

REIN AND SHINE

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Barn Rules



A PATH PREMIERE ACCREDITED FACILITY

(Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship Intl)

Rein and Shine Barn Rules are designed to create and maintain a clean, safe and fun environment for people and horses. Working with horses is a high-risk activity. The following rules must be followed at all times.

Rider Rules:

- All paperwork **must** be completed and submitted in order to ride at Rein and Shine. This includes friends, family, staff, volunteers, board members, etc. No exceptions!
- Riders **must** be on time for lessons. If you are late, we cannot guarantee you will get to ride.
- No one is to ride a Rein and Shine horse without permission and direct supervision by the executive director or a Rein and Shine instructor.
- There will be no running or screaming in the barn or around the horses.
- Participants are required to use gentle hands and feet while on or near horses.
- Participants must use ASTM-SEI approved helmets for ground work and/or riding of horses.

- Participants must use closed-toed, hard-soled shoes with a heel for all riding and handling of horses.
- Only ride in approved riding areas.
- No riding inside the barn.
- Immediately report **any** injury of a rider, horse or barn animal to Rein and Shine staff. An incident report must be completed and signed for any accident or injury.
- Only Rein and Shine approved instructors are allowed to teach on property.

Horse Handling Rules:

- No one may handle, feed or pet horses or other barn animals unless supervised by staff.
- No one (other than approved feeders) may enter a pasture or paddock containing horses unless accompanied by a staff member.
- Hand-feeding of the horses is not allowed under any circumstances.
- Please leave your pet(s) at home. The animals at Rein and Shine live in harmony with one another. Introduction of a new animal is handled very carefully. Visiting pets will upset this harmony and can be very disruptive.
- Do not leave unsupervised horses in crossties.
- Put groom boxes and tack back where they belong after use.
- Lead horses using lead line, holding 6 to 8 inches below horse's chin.
- Scoop manure after your horse in cross tie area or aisle of barn (this means staff, volunteers and boarders).
- Do not leave grooming supplies (i.e. hoof picks, brushes) out while riding.

Property Rules:

- Visitors wishing to tour the facility or grounds must be escorted by Rein and Shine staff.
- Please respect any posted off-limit areas, including the pond and the hayloft.
- The speed limit on Rein and Shine / Windwood Farm grounds is 5 mph.
- No drugs on property.
- No alcoholic beverage consumption on property other than during an official Rein and Shine function.
- Absolutely **no smoking** or use of open flames is permitted anywhere at Rein and Shine.
- No abusive, threatening or violent behavior toward people or animals will be tolerated.
- Keep all doors and gates closed at all times.
- Barn aisles must be kept clean and free of obstructions.
- Staff members only may drive the John Deere Gator.
- Park in designated areas.
- Barn hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Turn out lights if last to leave.

Children: Rein and Shine is a working farm. We must insist that all children, when not involved in a lesson, remain with their accompanying adult. Running, yelling or unaccompanied children can create hazardous situations for themselves, riders, horse handlers, staff and other visitors at the farm. Please observe, or ask, about designated areas for viewing lessons. If children behave in an unsafe manner, we may ask you to remove them from the premises.

Clothing / Equipment Guidelines:

- Riders must wear long jeans or sturdy cotton trousers.
- No stretchy material, running pants, capri pants or shorts permitted.
- Loose, baggy jeans should be secured with a belt.

- Avoid dangling earrings or other jewelry. Medical tags, necklaces and scarves should be worn under shirts/jackets during activities around horses.
- Wear sunglasses only if needed.
- Appropriate footwear includes sturdy-sole shoes with a small heel that fits securely to the foot. Shoes with bulky soles pose a safety threat and therefore are not permissible. Shoes with laces must be securely tied. Absolutely no sandals are permitted in the barn area.
- A rider's hairstyle must fit comfortably under a helmet. Pony tails, braids and large hair accessories do not fit under a hard hat and may need to be removed.
- Dress in layers as the weather changes. Short sleeves (not sleeveless) shirts are best in the summer heat. Keep loose clothing/jackets buttoned or zipped. Please bring appropriate clothing, including gloves, for riding in the winter months.

**Rules may be added to this list as needed.*