

# Ring Rules

1. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder.
2. Lateral work follows the “left shoulder to left shoulder” rule – it does not have right of way.
3. The “rail” or wall position is reserved for trotting or cantering. Horses walking or halted must allow room for two horses to pass on the rail.
4. When overtaking another horse moving in the same direction, pass on the inside track toward the center of the arena (unless that horse is working on a circle, or walking on the inside track)
5. Horses working on a circle stay to the inside of horses travelling on the rail.
6. Horses working on the diagonal, centerline or quarterline do not have right of way.
7. When in doubt, call it! If you are passing another horse and remaining on the inside track (e.g. starting a circle) call “INSIDE”. To let another rider know that you are staying to the outside, call “RAIL”.
8. Riders jumping must ensure that the jumping line is free before using the fence, and must call “fence” or “heads up” or otherwise indicate their intention to jump a fence.
9. Riders who knock down a jump must reset it. Jumps may be raised or lowered, but not moved.
10. Riders 15 or under must be supervised by an Instructor or other responsible adult while jumping.
11. Spectators are not allowed in the rings except with permission of Instructors.
12. No one may sit on arena railings.
13. All members are welcome to ride in the rings during lessons. Please ride with the same courtesy you would like to enjoy during your own lesson. When sharing the arena with other riders, those taking part in lessons should follow the same ring rules.
14. Do not tie horses to jumps or railings, or let horses loose in any ring other than the round pen.