

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY EQUINE CENTER & RODEO BARN RULES & POLICIES

1. The regular **business hours** of the facility are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Any activity should be completed during this time frame.
2. The Equine Center Management (ECM) is considered to be any Equine or Rodeo faculty or staff.
3. Boarders **must adhere** to the Equine Center and Rodeo Barn rules and policies. Written warnings will be assessed to boarders that fail to do so. Three warnings of any nature will result in an automatic dismissal from the Equine Center and/or the Rodeo Barn. However, a dismissal may occur in conjunction with fewer than three warnings, and with a first warning, if such action is warranted in the discretion of the ECM. If a student believes a warning or dismissal was unfairly given, he/she may appeal the action to ECM. No refunds will be provided after dismissal regardless of the reason for the dismissal.
4. The boarder's horse and equipment will be **his/her responsibility**. Murray State University and its personnel **will not be liable** for the health and safety of the horse, or for damage or loss of equipment.
5. The ECM must be notified if a student wishes to board a **different horse** other than the one currently being boarded (or approved to board) prior to that horse's arrival.
6. NO smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed on the premises.
7. Boarders (and their visitors) are not to bring **dogs** (or other pets) to the Murray State Equine Center Office Building. – **No exceptions**.
8. Absolutely no one is to be riding a University or privately-owned horse at the Equine Center without a **notarized release of liability on file**. Students are required to show proof of insurance as well. **Friends and visitors** that you wish to let ride your horse **must have a release on file** prior to riding. No exceptions. There will be no riding of university owned horses without ECM permission.
9. Everyone is expected to use good judgment regarding what they **wear** when riding and working around the facility. Anyone riding must have **appropriate footwear** (no bare feet, sandals, flip-flops, etc.). Everyone is expected to wear appropriate footwear while working around their horse on the ground and cleaning stalls. This is a public facility and a teaching environment so everyone is asked to dress appropriately. This standard is at the discretion of the ECM.
10. Any riding deemed **unsafe or inappropriate** is not acceptable. Such decision is at the discretion of the ECM.
11. **Jumping without a helmet is not acceptable and can be used as grounds for an immediate dismissal from the student barn. You must have 1other person present while jumping anywhere on the facility.**
12. **Trail riding is allowed at the West Farm only in designated areas.**

13. In case of an **emergency** involving a horse, an attempt will be made to contact the owner. If contact cannot be made, the ECM reserves the right to contact a veterinarian at the owner's expense. It is the **student's responsibility** to keep current and appropriate contact information posted on the stall door at all times.

14. Everyone is asked to refrain from contacting the ECM on his/her cell phone unless it is a true emergency. The office number is 270-809-7027 for the ECM or 270-809-3441 for the Rodeo Coach, or you can email questions anytime. Anyone that has questions they wish to address in person is asked to do so during normal business hours before 4:30 p.m. on M-F. Anyone needing to voice a concern, or that has a question of any kind is also encouraged to e-mail the ECM.

15. All boarders are reminded that there are **scheduled events at the Expo Center** that can affect your access and routine at the Student Barn, Rodeo Barn and arenas. At times there will be excessive traffic, overflow parking at the Equine Center, walk-through foot traffic in the barns, and noise (that may be disturbing to horses) in conjunction with these events. The arenas may not be available for regular riding during some of these events as well. Everyone is expected to be very **cooperative, cordial and accommodating** to the general public for these events.

16. When **parking** at the Equine Center do not to block access to the barns, the grain bins or work areas. Do not park where the curbs are painted. Any violation of these rules may result in towing at the expense of the violator. Whenever there is limited parking around the barns, please use the Animal Health Technology, Expo, or Equine Center paved parking lots and walk up to the barn. There is **NO** parking on the grass.

17. If classes/labs are in progress, do not disturb them while driving through and parking in these areas.

18. Meetings are a **mandatory** part of boarding at the Murray State Equine Center and/or the Rodeo Barn. These meetings are important and we expect your presence at them. If you choose not to attend, this can affect your keeping your current stall and/or receiving a stall in the future.

