

Burnaby Horsemen's Association Policy: Ring Use Policy

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Applicability

This section applies to all members and guests who ride or handle horses on BHA facility.

Policy

- a) As defined in our Constitution, BHA was created to support a variety of diverse horse-related activities. There often are riders/handlers using the ring in various ways, and not all purposes can be achieved concurrently. Therefore, times may be designated for different purposes in the ring, to be determined by the board on a seasonal basis, depending on the needs and requests of club members. Also, given the nature of the club, riders and handlers can expect to work around riders/handlers doing other activities in the ring and their equipment.
 - i) Riders/handlers are welcome to set up equipment (e.g., poles, cavaletti, jumps, barrels, tarps, etc.) at any time if they are alone, but if other riders/handlers are present they should discuss and seek consensus prior to set-up/use.
- b) In the winter months (November – April), the indoor is the preferred space for riding and more flexibility is required by members to accommodate diverse needs.
- c) Activities permitted/not-permitted in BHA arenas:
 - i) Indoor Arena: all riding/handling activities allowed. No turnout, free lunging, liberty work or lunging (with the exception of mounted lunge lessons for beginner riders or for veterinary assessment purposes).
 - ii) Sand Ring: all riding/handling activities allowed; turnout, free lunging, and liberty work only during designated and posted times.
 - iii) Ring 1: all riding/handling activities allowed; no turnout, free lunging, or liberty work.
 - iv) Ring 2: all riding/handling activities allowed; turnout, free lunging and liberty work allowed at all times.
 - v) Round pen: all riding/handling activities allowed; free lunging and liberty work allowed at all times.
- d) In arenas where multiple activities are allowed the priority is as follows:
 - i) Scheduled lessons or approved ring bookings/activities (e.g., horse play)
 - ii) Individual riders and handlers (including in-hand) of any discipline
 - iii) Lunging
 - iv) Turnout and Liberty work
- e) During turnout:
 - i) supervision at the arena is required at all times
 - ii) If someone is waiting to use the arena for turnout, limit your time to 20 minutes, to allow for shared use of the facility.

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- iii) More than one (1) horse can occupy the turnout area at one time, provided that the owners of all horses occupying the turnout agree.
- iv) Upon removal of the horse from the turnout area, the owner/handler shall immediately repair any damage caused by the horse to the turnout area including filling any holes left by the horse.
 - (1) For all rings, fill any divots and rake any footing that has been torn up.
 - (2) For Ring 3, rake any footing that has been flattened (by rolling) or torn up.
 - (3) For Ring 3 and Round Pen, remove any manure left by the horse.

Supporting Documents

- 1) Related BHA Policy
 - a) Clinic and Lesson Policy
- 2) Related BHA Constitution & Bylaws
 - a) Constitution: Society's Purposes
- 3) References
 - a) Posted signs on arenas.

Review Schedule

Policy Adopted:	Nov 12 2024
Policy Owner:	Vice-President
Next Review Scheduled:	Nov 2025

Version History

Date	Version Number	Details
MARCH 28 2022	1.0	Initial version posted on BHA website
Jan 29 2023	2.0	
Nov 12 2024	3.0	Added allowance of lunging in indoor arena for veterinary purposes, incorporated Turn Out Policy into this policy