



MISFIT FARM STABLE RULES – AUGUST, 2013

Hello Riders!

In our mission to make Misfit Farm the very best place it can be, we ask that you please read carefully and follow the rules below, and if you see something that needs to be done, pitch in to help! It's best for the people and the animals if we are all on the same page, and if we all step up to keep our Barn clean, tidy, safe and happy. If you have questions, let management know. We're happy to explain!

1. **Footwear & Helmets** - Proper, safe (covered) footwear must be worn at all times in the barn whether mounted or not. You **MUST** wear a helmet with chinstrap closed at all times, no matter what, whenever mounted, whether on a trailride or in the ring/round pen. Absolutely **NO EXCEPTIONS**. You can help to keep everybody safe – if you see a rider without a helmet, remind them of the rules!
2. **Family, friends, guests** - Anyone who intends to ride or work a horse on the premises **MUST** sign a liability release. This includes all friends, family, guests, and students. Releases are available in the barn, but if you can't find one please ask management for one and we'll get one for you immediately. (We'll keep it on file for the next time.)
3. **Cleanup** - We ask that you leave the stable *better* than you found it! You must clean up after yourself and your horse. If either of you make a mess, please clean it up properly. Specifically, you are responsible to clean up after yourself and your horse whenever they are trimmed, clipped, shaved, brushed, combed, sprayed, thinned, or any other equine maintenance and beautification procedures. This includes cleaning up any piles in the aisle, crosstie or washstall that may be left by your four-legged friend. If you see a mess that's not yours, and have some time, please take a moment and tidy it up. It's the nice thing to do and contributes to a better barn for all. *However - If you see a habitual cleanup issue, please let Misfit Farm management know about it so that we can address it with the mess perpetrator. Please do not confront that person yourself. We will handle it.*
4. **Equipment cleaning + Inspection** - You must inspect and clean your tack/equipment regularly. If you find damaged or dangerous tack/equipment, replace it or notify the equipment's owner immediately.
5. **Borrowing + Loaning equipment** - You must have explicit permission to borrow tack or equipment from another rider. If you didn't ask, don't take it! You are responsible for the condition of all borrowed tack and equipment. If you break or lose it, you replace it. You may not loan tack or equipment that is not yours.

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6. **Equipment storage + Tack areas** – You are responsible for keeping your tack area clean. Make sure to put all tack and equipment away in its designated area after your ride. If you need to let pads, wraps, etc. dry, please hang them neatly. If you absolutely need to leave them out, please let the management know. We recommend that you clearly and permanently LABEL all of your equipment to avoid any confusion. If you don't know where something belongs, don't just leave it, ask! If you wish to lock your tack trunk you must provide a key/combination to management. Any locks you have not provided access to will be removed.
7. **Pets + Outside horses** - You and your guests must get permission ahead of time to bring any pets to the barn. Absolutely no dogs allowed without prior permission! No dogs allowed in the barn for any reason, ever. No outside horses allowed on the premises without prior permission.
8. **Warm up + Cool down periods** - You are responsible for warming up and cooling down your horse properly. This is very important as incorrect warm up and cooldown can cause serious injury. If you have questions about this, let management or a trainer know and we will help you.
9. **Helping out + asking questions**- If you see a green/beginning rider struggling, pitch in to help – share your knowledge with them. It'll help them out and make you feel better. If you have a question don't hesitate to ask! Misfit Farm is a place of learning and there is no such thing as a “stupid question”.
10. **Vices** - Absolutely no illegal drugs on the premises, no matter what. No drinking or smoking anywhere near the barn, tack areas, or hay loft.
11. **The hot tub** - If you or your guests use the hot tub, make sure that you've left it the way you found it. That includes doing laundry – if you use a towel, please put it in a hamper when you're finished.
12. **Halters in stalls** - Never ever leave your horse in his/her stall haltered. ALWAYS remove halters of ALL types before leaving your horse in their stall!
13. **Round Pen** - The round pen is not a turnout pen. Never leave your horse unattended in the round pen.
14. **Where not to ride** - Do not ride in the turn out pasture or through the barn aisles AT ANY TIME, under any circumstances.
15. **Ring usage** - Boarders and Lessees may use the ring at any time, unless there is a group lesson or other group activity going on, or unless you receive special permission to ride in the ring anyway. Check with management for schedule information if you want to be sure that the ring will be empty when you want it. If you knock down a jump, please set it back up again when you're done with your ride.
16. **Children** - All children under 14 must have a parent or guardian with them on the premises, unless other arrangements have been made in advance with Misfit Farm.
17. **Cross ties + Washstall rules** - Never leave your horse alone while tied in the wash rack or cross ties. Always clean up after your horse and make sure to turn the water off after bathtime so the hose doesn't break.
18. **Dumping** - Do not dump hay, manure, or anything else anywhere besides the manure bin. When you dump in the manure bin always make sure you go as far back with your wheel barrow as possible. Do not put any garbage in the manure pile.