

HORSE ARENA POLICY
of the
RED OAK RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Horse Arena is an asset of the Red Oak Ranch Property Owners' Association (the "**Association**") RORPOA and the Board of Directors is responsible for the affairs and assets of the Association and has all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this Association to revise, restate and adopt certain policies intended to serve and protect the community from time to time.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Association has approved, in Open Meeting on September 23, 2021, to amend the Horse Arena Policy (the "**Policy**") in its entirety. Upon recording, this document will replace and supersede all prior publications regarding the Horse Arena.

ARTICLE I: THE RED OAK RANCH HORSE ARENA

Red Oak Ranch offers qualified users who are Members of the Association and their guests the use of the 250' x 150' Horse Arena located in Reserve "A", between 10949 and 10957 Lake Forest Drive.

The horse arena is a capital asset of the RORPOA; annual horse arena "User Fees" are collected to contribute towards the ongoing maintenance and repairs of the arena, as needed. Members also volunteer their time and the use of their personal equipment towards the maintenance and upkeep of the arena.

ARTICLE II: USING THE HORSE ARENA

Section 2.01 Qualified Users

Residents may apply to become qualified users of the Arena in any fiscal year (September 1 to August 31) by submitting the Red Oak Ranch "**Horse Arena User Application.**" Users must agree to abide by the Horse Arena Policy and annually sign the "**RORPOA Horse Arena Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement**" (the "**Release Agreement**"), and submit payment of the annual "**Horse Arena User Fee**". The annual fee is normally neither pro-rated nor transferable to new Property Owners. However, if a Property Owner moves into ROR in the middle of a fiscal year, the annual user fee will be prorated for the remainder of the first year of ownership. The annual fee is currently \$180 per family (subject to change with notice) per fiscal year.

Section 2.02 Release of Liability and Insurance

All users of the arena, whether residents or guests, riders or spectators, mounted or not (or a parent/guardian if the user is a minor) must sign the Release Agreement for each annual period before using the Arena. All equestrian activities must be covered by the individual horse owners' liability insurance.

Section 2.03 Automated and Manual Gates

The horse arena is outfitted with an automated gate that requires the use of a remote device and a manual gate. A user may purchase a universal remote device and will receive the automated gate codes annually to program their device. Users who do not wish to use the automated gate will receive the gate lock codes for the gate on the south end of the arena.

- a. **Warning:** The automated gate may move unexpectedly and can cause injury or death.
- b. Any use of the remote gate opener device and the automated gate is the responsibility of the user at their own risk and they assume liability for their actions.

- c. No horse, whether inside or outside the arena, should be closer than 50 feet from the automated gate when it is activated.
- d. Only one horse should pass through the automated at a time.
- e. If there are other people, mounted or on foot, in or around the arena, clearly notify them that the gate is about to be activated before opening the gate, so they can move to a safe distance from the gate before it opens.
- f. Take precautions to ensure that your remote device cannot be unintentionally activated while you are in or near the arena.
- g. It is the responsibility of riders to ensure their animals are familiar with the operation of the automated gate and Red Oak Ranch takes no responsibility for any horse's reaction(s) to the operation of the gate.

Section 2.04 Point of Contact

Inquiries regarding membership, maintenance, use and other questions may be directed to the current ROR Property Management Agent or the Horse Arena Liaisons (Property Owners) listed on the Red Oak Ranch website.

ARTICLE III: HORSE ARENA USE PROVISIONS

Section 3.01 Restrictions

The use of the arena is restricted to qualified Horse Arena users and their guests. All qualified users and guests must sign the Release Agreement before using the arena.

Section 3.02 Rules and Regulations: Overview

- a. The Horse Arena is strictly to be used for equestrian activities only. No motorized or wheeled vehicles are permitted in the arena, other than for emergencies or maintenance of the arena.
- b. The arena and utilities shall remain locked when not in use. Current qualified users will be notified of the lock code(s) after submitting the Release Agreement. Members who use the arena will close and lock the gates when they leave. Users of the arena are responsible for the maintenance and appearance of the arena. The arena should be left in an appropriate condition for any riding discipline, especially with regard to the following:
 - i. Any equipment used (including but not limited to jumps, ground poles, barrels, cones, etc.) should be removed before leaving the arena.
 - ii. Any major disturbances of the footing should be repaired, if possible, or reported so that maintenance can be carried out.
 - iii. The arena shall be regularly inspected, and repair and maintenance performed, as required. If the protective base mat is visible when riding, report it immediately so maintenance can be performed.
- c. All users of the arena are expected to follow the **General Rules of Horse Arena Etiquette** and to act in a safe and courteous manner towards other riders.
- d. Do not ride if you suspect that the condition of the arena is unsafe. Any problems with the arena or associated structures and equipment should be reported immediately.
- e. The horse arena surface is a sand/mulch mix over a base mat over a gravel base. Activities such as reining stops, barrel racing or speed games are not safe on this surface.

