



Arena Etiquette and Safety:

Respectfully, continued non-adherence to MBARC safety guidelines may result in membership being revoked.

Entering and exiting arena – **specific to Tilling Hill:**

Enter (Instructor and Rally master to oversee lesson handover):

- Due to limited space at Tilling Hill in the corridor between stables and arena it is requested that horses for the next class access the arena and move at least 10 metres from gate, prior to horses exiting the arena.
- Horses should be led not ridden into and out of arena.
- Wait to be invited into the arena by the instructor, the current lesson must have stopped and all riders be dismounted. Ask instructor for permission to enter.
- ***Do not enter arena without permission whilst a lesson is in progress.***
- On entering arena move well into the arena prior to stopping/mounting to enable the remaining class members to enter safely and exiting riders room to exit as a group.
- Ensure gate is shut behind the last exiting rider.

Exit:

- Wait until all current class members have dismounted and are ready to exit the arena.
- Wait until all class members for the next class have entered the arena and moved at least 10 metres from gate.
- Once riders have dismounted and are ready to leave as a group, leading rider to open gate and make spectators & members aware they will be exiting.
- If you are in the last lesson of the day, close arena gates behind the last horse.

All members are asked to proactively assist to pick up manure from arena's during rally days if spectating. Ask permission of instructor to enter and make riders aware of your presence.

Spectators/strappers/friends/assistants:



It is the member's responsibility to inform those attending rallies with them, of the clubs expectations:

- If you are a spectator, please keep voices down.
- Do not lean near or on the arena fence – remain at least 1.5 metres from the fence line.
- Do not disturb or provide feedback/instructions to riders in the lesson.

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**Please note all members have the right to terminate their lesson at any time, for any reason. Please communicate your intention to instructor and ask permission to safely leave the arena by foot.

1. When passing another rider who is unaware of your presence, call "**passing**" or "**heads up**" to make them aware.



2. If you are passing another rider coming from the opposite direction (head on), **pass left shoulder to left shoulder.**
3. **In a free warm up prior to instructor managing lesson and assessing combinations capabilities, only walk and trot. In second lesson with known combinations, instructor may request warm up at canter.**



4. In group lessons, leave at least **2 horses distance between and around you**. If you are too close, perform a 10 metre circle to create distance, and return to the track, but don't cut off another rider behind you!) OR look around the arena and ride into an empty space, and rejoin when suitable distance has been created.
5. If you need to halt for a reason other than the instructions given, **move into the centre of the lesson away from the other riders.**
6. If you are walking while others are trotting and cantering, **stay off the track to the inner, so they have space to go around you on the outside.**
7. **All slower movements and manoeuvres should be practiced on the inside track**, so that riders travelling at a faster pace can go around you on the outside.
8. Riders or horses that are deemed **not in control must leave the arena** at the request of the instructor or other riders.
9. Riders must be **courteous to instructors and follow instruction, alternatively you may nominate to terminate your lesson, dismount and leave the arena.**
10. In group lessons always pay attention to other riders and **avoid collisions at all costs!**
11. **Be mindful of novice riders or green horses having trouble.**
12. When requested to line up for instructions, line up as straight as possible, and **leave min 1.5m between horses to avoid kicking or nipping!**