

Dream River Ranch

Arena Etiquette

Riding in a group can be fun. Be courteous to others and follow these rules.

- ❑ NO DOGS and NO SMOKING while riding.
- ❑ Minors MUST wear helmets.
- ❑ Close the gate when entering or leaving the arena to avoid escapes.
- ❑ Safety-check your tack and horse before mounting, and mount up away from the gate.
- ❑ Ride safely. There is an “outside,” “inside” and “center” to every arena. The “outside” is the fast track. The “inside” is closer to the center and used for slow work and one-on-one lessons. The “center” is used for mounting, dismounting, lining up for judging and chatting with your friends. Here is where you also may take limited calls on your cell phone.
- ❑ Ride in the same direction as others when possible. When riding in the opposite direction, “pass left shoulder to left shoulder”. If there isn’t enough time to get into position, call your position- inside or outside. The on-coming rider will adjust. When changing directions or making a circle, avoid a collision or cutting someone off by looking for an open spot where no horses are behind you.
- ❑ Announce your intentions, “passing on your left”, “jumping fence 3”, “leaving arena”, “entering arena”. It is courteous and helpful especially if there are young horses that may have little training and may be distracted or easily frightened.
- ❑ Call out warnings of “anything” that might spook a horse. It prepares the riders.
- ❑ Always clean up after your horse.