

**EAST TENNESSEE RIDING CLUB  
AND HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BY-LAWS**

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**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Safety and good horsemanship by all members and/or guests will be paramount at all times on Club grounds.
2. Any member observing a violation of the rules or unsafe act should inform a Board Member. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.
3. ETRC assumes no responsibility for accidents involving member and/or guests on Club property, or the theft of members' horses or members' equipment.
4. No smoking or lighted materials, including forges, will be permitted in the barn or other ETRC buildings.
5. Cigarette butts must be disposed of properly and not thrown onto the grounds of ETRC. This is considered littering. There are safety containers provided for members to extinguish their cigarettes.
6. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times while on Club grounds.
7. The speed limit for all vehicles is 5 MPH on Club grounds. (see rule 4 in Health/Safety for more information)
8. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on Club grounds except in the Clubroom at a social event approved by the Board of Directors.
9. All copies of rules, regulations, forms and By-Laws will have the date of the latest approved revision written in the upper right-hand corner of the initial page of each document.
10. Any rule may be relaxed or suspended temporarily by permission of the Board of Directors. All requests must be made in writing and will be reconsidered every six months.
11. All children under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times while on Club grounds. (see rule 5 in Health/Safety for more information)
12. Any member who does not meet the required number of annual work day hours, must pay to ETRC the equivalent of double the current minimum wage for each hour unfulfilled. Members must sign Log Sheet to have hours count.
13. Work hours can be earned for doing work in the paddock that your horse(s) uses, but no more than 10 hours of the require number of hours will given for this work. (new rule Jan 2017)

**FACILITIES**

1. Containers must be used for feed and grain. Hay must be baled and stored in hay bin area with 4 bales per horse owned allowed in tack rooms.

2. The last person to use the arena is responsible for turning off the lights.
3. Stalls must be fully enclosed and may not be structurally modified without permission from the Barn Manager. The bottom door must be closed unless the owner or responsible person is physically in the barn.
4. Only one horse may occupy a stall except in the case of nursing mares. Newly weaned foals may be kept together for a maximum of six weeks.
5. Members are not allowed to leave any unapproved fan, heater, or similar device unattended in a stall or tack room. No halogen lamps may be used in the barn. No alterations may be made to plumbing or wiring except by a person authorized by the Board of Directors.
6. Stalls must be securely fastened but not locked and tack rooms should be locked.
7. No more than \$500 may be spent on capital improvement in Club facilities or grounds without the approval of the general membership.
- 8 Insurance regulations prohibit the acceptance of payment by any member for any service involving the training, breeding, or leasing of horses; and riding lessons may not be given unless the member can show proof of personal liability insurance with limits equal to the ETRC liability insurance currently in effect, and listing ETRC as "additional insured". 4H meets the requirements of their own insurance coverage.
9. Horses may be left in paddocks for up to 24 hours, but no grain may be fed in the paddock, but horses may be fed hay in the pastures. Hay must be kept away from fences separating adjacent paddocks. Horses may be fed grain outside the paddocks in the grassy areas. Horses are to be removed from the paddock and fed one at a time to avoid fighting over food. Horses must always be haltered with a lead rope and under the control of the person feeding. Feed buckets or pans are not to be left in the grassy areas.  
  
The only exception to this rule is if all the horses in one paddock belong to the same owner. The owner may feed their horses in the paddock, but this is at the owner's own risk. ETRC will not be held responsible for any injuries to either the horses or the owner. Grain is not to be fed near the fence between paddocks. *(revised August 2019)*
10. Heaters in the bathroom and kitchen are to STAY ON unless the temperature is higher than 50°. If anyone is caught turning the heaters off, he/she will be brought before the board. *(new rule Jan 2017)*

*(this section renumbered because of the combining of rule 6 and rule 10)*

### **CONTROL OF HORSES**

1. Horses must not be ridden into, out of, or inside the barn. (see rule 12 in Health/Safety for more information)
2. Horses may be turned out only in paddocks.
3. No horse is to be left unattended at any given time in the arena, round pen or unfenced areas. If a horse is being allowed to run free in the arena or round pen, it must be accompanied by a responsible

party at all times. Riding and training take precedence should another member come with their horse to ride or train, then they shall be given immediate access and the "horse-at-play" must be removed. Members are responsible for any damage done during this "horse-at-play" time.

4. Horses must not be turned out during a horse show.

5. Horses, regardless of age or sex, must be kept under control and supervised any time they are out of their stall.

### **CARE OF HORSES**

1. Horses will be treated humanely at all times. Humane treatment consists of proper water, rations, exercise, veterinary care, hoof care, bedding and grooming. A member with a horse which shows signs of untreated illness or injury will be contacted by a member of the Board of Directors or given a Health and Safety notice. If the member fails to provide proper medical care, a veterinarian will be contacted as stated in the Permission to Treat form. (see rule 3 in Health/Safety for more information)

2. All horses must show proof of vaccination for Tetanus, Influenza, EEE, WEE, Rhino, Rabies and West Nile Virus within one year, and proof of a negative Coggins Test within the last calendar year. Proof must be renewed annually and a copy must be turned into the Health and Safety chair upon renewal.

3. All incoming horses must be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate not more than two weeks old, proof of vaccinations (listed above) and a current (within the last 12 months), negative Coggins test. A horse is considered incoming if new to ETRC or has been absent from the ETRC barn for 30 days or longer.

4. If a horse is gone from ETRC longer than 29 days a new health certificate is required. If a horse is brought back to ETRC within the 29 days it must be present for 24 hours to avoid having a new health certificate.

5. Horses should be tied up for grooming, saddling or other general purposes, outside of or across from their assigned stall only. Tie ups should be positioned either adjacent to or across from each stall according to stall positioning. Exception will be made when multiple horses are being tied out in the same area at the same time. Then, and only then, a horse may be tied up at an area that is not in use. Member borrowing a tie up must relinquish that station if the horse of that tie up is being taken out of or brought into their stall. Tie-up stations at exit doors should be used only if no other stations are available. Cleaning after grooming is a must regardless of where you tie your horse.

6. Colts are defined as stallions at nine months of age, or unless, otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

7. Horse spray must be sprayed on a horse outside the barn for the safety of horses and human members and visitors of ETRC. *(new rule written March 2019)*