



GOULBURN VALLEY REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION INC.

ARENA / WARM UP ARENA POLICY

In support of the NRHA Animal Welfare Policy and to insure a safe and effective environment in which to school, GVRHA has provided a written plan for safe schooling opportunities.

The Plan includes the **maximum number of horse (20)** that are to be in the arena at any one time.

Length of time riding. It is mandated at GVRHA/NRHA events that horses are not to be ridden in excess. The **approximate guideline being not more than two hours of riding at a time**. After riding, the horse must be rested with access to feed and water.

Pen / Warm Up Pen rules :

1. Number of horses in the Pen at one given time is limited to 20 or at discretion of Safety Officer.
2. Circles on the lower end of the arena, or closest to the gate, are to the left.
3. Circles on the top end or furthest from the gate, are to the right.
4. Do not stop, school or spin, in the centre of the arena as you will be in their traffic of other riders.
5. Run large fast circles on the outer path, if trotting or exercise loping, ride slightly further in on a smaller circle to stay out of the running of the large fast circles.
6. Spin or air your horse up in the middle of either circle.
7. First half hour circles (green lights) second half hour run downs (red lights).
8. Do not ride or gather in groups as it further congests the arena and makes it hard for others to ride around you.
9. Do not continue to ride if your horse is in an "unfit condition" such as out of air, overly tired or lame.
10. No lunging and no un-saddling horses in the arena.

Tractor etiquette: all arena will follow these guidelines during drag time –

- All horses will stop forward movement

drag have exited the arena. These guidelines apply regardless of the number of horses in the arena. Any violation of these guidelines will be viewed as unsportsmanlike conduct, which can result in discipline action.

Show attire: The NRHA Handbook outlines the attire required for showing; when you enter the arena to show you must be wearing a western hat or safety hat, long sleeved western shirt with sleeves buttoned down and boots. Your horse must have a western saddle and western bridle. Failure to have correct attire upon entering the arena will result in a score 0, however losing your hat within a run does not attract a penalty.

Number: failing to wear your show number can result in a \$25 fine. Pin your number to your saddle pad on the left hand side, or it is permitted to pin to your shirt.

Presentations : all horses should return to the Pen for presentation. All competitors and handlers entering the arena for presentation must be wearing a hat and long sleeve shirt. Competitors should be astride. Caps and short sleeved shirts are acceptable only during paid Warm Up and Open Pen.

