



Policies

The following policies have been created in the interest of the safety and consideration of everyone at Canton Equestrian Center (“CEC”). These policies apply to boarders, instructors, staff, students, parents, visitors and ANYONE else who is on CEC premises. Please read thoroughly. Any questions can be directed to the Barn Manager, Mary Hughes (781-983-1403).

General

1. All riders must sign a CEC Release and Indemnification Form.
2. Please refer to the message board to keep apprised of current events and info (located outside the indoor arena).
3. No CEC owned horses are allowed across the street into the Blue Hills Conservation without permission from the Barn Manager.
4. No grazing is allowed on the lawn areas in front of or behind the ranch house.
5. No grazing or riding on the grass area behind the paddocks next to the large outdoor ring after a heavy rain or from November 1st - May 1st (unless permitted otherwise by Barn Manager). These are fragile times for the grass and this type of use will damage the grass area.
6. No riding in the large back outdoor riding arena after a heavy rain or from November 1st - May 1st (unless permitted otherwise by Barn Manager).
7. No parking is allowed in front of any barn entryways.
8. CEC is not responsible for activities of minors while on CEC premises, Blue Hills Conservation premises or on adjacent property. Parents/guardians are responsible for any damages or mischief incurred by minors.
9. Everyone who spends time at CEC is expected to behave in a pleasant, respectful, responsible and non disruptive manner or they may be asked to leave.
10. Boarders must receive Barn Manager approval prior to the arrival of any outside vendors. Approval requests must be received at least 2 days prior to the outside vendors arrival. This will give the farm adequate time to approve the appointment and make appropriate accommodations by alerting staff, etc.. The vendor list includes but is not limited to: vet, farrier, teeth floater, chiropractor, massage therapist, saddle fitter and photographer.
11. Lesson Late Fee Policy: If payment is not made within 5 days of the lesson, students are subject to a late fee of \$5 for every 5 days the balance remains unpaid.
12. No advertising services or products that are not provided on property by Canton Equestrian Center without prior approval from the Barn Manager.
13. CEC closes at 9:00pm every night.
14. All questions, complaints or problems should be addressed to the Barn Manager directly.



Safety

1. There is absolutely NO SMOKING inside or near any barn at CEC.
2. NO RUNNING is allowed inside or outside the barn or riding areas.
3. No yelling, screaming, ball throwing or rough housing is allowed inside or around the barn or riding areas.
4. All vehicles must enter and leave CEC at 5 MPH.
5. No horse shall be left unattended on the crossties.
6. No horse shall be tied to any fence, post, gate, stall grate or blanket bar. Horses are to be tied only to tie rings in stalls or cross ties.
7. No horse shall be left unattended with a stall door open.
8. Prior to leading a horse out of its stall, ensure the latch is flush against the door (i.e., not sticking out) and that the door is completely opened to ensure the horse can enter/exit freely.
9. No dogs allowed on CEC property unless special permission has been granted by the Barn Manager.
10. EVERYONE riding on CEC property MUST wear approved headgear WHENEVER mounted.
11. No sandals or open toed shoes are allowed when riding or handling a horse.
12. All riders under the age of 15 must have a responsible instructor, parent/guardian or adult staff member (by permission only) present at all times.
13. For your own safety, no one shall be inside the fence line of any turnout with a loose horse unless for the purpose of releasing or retrieving a horse.
14. For your own safety, walk or trot only while on the track/roadway. No cantering or galloping is allowed.
15. All riders under the age of 18 are not allowed to jump anywhere on CEC property unless an instructor is present. If warranted, Barn Manager will make an exception based skill-set of the rider.

Cleanliness

1. Students are required to groom their horse/pony thoroughly, including picking out their hoofs, before and after each ride.
2. Riders are required to return grooming items, sweep and clean up their grooming area prior to leaving the grooming area. This will keep the aisle free of clutter that may result in tripping or entanglement and offers others a clean work area.
3. The wash stall is to be left in a neat and debris free fashion after each use. Please clean up after you and your horse. If there is any issue with drainage, please notify Barn Manager prior to use. This space was not designed to be a grooming stall.
4. Students are required to clean their horse/pony's bridles and bits after use.
5. The bathroom is for everyone's use, please keep it clean by throwing away rubbish and removing any personal items after each use. If you notice bathroom supplies are low, please inform the Barn Manager.
6. The trash barrels inside the gray barn are meant for daily light trash items. Large trash items should be placed in the trash bins outside in front of the gray and red barn. All recyclable boxes must be broken down and placed in the recyclable bins in front of both barns (e.g., SmartPak



- packages, etc.).
7. Please keep all unnecessary blankets sheets, wraps, saddle pads, etc. off the stall door. Neatly fold all remaining items to avoid them from falling to the floor or becoming entangled in the door.
 8. For health purposes, please do not leave **any** food in the tack room overnight; it could result in mice, flies, etc.
 9. Please hang up any wet towels in the barn area (not in tack room)
 10. Please keep the tack room and viewing room neat by properly discarding all trash items.

Boarders

1. All feeding (hay and grain) and bedding of stalls will be done by **staff only**. Contact the Barn Manager for all requests to adjust the feed and bedding.
2. In the back gray barn, all boarders are entitled to equal storage space. Each stall has space for one trunk, a reasonable number of blankets on the blanket bar, one saddle rack and one bridle rack in the tack room. Contact the Barn Manager for all requests to adjust the aforementioned standards.
3. In the front red barn, all boarders are entitled to a cubby storage space or tack room space. Each stall has a space for a reasonable number of blankets on the blanket bar. Contact the Barn Manager for all requests to adjust the aforementioned standards.
4. Trunks are only allowed on CEC property for boarders. All exceptions must be approved by the Barn Manager.
5. Boarders may not lease their horse without prior approval of the arrangement from the Barn Manager.
6. The upstairs storage room in the gray barn and the hayloft in the red barn are not available for general storage.

Ring Management

1. If a lesson is in progress, the Instructor has sole authority to manage the ring.
2. A maximum of 4 riders are allowed in the indoor arena at one time. Any exceptions must be approved by the Barn Manager.
3. A maximum of 6 riders are allowed in the outdoor rings at one time. Any exceptions must be approved by the Barn Manager.
4. No hand-walking within the riding arena while others are riding (excluding prior to mounting, emergency for vet visits, etc.).
5. Boarders are not allowed to use the same arena as lessons on Saturdays until 3pm.



Riding Etiquette

1. For safety and consideration of other riders when entering or exiting any of the riding areas, be aware of the presence of horses and announce yourself as sudden movement or noises could startle them. To clarify, if horses are present, STOP (with or without a horse) at the entrance, shout “door” loud enough for the occupants of the indoor to hear you, wait for a response from the occupants to confirm it’s safe to enter and then proceed to enter.
2. No lunging is allowed, except lunge line lessons, in the same ring while lessons are being held.
3. Lessons take precedent in ring management; therefore, Instructors are authorized to police the ring to ensure a safe environment for their students and any other riders.
4. When riding in on lessons, riders are required to ride in the same direction as the lesson in the ring.
5. When passing, riders are required to announce the side (i.e., inside or outside) they will be passing on.
6. IMPORTANT: Recognize that riders in the ring may be less capable than you. More advanced riders are required to heed to less advanced riders.
7. Riders are required to obtain approval from the Instructor prior to changing direction or cantering.
8. If there are no lessons, riders are required to communicate amongst themselves prior to cantering so all riders can have a pleasant ride.