19. Any boarder asked to remove his/her horse from the facility immediately will be given twenty-four hours' notice.

20. Students that lose the right to board in the Equine Center student barn automatically lose their right to board at the Rodeo Barn as well, and vice-versa.

21. The Equine Center, Rodeo Coach and the School of Agriculture have the right to deny any visitor access to the student barn. Invited guests are welcome as long as they are accompanied by the student boarder. Students should immediately report any problems encountered with any invited or uninvited visitors. If a complaint or problem is reported concerning a visitor, that visitor will be denied visiting privileges to the student and/or the rodeo barn. Disciplinary action will be taken towards the student accompanying them as well.

22. **Sub-leasing** of stalls to other individuals is **not permitted**. If the stall you are assigned is not going to be used specifically by you, it will be automatically re-assigned to someone else. Stalls not being used are considered forfeited and maybe reassigned at the ECM's discretion.

23. A negative Coggins (EIA) test, current within the last 12 months, and applicable interstate health papers following USDA guidelines must be provided to the ECM before a horse is unloaded from the trailer and allowed in the barn. The boarder must agree to allow a **rectal temperature** to be taken, and the horse's **physical condition** (general health, body condition score minimum of 4 or better, etc.) must be acceptable to the ECM before the horse is unloaded from the trailer and allowed in the barn. The ECM **requires** that all horses be vaccinated for:

- **Intra-nasal Strangles**
- **WNV**
- **Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis**
- **Rabies**
- **Influenza**
- **Tetanus**
- **EHV 1& 4**

24. All horses must maintain a **minimum body condition score** of a 4 (on the Henneke scale) as determined by the ECM. Horses must receive appropriate general care. **Failure to properly care** for a horse is **negligent** and could result in immediate dismissal (within 24 hours) from the Equine Center and/or the Rodeo Barn. Anyone directed to seek veterinary care for a horse **must do so at his/her own expense** within the time frame designated by the ECM or will be asked to leave immediately (again, within 24 hours).

25. Horses should be **fed** and **watered** a minimum of **twice daily** and everyone is to keep a **minimum of two, five gallon buckets** of fresh, clean (and ice-free) water in front of each horse at all times. Stalls should be cleaned on a daily basis. If this is not done, your deposit will be forfeited and stall will be forfeited for the subsequent semester.

26. Horses are not allowed to come into the student boarding barns (or anywhere on the MSU Equine Center) straight from a **public sale barn** without a minimum of two weeks of isolation at an approved facility and subsequent approval to bring this horse onto the premises.

27. Horses that contract a contagious disease, or are suspected of having a contagious disease while housed at University facilities may be **asked to leave the premises immediately (within 24 hours)** to a quarantine facility until cleared by a licensed equine veterinarian.

28. Horses that are suspected to have or have recently had **Strangles**, must be declared to be non-infectious by the ECM consulting veterinarians (this may include a required negative nasal culture from an approved veterinarian) in order to be allowed back onto the premises. The consulting vet's fee is at the student's expense.

29. Horses that exhibit destructive behavior and/or unsafe manner may be required to leave immediately (within 24 hours). This behavior may be defined as kicking, biting or danger to other horses, the facilities or individuals, etc. The determination of whether a horse exhibits such behavior will be left to the discretion of the ECM.

30. Damages to the stall will be repaired at the horse owner's expense. Stall deposits will not be refunded if any damage is left to stall that was not previously there. Stalls are to be kept clean daily, however boarders are not to be wasteful of the bedding provided. Sawdust use will be monitored. If you are told by the ECM to clean your stall, or maintain a higher standard, you are expected to do so immediately (within 24 hours).

31. Feed must be stored in rodent proof containers above the stall (if applicable) – no exceptions. Feed is not to be placed within reach of someone else's horse.

32. Stall doors must be kept closed at all times. Stall guards are not accepted. Any alterations of stalls will result in an automatic dismissal from the student and/or rodeo barn. Ex: removing stall bars, boards, windows, etc.

