

GALE'S QUICK LIST RULES FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS

Welcome to Gale's:

- Driveway speed limit is 8 mph.
- No parking on the lawn or directly in front of the barn aisle doors. Do not block the driveway around the barn. Do not park along the wooden fence in front of the barn – that spot is reserved for Gale and John.
- Riding students are requested to leave your dog at home. The barn is not a safe place for students' dogs.
- All students, parents, family, and friends must wear proper shoes for the barn. No open toed sandals or high heels.
- Please keep long hair secured back and out of the way as some horses may mistake it for hay, or the long hair may be caught in the tack of the horse, creating a severe injury to your scalp. This rule is for students and guests.
- No dangling jewelry should be worn in the barn.
- No loose clothing should be worn in the barn. Pant lengths are to be no longer than the heel of the shoe.
- Riding students using "Gale's" horses will wear approved safety helmets at all times when working with, or around our horses.
- Pay close attention to what is going on, and do not pass a horse in the aisle until the horse's attendant has control of the horse and helps you by.
- All "little brothers and sisters" **MUST** be kept safe, therefore, parents are asked to hold hands with little ones. No little children (age 6 and under) are allowed to be in the barn unattended at any time.
- Please do not bring strollers into the barn.
- No running in the barn.
- Do not give treats to horses without the horseowner's permission. If allowed by the owner, treats are to be fed in the horse's feeding bucket...not by your hand. We don't want the horse to bite your fingers.

Liability Release

- A Liability Release is required for all riding students of Gale's Equine Facility **as well as** any parents, family or friends who will be in the barn aisle at any time.

Please remember a liability release may only be signed by a parent or legal guardian of a child under 18 years of age.

Payments of Lessons

- Please remember that payments are due at the beginning of the first lesson if you are paying for the discounted package rate. Please make checks payable to Gale's Equine facility. The four lesson packages must be for four consecutive weeks and is only for one person. (This cannot be split amongst multiple riders unless prior arrangements have been made with Gale or your instructor.)
- A no-show is expected to pay for that lesson. PLEASE call if you are unable to make your lesson. "No-Shows" are defined as anytime a student fails to notify an instructor or Gale, **prior to one hour** before the scheduled lesson time. *Twenty Four hours notice is preferred.*

Student Responsibilities:

- Please arrive on time, allowing enough time for you to prepare for your lesson.
- Please wear clothing appropriate for riding (long pants) and for the weather. In cold weather, parents should make sure that children have long enough pants and high enough socks, and proper "cold weather wear" to protect legs. Warm boots and gloves are a must in cold weather.
- Students are requested to review the information that is posted on the white marker board located between the steps and the door that leads to the tack room. Please review the board upon arrival every time you come to the barn. You will see updates on this board regarding horses, safety and barn operational issues.
- Please respect our boarders. Please do not put grooming supplies or your things on their tack trunks. These are privately owned and we must respect this. If you use Thrush Buster or bleachwater on your horse's feet – PLEASE REMEMBER that these products will damage clothing and surfaces, please respect other people's property & be careful.
- Students should learn how to properly and safely tack up and untack a horse, to learn pre-ride safety checks and to properly put a horse away, with no saddle marks...the horse needs to be thoroughly free of sweat marks and dirt. Please ask your instructor to help you with this effort and to check that all has been done satisfactorily.
- All horses are to be secured at all times either on cross-ties or tied in the horse's stall. Make sure your instructor teaches you how to properly tie a horse. Students must have the horse's halter on completely and buckled properly, and it is only to unlatched while you are immediately putting on or taking off the bridle. Some horses may try to be sneaky and get away causing injury to people, equipment and other horses.

In the Riding Ring During the Lesson:

- We are glad that parents and friends watch our lessons. We do request that you allow our instructors to be the ONLY teachers during our lessons. It is best if students are focused on one instructor at a time.
- To preserve the quality of our indoor arena footing (and your breathing space), we immediately clean up horse droppings, we welcome the help of parents and friends during the lessons to clean up the poops. Otherwise your instructor will have to interrupt the lesson to do the cleanup.

After the Lesson:

- Students should learn how to completely pick up after himself or herself after the lesson. Please double check that you haven't accidentally dropped something, forgotten to put the saddle cover on the saddle, and be sure to clean your bit, put your bridle up properly, spray your girth, and put everything away in its proper place (neatly). Saddle pads go upside down and hung separately, and not piled on top of each other wet saddle pads.
- Students are also expected to clean up the aisle floor after you have finished grooming your horse. This is part of good "barnkeeping".
- If you borrowed a lead rope from someone's stall, then you must put it back.
- Please remember to take your personal possessions home with you, including your helmet and clothing.
- Please make arrangements in advance to have your ride pick you up on time after your lesson.
- Please return all items to their proper storage place when you are done with them.

It is the intent of the above rules to keep you and your family and friends safe. A complete set of guidelines is included in Gale's Equine Facility's "Operations & Procedures Manual", which is available on CD-ROM. This is available upon request.

A FINAL WORD:

If you don't understand a rule, or a direction, or you have a question, or you need help, then ask your instructor to assist you. Do not risk an accident by trying to do something that you are not skilled or prepared to do on your own. When in DOUBT of what you are doing, then STOP and get HELP.