- f. Do not hold any organized event in the arena without notifying the RORPOA Horse Arena Liaison at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
- g. Guests using the arena generally will be accompanied by a Qualified User and must sign the Release Agreement prior to using the arena.

Section 3.03 Rules and Regulations: General Rules of Horse Arena Etiquette

- a. **Healthy Horses:** Protect your horse and other horses by practicing good horse health. If your horse is exhibiting physical symptoms, being treated for a contagious illness, or is a known carrier of intestinal parasites, stay at home until your animal is healthy. Vaccinations are recommended, but not required.
- b. **Be Aware:** The first rule should always be courtesy. Remember that everyone has a living animal underneath and not every movement is always under control. Be aware of everyone and everything around you, particularly other riders and horses. Be respectful and considerate if another rider is having problems with a horse, is riding a young horse or is an inexperienced or timid rider.
- c. **Communicate:** Ask other riders about their riding plans for the session and what areas of the arena they will be using. Share yours. This is a shared space. Polite conversation and etiquette will avoid most problems. If you are meeting an outside trainer at the arena and prefer to use the arena alone for your lesson, communicate with other members of the arena via text or email the day before to identify and negotiate potential conflicts.
- d. **Announce Your Intentions:** Tell the other riders what you plan to do: "passing on your left", "leaving arena", "entering arena", etc.
- e. **In-Hand:** Horses in-hand should give way to horses being ridden.
- f. **Left Shoulder to Left Shoulder:** Riders should try to ride in the same direction. If this is not possible then the "left shoulder to left shoulder" rule should apply. When entering, ride in the same direction as the majority of horses in the arena.
- g. **Slow on the Inside, Fast on the Outside:** Slower riders should ride on the inside track, including those doing schooling such as lateral work etc. Riders working at a faster pace such as a lope or canter should stay on the outside track. Experienced riders/horses should give way to those less experienced.
- h. **Mount Out of the Way:** Mount and dismount away from the working track.
- i. **Cue Quietly:** Voice commands, kissing or clicking to cue your horse should be done quietly and away from other horses. If you are using a whip, be aware of the effect on other horses.
- j. **Keep Your Distance:** Do not crowd other riders and keep at least a horse's length between you and the horse in front of you. When there are riders working on both the inside and outside track, leave enough passing room that one horse is unable to bite or kick at the horse on the other track. If your horse kicks, protect others.
- k. **All Horses Under Control:** There should be no loose horses in the arena while others are riding.
- l. **Avoid Escapes:** Keep gates closed while using the arena.
- m. **Always Ride Safely:** A helmet and other appropriate protective equipment is recommended.
- n. **Spectate Safely:** Spectators should stand outside the arena, not along the rail (without permission of the riders). Spectators should act in such a way as not to distract or alarm horses and riders. No small

children or dogs should be in the arena with horses and riders. Young children should be restrained and encouraged to remain quiet. Dogs should be kept on a leash, quiet and under control.


- o. **Clean Up:** Clean up the arena after use. Put away any equipment such as jumps, barrels, trotting poles or cones. Leave it at least the way you found it or better.
- p. **Arena Fence and Tying:** Tying horses to the arena fence may result in damage and is not safe; use the hitching pole near the arena entrance.

I, the undersigned, as President of the Association, do hereby certify that at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association, duly called and held on **September 23, 2021**, the foregoing "**Horse Arena Policy of Red Oak Ranch Property Owners' Association**" was approved by not less than a majority of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on the date shown below.

RED OAK RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

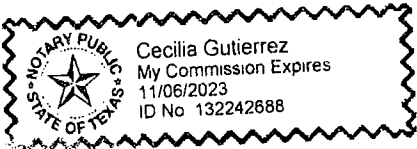
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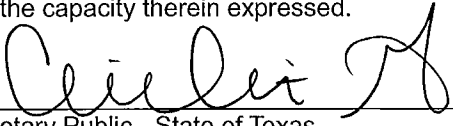
By: 

Chris Michel
President of RORPOA

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, on this 24th day of September, 2021 personally appeared Chris Michel, President of Red Oak Ranch Property Owners' Association known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose and in the capacity therein expressed.




Notary Public - State of Texas

AFTER RECORDING PLEASE RETURN TO:

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P.O. Box 1920
Conroe, TX 77305

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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I hereby certify that this instrument was e-filed in the file number sequence on the date and time stamped herein by me and was duly e-RECORDED in the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas.

09/24/2021



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