

# **Rycroft AG**

# **Gymkhana Arena**

# **User's Handbook**



## Rider Passes Available

- Daily Youth drop-in - \$10.00
- Daily Adult drop-in - \$20.00
- Monthly Youth - \$30.00
- Monthly Adult - \$65.00
- Monthly Family Pass (2 adult & 2 Youth)- \$160.00
- Professional fees (Farrier/Chiro/Massage)- \$10.00 per horse
- Group Clinics (i.e., 2-day workshop) - \$300.00(includes one grooming per day)
- **Please note: Youth 8 & under are free**

**NOTE:** All members must first be a member of the Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) or equivalent insurance coverage before using this facility.

- All rents are due on arrival and the first of each month after
- The handbook/waiver is to be signed annually
- Rider pass form is to be filled out every drop-in
- Cheques are to be made out to Rycroft Agricultural Society
- May also make payments by E-transfer to [admin@rycroftag.com](mailto:admin@rycroftag.com) - In the message line please state what it is for. (Example: type of rider pass)
- Arena rental **does not include any racetrack usage**
- Rough stock arena is used for special events only
- No overnight pens without permission
- Park on the gravel in the infield designated parking area, not on the grass.

## NSF Cheque Charge

- There will be a \$30.00 charge per NSF cheque
- After the second NSF we will accept cash, e-transfer or a certified cheque only for a period of six months
- **NOTE:** NSF cheques must be paid in full within 30 days

## **Grounds Rules**

- NO SMOKING in any part of the Facility or within 10 meters of the building
- ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED in the Rycroft agricultural Society Arenas
- Clean up manure and put it in the designated manure bin
- Absolutely NO garbage is to be placed in the manure pile (bale string, coffee cups, etc.)
- No manure to be placed into garbage cans
- When loading and unloading horses clean up manure
- Alleyways are to be kept clear of garbage, etc.
- No horses allowed to be tied inside of the Arena at any time, please tie on your trailer
- In the circumstances that there is an event in the main arena, the gymkhana arena usage will not be allowed.

## **Arena Including Rough stock Arena Rules**

- All Rycroft Ag arena Users must fill out and sign our Waiver
- AEF (Alberta Equestrian Federation) is required before use of the facilities
- To use these facilities, you must have a valid riding pass, pay drop-in fee, or have rented the arena
- Use of the arena is governed by the posted schedule. Any organized activity (lesson, clinic, etc.) must be booked and the rental fee paid before the arena is confirmed for that activity.
- IPod's or equivalent, headphones and or wireless headsets are not permitted during open riding
- Any person or organization renting the arena and facilities must first submit proof of liability insurance coverage, \$2M minimum
- ALCOHOL is prohibited in the Rycroft Agricultural Society arenas
- Obstacles such as barrels, jumps, roping dummies cannot be set up without specific consent of the other riders using the arena. The obstacles must be put away when finished. Obstacles only allowed in the Gymkhana arena. Unless pre-approved by the Arena Manager.
- Dogs are not permitted on the grounds
- Only one horse may be lunged in the arena at a time, max 10 minutes

- Stallions must not be left unattended at any time while dropping in and must be flagged
- Children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied/supervised by an adult at all times in or out of the arena.
- Children under the age of 16 riding must have a parent or guardian present and must wear a helmet when riding.
- Children who are not strictly supervised pose a threat to themselves and others and are a high risk of injury **(do not let your children run unsupervised in the facility)**
- All riding inside the Rycroft Agricultural society arenas shall be limited to the Gymkhana arena only. No riding is permitted in the rough stock arena or racetrack.
- Any horse that is unruly and a threat to other riders and their horses may be asked to leave the arena. Please remember you are responsible for your horse, and it is your obligation to inform other people that you have a stallion or a horse that either kicks or bites, etc.
- All manure is to be picked up from the arena after each ride
- All horse grooming debris, hair, trimmings, etc. must be raked up and placed into the garbage cans provided

## **General Understanding**

In our shared effort at maintaining a harmonious situation among users of the facilities, we are all asked to abide by the following conduct and considerations.

- Respect
- Common courtesy
- Safety and health
- Horses and people
- Fairness
- Good will

The above are intended to ensure a safe and equitable use of the facilities by users, and this should foster compatibility among all. All safety concerns should be taken to the Arena Manager or emailed to [admin@rycroftag.com](mailto:admin@rycroftag.com). All complaints, safety concerns, compliments and suggestions will be taken to the board members

# **Misconduct/Failure to Follow Rules and Procedures**

- In the event of a difficulty with a user or between users
- Failure to comply with the rules of the facility

**NOTE:** The following formal procedure will be used to notify individual(s) for misconduct and or failure to follow the rules of these facilities.

- A verbal discussion or warning will be given
- Written notice bringing the concern of unacceptable conduct to the individual's attention. After receipt of the notice, the individuals may consult with the Board

**Rycroft Agricultural Society Arena Use Waiver**  
Box 478, Rycroft, AB T0H 3A0

User's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
AEF (Alberta Equestrian Federation) Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**  
**Rycroft Agricultural Society**

For Participants in the Province of Alberta in which the Equine Activities are provided by the  
Host

**WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ CAREFULLY!**

*Every Person Must Read and Understand the Waiver before Participating in Equine Activities*

The following wavier of all claims, release from all liability, assumption of all risks, agreement not to sue and other terms of the agreement are entered into by me (the Participant) with and for the benefit of the Rycroft agricultural society. Its directors, employees, volunteers, business operators, (collectively the "Host"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Equine Activities" provided by the "Host" to the participant.

**Initial each item below after Reading and Understanding each Item:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazards, and risks (collectively "Risks") associated with "Equine Activities" and injuries from these "Risks" are a common occurrence. I am aware that the "Risks of "Equine Activities" mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of "Equine Activities", including but not limited to:

- a) the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people or objects;
- b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals, and hazards such as subsurface objects;
- c) the potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act within their abilities to maintain control over an equine.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all "Risks" and possibilities of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from my participation in "Equine Activities".

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. I agree that although the "Host" has taken steps to reduce the "Risks" and increase the safety of the "Equine Activities", it is not possible for the "Host" to make the "Equine Activities" completely safe. I accept these "Risks" and agree to the terms of this waiver even if the "Host" is found negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to me in my participation in "Equine Activities".

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. In addition to consideration given to the "Host" or my participation in "Equine Activities". I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assign (collectively my "Legal Representatives") agree

- a) to waive all claims that I have or may have in the future against the "Host"
- b) to release and forever discharge the "Host" from all liability for any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss resulting from my participation in the equine activity due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonable prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the "Host"; and
- c) to be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the "Host" from all actions, proceedings, claims, damage, costs demand, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with my participations in "Equine Activities".

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of the Province of Alberta of /Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host. I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that Province of Canada and I agree that no other court can exercise Province Alberta in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host".

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between myself and the "Host: and it is binding on myself and by "Legal Representatives".

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. I confirm that I have reached the age of majority in the province in which I am participating in "Equine Activities".

**Please Print Clearly:**

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant) Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

*If the participant is under the age of 18 years old, a guardian must sign on their behalf*

Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Guardian) Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of "Host" Witness)