

## ARENA ETIQUETTE FOR RIDERS

1. When approaching door ask for permission to enter – yell “DOOR” and wait for a response.
2. Upon entering the arena approach the mounting ramp when no other horse is in that area and quietly mount after checking your girth.
3. After mounting, take the time to warm your horse up before starting to work. Remember to be considerate of others as they are mounting. Keep your horse at the walk if someone is mounting or dismounting.
4. In the arena, oncoming riders pass left stirrup to left stirrup when on the rail. Faster horses have the “right of way” on the rail, so: trot and canter across arena to keep safe spacing. When walking, please stay off the track.
5. Always be aware of other riders in the ring – if a rider has a problem please be attentive. Pull up or offer help as needed.
6. If horse becomes uncontrolled or rider falls off, please STOP your horse immediately and provide assistance.
7. When leaving arena, always run stirrups up and call “Door” before leaving. Wait for response, then leave. Be observant to see if others in arena are okay as you leave.
8. Before leaving, please clean up any manure your horse has left or throw out any trash you brought in with you. If you are the last person please turn off all lights, make sure the classroom door is closed tightly, and close the outside door. Please latch outside door if windy.

THANK YOU!!