



*Valley Riding, Inc.*

**ROCKY RIVER STABLES  
GUIDELINES**

Boarders have the use of one stall, one tack locker, and one blanket hook per horse. Boarders may use the indoor arena, 2 outdoor arenas, round pen and access to the Cleveland Metroparks trails.

**A. FEES**

1. If horse is removed from barn at any time for less than one month for training, showing, etc. there is no partial refund of board. If horse is leaving for one month or more, payment of ½ of board for each month that horse is gone will ensure availability of same stall upon horses' return. Without payment, horses' stall will most likely change.
2. Service fees such as turn outs, vet holds and coaching will be billed by the end of each month, and payment should be added to the next month's board check.
3. If there are any unpaid fees, such as service, board or lessons, all services, including turn outs and lessons will stop until ALL fees are paid. If situation is not resolved in a timely fashion, Valley Riding Inc. will pursue legal action.

**B. BARN**

Barn Hours:	8:00 AM -- 10:00 PM	Mon thru Fri
	8:00 AM -- 9:00 PM	Sat & Sun

**Barn Is Closed To Boarders Except During Barn Hours – This Is An Insurance Mandate**

1. Any boarder who allows friends to ride their horse should have those individuals sign a release form.
2. Boarders may **not** clean their horses' stall at any time – muck buckets are for cleaning up after your horse in the aisles, crossties and washracks.
3. **Clean up after your horse IMMEDIATELY – so that the aisles/mats are ready for the next persons' use. This includes hoof cleaning debris, manure, urine and all other waste. Muck buckets are provided throughout the barn for this use.**
4. Dismount before entering barn.
5. Arena lights should be used only at night or during lessons when necessary. (Last one out of the arena should turn off the lights and close the arena door at the end of the night.)
6. Do not schedule your blacksmith before 10:00 AM – the tractor needs to be able to pass through the aisles for stall cleaning.
7. No stall guards – this includes using a lead shank or anything else as a stall guard.
8. Stall Doors – Besides halter and lead, only one article such as a blanket or saddle pad, can be left on stall door. Extra blankets may be stored on hooks in the blanket room behind the viewing room. Only approved blanket bars and 2 hooks can be installed by Valley Riding Inc. The stall doors cannot support a lot of weight.
9. The school horse/pony tack rooms and medicine cabinet are for school horse use only – boarders are not to use equipment/medicines **WITHOUT** consent from management.
10. No outside trainers.
11. Children not taking part in lessons, pony/horse camps should be under adult supervision at all times while in the barn.
12. No dogs are allowed in barn.

**C. CROSSTIE SAFETY**

1. Do not leave horse unattended in crossties. If you must leave, make sure someone is watching your horse while you are absent.
2. Unhook crosstie when another horse/pony is passing. Please be **courteous** to our students who are learning safe and proper horse handling.
3. Horses in crosstie area should be attached to **BOTH crossties** when grooming/tacking – OR – grooming/tacking should be done in your stall.
4. Do not allow horse to chew on wood of stalls near cross ties.

#### D. INDOOR ARENA

1. Hard hats must be worn by anyone under 18 years of age.
2. PASS LEFT HAND TO LEFT HAND
3. Horses on the RAIL have the right of way. When doing figures (circles, serpentines, etc.) you should take the INSIDE track.
4. Care must be taken when riding with Beginner or Therapeutic Riding Program lessons.

#### STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY AT ALL TIMES!

5. Longeing guidelines:
  - a. Lunge in round pen unless weather prohibits.
  - b. During lessons, longeing is limited to 20 minutes – if there is room
  - c. Only one person at a time may longe during a lesson, if there is room
  - d. **No longeing if there is more than one lesson in arena**

\*\*\*Please be considerate, and wait until there are few boarders riding before longeing. \*\*\*
6. Jumps/poles, etc. must be put away after use.
7. Hand walking should be done outside unless weather prohibits.
8. Please yell “Door” loudly when entering the indoor arena.

**Since safety is of highest priority, the instructor has FULL AUTHORITY over all activity in and around the arenas.**

#### E. OUTDOOR RING TURNOUTS

1. Turnouts are available when rings are not otherwise in use.
  2. Limited turnouts (done by the barn) are available with advance notice.
  3. Riders and lessons have priority on ring usage.
  4. Time limit of 20 minutes if others are waiting to turn out.
  5. Owner or agent must be present when horse is turned out.
- \*\*\*\* Please be courteous and make sure that someone is not **already** waiting for an available ring before turning your horse(s) out! \*\*\*\*

#### F. WASH RACKS/LAUNDRY FACILITIES

1. Two wash racks are available to boarders. Outdoor wash rack has cold water. Indoor wash rack has both hot and cold water. Please **DO NOT** use the aisles/mats to rinse off your horse. Doing so makes for unsafe slippery footing for **ALL** of the horses as well as a standing water mess. If you are unable to use the wash racks, please take your horse **outside** of the barns’ concrete aisles for rinsing off.
2. Hot water should be used sparingly during cold weather to make sure we do not run out.
3. We currently have a washer and dryer available for boarders. Please take care when using these and follow instructions on proper load size so that we may continue to enjoy their use.
4. Please be considerate of other boarders – do not leave your laundry in the washer or dryer once it is done. It should be removed from the back room tables as soon as completed.

#### G. TRAIL/OUTDOOR RIDING

1. Inexperienced riders should be accompanied by an experienced buddy.
2. Carrying a cell phone is a good idea.
3. Walk by oncoming horses.
4. Front lawn is reserved for grazing. **NO** riding on lawn.
5. If possible let someone in the barn know what trail you are going on.

These guidelines were created to help alleviate tension, dispel controversies and allow us all to safely enjoy our riding. Thanks for your cooperation.

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