

2020-2021 CVSC Warm-up Arena Safety

As with any sport there is “etiquette”. During all CVSC events, we have the warm-up arena for your use which accommodates several riders. Warm-ups should only take place in the assigned warm-up arena. Safety involves your surroundings. Be aware of any tools, vehicles, or ground equipment in the area at all times. The following are guidelines to increase the safety of our riders and their horses while in the warm-up arena. Please read and sign the bottom of this form indicating that you have read these “Warm-up Arena Etiquette and Safety Rules”.

Disruptive actions and words can spook horses and cause riders to be injured!

- When possible, mount and dismount your horse outside of the Warm-up arena. If you are warming up for an event that requires dismounting, please be aware of the riders around you.
- Be courteous when entering the arena. Move in the direction of the majority of other riders when first entering the arena, instead of interrupting the flow.
- If passing someone going the opposite direction, use the left shoulder to left shoulder rule. This means always moving to your right, just like when driving a car.
- Do not tail gate other horses! Leave at least one horse lengths between you and the horse ahead of you.
- Leave the outside for faster horses with the slower riders on the inside. For example, if the majority of horses are walking, but you need to trot, then move to the outside.
- Be courteous, positive and polite when riding with others. Cue your horses quietly and remember basic warm-up manners such as no smoking, no swearing, and no phone use in the arena.
- There is absolutely no “hot lapping” in the arena.
- There is absolutely no lunging your horse in the warm-up arena.
- If someone is not following warm-up arena rules or is engaging in disruptive behavior, please advise a Board Member immediately.
- Be prepared for equine emergencies at all times! Warm-up emergencies can be anything from a rider stopping too quickly, a bucking horse, or someone falling off of their mount.

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand these rules.

Rider

Date

Parent (if rider is a minor)

Signature

Date

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