in mind that as a boarder here, you are also a representative to the public of OSU and its Equine Science Program.** The OSU Horse Center is designed, operated, and managed as a teaching and learning facility for the Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences. Resource allocation will be given to all instruction and teaching as first priority. Other activities including boarding, evening, and weekend events shall be given second priority.

Boarding at the OSU Horse Center is an opportunity granted to students active at the center on a daily basis. **According to the boarding agreement, you are required to clean your stall daily.** This also includes sweeping the area in front of your stall and tack box area. If you are unable to clean your stall, you must have a suitable substitute scheduled such as another boarder or OSU Horse Center employee. Fines and eviction may result if you do not follow these guidelines. All equipment should be stored in your locker. Halter, lead, and stable blanket may be on your stall front. Nothing else is to be kept on the stall front. Additional stable blankets can be stored in the blanket bar area in correlation to your stall number.

Use a lock on your tack locker. Bedding management and turnout will be discussed on a term-by-term basis. Access to pastures, turnouts, and arenas may change depending on weather conditions.

You are strongly encouraged to ride or exercise your horse daily. Turnout in areas other than the two gravel paddocks, 3 turnout pens or designated pastures is not allowed. For the safety of your horse, the use of turnout rugs is highly discouraged. **NO FREE LUNGING IN THE ARENAS.** Do not let your horse roll in the arenas. Significant work goes into maintaining the level base in the arenas. If problems arise regarding horse injury or lay-up, see management for input.

While you are participating in regular activities including classes, boarding, and team practices, **professional dress is required.** This includes but is not limited to long pants, a shirt that covers the shoulders, and boots appropriate for the riding discipline. All people in the barn or pasture areas are required to wear closed-toed shoes even if not handling horses directly. Refrain from wearing clothing that endorses drugs, alcohol, or profanity. This facility is exposed to many different groups, and the OSU Horse Center is promoting professionalism and safety and every level.

While at the OSU Horse Center, use professional and appropriate conduct. Yelling and shouting will not be tolerated. If there is a conflict or emergency, contact a staff member immediately. You are expected to refrain from using profane and derogatory language to other facility users. Campus police will be alerted if alcohol or drug use occurs at the OSU Horse Center or if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol while participating in activities at the facility.

Please limit the number of guests you bring to the facility. Do not crowd the barn aisles with visitors. The main barn and arenas are open for touring by appointment only. However, visitors are always welcome in the spectator area of the indoor arena. Boarding privileges extend to those listed on your signed boarding agreement. Additional handlers may be added to the permission sheet (but this is discouraged). Please refrain from allowing non-qualified friends to handle your horse. All handlers shall be required to adhere to this Code of Conduct and follow dress code and proper protocol, and the boarders will be responsible for their guest's actions. Try to contact other boarders or OSU Horse Center crew if you need help with a specific situation. This is to insure the safety of people and horses at our facility.

An arena schedule outlines the times and dates the arena is open for riding. Open arena time indicates boarder use is allowed. Riding in the arenas and fields is subject to change if poor weather occurs or maintenance is required. The indoor arena opens at 6:00am and closes at 9:45pm sharp. Weekend events usually occur 7:00am to 5:00pm. The arena will be open for evening boarder use unless otherwise posted.

Permission is required for use of jumps and obstacles in the arena during open times. If granted, please remove the obstacles immediately when finished from the riding area for safety. See Jump Rules for more specifics on jump usage.

*I understand and accept this Code of Conduct. I understand that this facility is professional and regulated and operates as a teaching unit for the Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences. If I break this Code of Conduct, I may lose privileges and may be evicted based on the severity of my actions. If I have questions or concerns, I understand that I can contact any of the OSU Horse Center staff for advice.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_