

RULES AND REGULATIONS

for participating in Giddy-Up Musquodoboit Horse Club activities

Horse Activities on the Halifax County Exhibition Grounds.

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1. All riders and support people, please read and sign the Horse Waiver/Liability Form and give it to the Giddy-Up Musquodoboit (GUM) Horse Club Liaison for Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society records.
2. All riders must provide proof of updated Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation insurance and give it to the Horse Club Liaison for Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society records.
3. All riders and support people at the Exhibition Grounds must be accounted for; please report/sign in either through the Facebook group or directly with the Horse Club Liaison of your intention to use the grounds on any given day.

Permitted riders will be responsible for their own horse and equipment and support people (please note this is not a family/friends' playground but a riding arena for horse and rider).

Permitted riders are required to wear an identifying arm band to indicate their paid membership.

A riding helmet is strongly recommended for use by all riders.

ARM BANDS:

1. Each rider needs to pay for an arm band.
2. \$100 per rider per horse/year for GUM Horse Club membership.
3. Arm bands for additional riders of said horse or additional horses *within immediate family use (parents + children)* is \$50. Additional riders of an individual horse can be family members or friends but each additional rider needs to pay \$50 for an arm band identification.

There are a few ways to pay.

Cash

Cheque made out to Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society. In the memo line add GUM Club and on the back who it will be covering.

Or e-transfer to mmas@agricommodity.ca. Please add "GUM Club" and the name(s) of who the payment is covering in the memo line.

Receipts are available upon request.

Example: Ginny is the primary rider for her horse, Bojango. Ginny pays \$100. Ginny's friend, Sally also wants to ride Bojango, therefore Sally needs to pay \$50 for an arm band to identify her as a rider affiliated with Ginny. Ginny's boyfriend, Robbie also wants to ride Bojango. Robbie needs to pay \$50 for an arm band to identify him as a rider affiliated with Ginny. Ginny's pony club friend, Erin, wants to ride at the Exhibition Grounds with Ginny. Erin must buy a \$100 arm band as a horse and rider of her horse, Ebony. Erin's mother also wants to ride Ebony at the Exhibition Grounds, therefore, Erin's mother must buy a \$50 armband to identify her as affiliated with Erin. Erin's father doesn't want to ride a horse but is the driver of the truck and trailer. Erin's father doesn't have to pay for an armband but must be listed as a family member on the Exhibition Grounds.

Grounds Usage:

The Exhibition Grounds is available any unrented day of the week** from sun-up to sundown but you must notify the Horse Club Liaison that you are coming and the number of people that are coming with you. All people and horses must be accounted for.

** If a scheduled event is booked at the Exhibition Grounds, riders are not permitted to use the grounds. This includes any and all events, even if the event is not happening near the arena.

Riders are able to use Ring 2 (the small ring with the green rails) ONLY, the outdoor stalls of the horse barn, the outdoor washrooms behind the horse barn, and the seating around Ring 2. Please DO NOT walk or ride your horse in the open field behind the horse barn, between the 4-H barn and the main arena towards Harrison House and the food vendor buildings, or past the announcers' booth toward the Exhibition Main Office building and the open field.

The livestock/truck gate entrance will not be unlocked for truck and trailer entrance onto the grounds. Vehicles and trailers can be parked in the parking lot opposite the gates. Please walk your horse and gear through the smaller swinging gate beside the livestock gate.

When using the grounds, please leave the grounds in better condition than when you arrived.

- Please pick up manure and dump it on the small cement pad behind the 4-H barn. Leave the wheelbarrow and manure rake in an outdoor stall of the horse barn.
- PLEASE do not put stones from the riding ring in the grass outside the ring for the mower to hit. Place any stones in a designated pile (look for sign) that can be picked up later. Please don't put stones in the wheelbarrow and add it to the manure pile at the back of the 4-H barn because this manure will eventually be used in gardens/fields.
- Use the garbage cans for waste disposal (not rocks).
- Report any damage you see or that you are involved with to the Horse Club Liaison immediately.
- There may or may not be a mower in and around the grassy areas of the Exhibition Grounds at any given time. If this is of concern to you or your horse while you are on the grounds, put your horse in a stall, in the Ring, or outside of the livestock gate for safety of all concerned.
- Hours of operation are sun-up to sundown. Please be gone by sundown.

Paid riders can become a member of the Facebook group "[Giddy-Up Musquodoboit](#)" (GUM) Horse Club for any and all discussions regarding availability of the grounds, please let the Horse Club Liaison know when you plan to use the grounds on a particular day or time, report any disturbances, add photos, comment on ways to improve the activity, and general discussion.

Please consider volunteering your time, effort and expertise with the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society to help care for the Exhibition Grounds. Every instance of volunteering is deeply appreciated.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY AND ALSO THE HORSE CLUB LIAISON. SHE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO KEYS TO OPEN THE GATES FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES NEEDING TO ENTER THE GROUNDS.