



# William Clark Chamberlain Equestrian Center

## WCCEC Rules and Policies



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### WCCEC RULES AND POLICIES

WCCEC is owned by the Municipality of Anchorage and is open and available for use and enjoyment for all members of the community. The facility is maintained and managed by the Anchorage Horse Council (AHC). Facility use is restricted to individuals and/or groups who have paid appropriate fees and have agreed to follow and abide by the "WCCEC Rules and Policies".

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Anchorage Horse Council, as managers of the William Clark Chamberlain Equestrian Center, is to provide access to and exceptional all-breed, all-discipline equine facility for the Anchorage horse community and beyond. The Anchorage Horse Council will continue to develop and implement a program of recreational, educational, therapeutic, and rehabilitative use of horses along with general riding programs, promotion of local horse shows, benefit events for local charitable organizations, and to maintain a safe and community-oriented facility for local equestrians to enjoy.

#### WCCEC MEMBERS AND USERS

All Users: Before any activity, all equestrians who wish to use WCCEC facilities, 1) have signed and completed an application form and paid membership for the current year or, 2) have paid a day use fee (\$20) and have signed the liability waiver section of the Membership form on file with WCCEC. This includes anyone using the facilities, even during shows, clinics, and other events. <https://www.anchoragehorsecouncil.net/memberships-1>

#### FACILITY AND GROUNDS

Hours of Operation: WCCEC is open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. from May 1st through September 30th. During special events, riding is permitted in the arenas from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Limited winter hours may be available.

Safety: Safety and security of people, animals, and property is the number one priority at WCCEC. Any act or circumstance deemed unsafe by AHC Board or representative must cease immediately upon notice.

Parking: Due caution must be given to horses and riders and other facility users. Park vehicles and trailers in a conservative, courteous manner so all participants can enjoy the facility. Park only in designated parking areas.

Before and After Events: Vehicles are allowed to load and unload horses and equipment between offices and arenas.

During Events: Only vehicles providing handicap access are allowed beyond the parking lots. Use wheelbarrows to move equipment between offices and arenas during events.

Pets: Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. No dogs are permitted in the barn or barn aisles when horses are present.

Children: Children under twelve (12) years of age, whether mounted or on foot, must be supervised by a parent/legal guardian at all times.

Alcoholic Beverages: No alcoholic beverages are allowed without appropriate permit on file.

Smoking: No smoking in the barns or barn aisles at WCCEC.

Electrical Hookups: Electrical hookups are not provided at WCCEC. Connecting recreational vehicles or trailers to AHC electrical outlets is prohibited.

Trash: All trash must be deposited in trashcans or dumpsters as provided.

## HORSES AND RIDERS

"No Horse" Zone: Areas in the vicinity of the spectator bleachers on the north side of the Main arena, the Snack Shack concession stand, and the grassy picnic area are off limits to horses at all times.

Horse Control: Horses must be in a stall or under hand control. No loose horses are allowed. Stallions must be under the control of an experienced adult. No juniors may handle stallions at any time. A junior is any person 17 years of age or under. Tying to a trailer requires that an adult be in attendance at all times. Tying horses to arena railings is not permitted.

(Free) Lunging Turnout: Two round pens are provided on the grounds of WCCEC for lunging, exercising, and training horses, including "free-lunging." Horses may be lunged in the other arenas when NO mounted horses are present. Handlers riding or doing in-hand work have priority use of arenas. Handler must have the ability to quickly remove the horse if a rider wants to enter the arena. One handler per horse must be present during turn out. Turnout is permitted in the Western Arena only; no horse in a turnout situation may be left unattended for any amount of time. Turning out your horse is completely at your own risk.

Stalls: Participants rent a type of accommodation, not a particular stall. AHC reserves the right to relocate horses in the interest of creating the best and safest environment for everyone. Groups renting arenas are responsible for paying the stall fees for all of the participants in their event. Use of reserved stalls on the day prior to a show will be guaranteed no earlier than 3 p.m. If horses are stabled overnight, a designated adult must stay on site at all times. Any damage, above and beyond normal wear and tear, shall be charged to the owner of the horse. Clean stalls will be provided. A cleaning fee of \$20/stall may be assessed if the stall is not stripped.

Bedding: Bedding is strongly recommended for all horses. Only sawdust or wood shavings are allowed. PAPER OR STRAW BEDDING is not permitted.

Scheduled Events: Events with completed reservations have priority over every day use of the arenas. A calendar is provided at <https://www.anchoragehorsecouncil.net/calendar>.

Arenas: Leave the arenas the way you found them, or better. Cleaning up after your horse is required. Use arena etiquette such as: left shoulder to left shoulder, slow on the inside and fast on the outside, announce your intentions, mount out of the way, don't stand still on the track/rail, keep a horse length between horses, and in an emergency, dismount!

Facility Equipment: WCCEC Members are allowed responsible use of certain facility equipment (jumps, barrels, poles, cones, etc.) for training purposes. Unless other arrangements have been made with AHC, all equipment must be returned to its original storage location after each use. All facility equipment must be treated with the proper level of care and respect, or future access to the equipment may be denied and fines assessed.

Jumping: The main arena is the designated arena for jumping and is open to all riders even when a practice course is set. Juniors must be under the immediate supervision of a parent/legal guardian, and/or instructor/trainer/coach in order to jump. NO EXCEPTIONS. ALL equestrians must wear helmets when jumping.

Riding Double: NO riding double on any horse or other animal is allowed on the grounds of WCCEC. Special exception for trick riders being coached or exhibiting while covered by insurance.

Riding Equipment: All junior riders (17 years and younger) must wear approved helmets at all times when riding anywhere on the grounds, including the trail system. The only exception to this rule is during recognized, sanctioned and properly insured events with rules for attire that are different than those of WCCEC.

EIAs: All horses present on the WCCEC grounds must have a current (six months or less) negative EIA certificate on file with the WCCEC (members, day users) or event management (non-members). Foals under six months of age are the only exception to the EIA requirement.

Vendors: Commercial vendors are welcome to sell products and services at the WCCEC. Please contact AHC for the vendor policy and application form. All vendors are subject to and required to follow and enforce the "Rules and Policies" of WCCEC.

## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The WCCEC facilities are for the use and enjoyment of its members and their families and guests. Members and other users will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while at the facility. AHC and designated WCCEC or event management reserve the right to enforce the Rules and Policies explained herein, refuse admittance, or to direct any member or non-member to leave the facility if their conduct does not conform to the WCCEC Rules and Policies or to good social conduct. Disregard for these rules by members/users/guests may result in an order to vacate the facility. Actions such as physical or verbal abuse of members/users/spectators or management, abuse of animals, intentional damage or destruction of the facility or member property, use of narcotics, alcohol, and/or theft may result in immediate expulsion from the premises and law enforcement may be contacted. WCCEC Management reserves the right to refuse service to anyone at any time. Cruelty to, or the abuse of any horse or other animal by any person(s) on the grounds of WCCEC is strictly forbidden and may result in the loss of facility privileges. The AHC has adopted the definition of abuse as written in United States Equestrian Federation General Rule 839.4

All AHC Board Members, WCCEC Management, and designated officials of the AHC are empowered to enforce any and all of the WCCEC Rules and Policies. Failure to follow the rules, or to immediately come into compliance with the requirements once notified, may result in expulsion.

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