

BASIC ARENA ETIQUETTE

Left shoulder to left shoulder: When riding in the opposite direction of another rider you should pass left shoulder to left shoulder, (Just like driving). If you are riding in the same direction and plan to pass another rider, announce your intention, "Passing on your right" or "Inside". The main idea here is to communicate with the other riders.

One horse length between: Do not crowd other riders, keep at least one horse length between you and the horse in front of you. If you cannot see the rear hocks of the horse in front of you, then you are riding too close. Slow down to allow more space, or circle your horse.

Lessons: **Try to schedule your riding for times when the arena is not being used for lessons.** If you are allowed to ride during a lesson, try to be discreet. Paid lessons should be given the right-of-way in the arena. At Kadler, the lesson schedule is posted on the white board outside the tack room.

Lunging: If there are riders in the arena and you need to lunge your horse, do it at one end of the arena, keep your horse under control, and allow enough room outside your lunge circle for others to pass. If riders are present and one horse lunging, wait.

Hand walking: When horses need to be hand walked for injury, light exercise, etc... Stay to the inside of the track and away from the rail.