33. Boarders will be assigned a clean stall upon arrival and will be expected to leave the stall stripped and limed upon departing. Failure to do so will result in an assessed fee and the boarder will not be assigned a stall upon return.

34. **No trash or hay strings** are to be discarded with the manure. All manure is to be placed within the confines of the designated stack pad. If the stack pad is full you are expected to shovel or toss your waste on top of the pile, **not dump** it onto the driveway.

35. Aisles, loft areas, stalls, stall fronts, etc. are to be kept clean at all times – this includes cobwebs.

36. All stall fronts are to be kept clear all things other than a halter and lead rope. All other items are to be put up out of sight.

37. A 3 foot section at the top of the stall front in the loft is kept clean and open for travel and fire safety.

38. There will be no water buckets hanging on or from the water hydrants. This causes them to become loose and leak. You are to supply your own buckets and keep them above your stall when not in use. No water hoses allowed!

39. Boarders are responsible for **picking up** after themselves and their horses anywhere on Murray State University grounds (including the indoor riding arena).

40. Boarders are encouraged to keep **everything of value** in their possession at all times, or safely locked in their horse trailer or residence. It is advised to only keep what hay and feed you are currently using stored above your stall. Extra hay and feed should be stored elsewhere –MSU is not responsible for your hay, and there is the risk of flakes or bales disappearing. The ECM is not responsible for helping anyone recover stolen hay, feed or tack. Anyone that has something stolen is encouraged to report the theft to the ECM and fill out a police report with the campus police.

41. Boarders are welcome to use **wheelbarrows**, but they must be returned to their designated barns. Do not remove items designated for the arena without permission of the ECM. All boarders should provide their own stall cleaning equipment (forks, etc.)

42. Boarders are to **complete assigned work details**, which will be posted on the bulletin board in each barn; failure to do so will result in mandatory work hours at the discretion of the ECM (sweep or rake logs, etc.).

43. Absolutely **no riding** or mounting of horses inside of the barns – **this includes the concreted areas of the riding arena**. Everyone entering the Equine Center riding arena **must be dismounted**.

44. Ultraviolet lights, **heat lamps or any other type of lighting** that is not approved by the ECM that is mounted on stall fronts is considered a fire and electrocution hazard and is not permitted. The bulb must be covered or the cord placed in conduit to meet approval. **Fans** are permitted with the approval of the ECM and must be properly mounted in compliance with management. Any items mentioned in this paragraph may be removed at the discretion of the ECM.

45. No power strips or extension cords of any type are allowed.
46. Horses are to be turned out only in the designated **turn out** lot as coordinated by the ECM.
47. Only your horse may be stalled in the designated stall; the horse cannot be replaced with or accompanied by any other animal. (Ex: rabbits, goats, sheep, dogs...).
48. Horses are **never allowed** to be turned loose, with or without halters and lead ropes on, to graze in the grassy areas around the barn – or anywhere that is not fenced with closed gates.
49. Do not feed or water horses in round pens or turn outs. Horses should not be turned out for extended periods and there is also **no overnight turn out**. Turnouts may be closed at the discretion of the ECM.
50. If the student chooses to sever the stall rental contract, their prorated boarding fee (per university policy <http://www.murraystate.edu/Admissions/BursarsOffice/ProRationOfCharges.aspx>) will be refunded unless there are extenuating circumstances.
51. Stallions, broodmares, with or without foals, weanlings and yearlings may be considered on a case by case basis.
52. Horse Trailers are to be registered at the William "Bill" Cherry Exposition Center and parked in the designated area. Trailers are to be registered yearly (every August) or when it arrives on the farm throughout the year, whichever is first. Trailers should be registered **BEFORE** parking in a spot. Trailer registration is completed on a first come-first serve basis and therefore the same parking spot is not guaranteed from one year to the next. Failure to register your trailer may result in trailers being moved to an open space by MSU personnel.