Rules and Information

Your Enjoyment of the Horse is Our Mission – Your Safety and Education is our Duty.

Riding and Lessons

<u>All</u> mounted riders must wear an approved and correctly fitting hardhat, free of cracks and breaks, with the chinstrap fastened. This rule applies to lessons and to hacking on the property.

You must wear safe attire while riding, including hard soled, heeled shoes, preferably with ankle support. Do not wear baggy clothes that make it difficult for the instructor to coach you on the effectiveness of your position/aids.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled lesson start, so that you have time to get the horse, groom and tack up. Arriving late does not entitle you to a "make-up" lesson. Allow time after your ride to cool off your mount and return it to its stall or field.

If a lesson is in progress, do not enter the ring without the instructor's permission. The number of riders in the ring during a lesson is at the instructor's discretion. The lesson rider always has the right of way. Note that there is **no** jumping during another rider's lesson.

If you are leaving the area to trail ride, please be sure for your own safety to leave a note on the board specifying when you left, where you were going, and your estimated time of return.

Jumping: Jumping of other than personal horses is strictly prohibited without the presence and consent of an *instructor.* This includes the horses leased from Pickwick. Jumping of personal horses without an instructor is not recommended.

Changing fences, poles, or other obstacles: If you move any poles, wings, standards or other obstacles, you must put them all back the way you found them when you finish. This is for the safety of all riders and equines. If standards, wings, poles etc., break, the rider will be charged a fee appropriate to replace or repair them UNLESS the damage occurs during a lesson.

Using the Facility

Please always leave the areas as clean or cleaner than they were before you used them.

- Put manure, hair, dirt from hooves and other biodegradable items in the muck tubs. Put all other trash in the garbage.
- Keep the lounge area enjoyable for all: wipe your feet before entering and put all trash you encounter in the garbage.
- If you open it, shut it; if you turned it on, turn it off. Electricity for lights and heat is expensive, so please help us conserve energy!

Do not drive or ride in the grass or the flowerbeds. The speed limit is 15 mph, except in sight of the barn, when it is reduced to 10mph to help prevent spooking the horses/accidents. Please park only in the graveled areas in front of or behind the barn.