

General Rules, Dog Rules, FAQ's

These rules are in place to protect the rider, horse, and the integrity of the facility including the Cross-Country Course. Please review the Horse Park website regularly for full rules and policy/rule changes. Updates on activities and facility conditions are available on the website or by calling the Horse Park Main Office at (650) 851-2140 during regular business hours.

GENERAL RULES

1. **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY. 10 MPH ON ALL HORSE PARK ROADS!**
2. If there is an emergency, call 911 first and then the Main Office at 650-851-2140. All urgent and non-urgent injuries and incidents that require medical attention need to be reported to the Main Office within the same day.
3. Membership is required to use the Horse Park facilities.
4. All riders/trainers must either obtain a HPW "Pay As You Go" or "Full" membership with required paperwork and/or insurance certificate (trainers) prior to using the facility.
5. All "Pay As You Go" members must check in and pay the Use Fee **BEFORE** using the facility.
6. Only Dog Members and Full Use Members are allowed to bring their dogs to the Horse Park.
7. The Horse Park Dog Policies & Rules apply to both Dog and Full Use membership types.
8. Helmets are required when mounted for anyone 18 years old or under (regardless of riding style).
9. No jumping allowed without helmets, regardless of age or skill level.
10. No jumping alone in the arenas or anywhere on the property.
11. No loose horses permitted anywhere on the property except in pasture.
12. No unattended turnouts in the Round Pens.
13. Riders, when schooling on the Cross-Country Course, **MUST** wear a safety helmet, protective vest, and be accompanied by a trainer with a cell phone.
14. Riders may never jump a "Closed" fence or jump in any "Closed" section of the Cross-Country Course.
15. When the Cross-Country Course is closed, it pertains to all portions of the course, for all types of riding and driving.
16. No unauthorized vehicles permitted on the Cross-Country Course.
17. No smoking anywhere on the property.
18. No open flames, campfires or cooking.
19. Drive on designated roads only, not on the Cross-Country Course.

DOG RULES

Cross-Country Course Designated Hours for Dogs

Sunrise - 10:00 AM Dogs are allowed off leash.

10:00 AM-5:00 PM Dogs must be on leash.

5:00 PM – Sunset Dogs are allowed off leash.

1. All dog walkers must abide by general Horse Park Rules and hours in addition to Dog Rules. Rules are not a substitute for the dog walker's good judgement in proactively avoiding an incident.
2. Dogs **MUST** be leashed, kenneled, housed, or tied in barn areas at all times and out of foot/horse/traffic. Dogs **MUST** be leashed in arenas, roads and pastures.
3. Dogs are not allowed in any arena.
4. Dogs are not permitted next to an arena that is being used.
5. Dogs are not permitted to accompany riders while riding or “run alongside” vehicles, including golf carts, motorcycles, etc.
6. Dogs are only allowed off leash in the cross-country course and perimeter trail subject to the Dog Rules.
7. Dogs may be off leash in the Cross-Country Course **ONLY** if they are under complete voice control at all times (and should never be more than 100 feet from the handler). It is the handler’s ultimate responsibility to be on the lookout for approaching horses in all directions.
8. If the Cross-Country Course is closed to equestrian use, for weather conditions or maintenance, and there is not a competition, dogs are permitted on the cross-country course and perimeter trail.
9. If a competition is being run which utilizes the Cross-Country Course, no dogs are allowed on the Cross-Country Course or the perimeter trail at any time during the active phase of the competition.
10. Horses/Riders always have right of way. It is mandatory that even when it is otherwise permitted for a dog to be unleashed (i.e., on Cross-Country Course), any dog who is being approached in any direction by a horse, must be put on a leash and must yield to the horse/rider with no exceptions.
11. The perimeter trail remains subject to horse right of way and General Rules.
12. Please clean up after yourselves and your dog(s) wherever you are at the Horse Park, including on the Cross-Country field.
13. Courtesy refuse bags are available at the entrances to the Cross-Country Course and near the Four Winds Annex. Courtesy leashes are available at the Main Office if you have forgotten your own.
14. No “Professional Dog Walkers” are permitted at the Horse Park at any time.
15. The Horse Park practices a “no tolerance” policy as it relates to aggressive, disobedient, mismanaged, and/or mishandled dogs. Any such dogs will not be allowed to return to the Horse Park and members may lose their membership privileges.

Violations

- Please report any infractions of these rules by fellow members, boarders, trainers, or staff to the Horse Park Main Office immediately.
- Any violation of HPW rules/policies may result in the revocation of membership and/or removal from the property.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, dial 911 immediately. Then please notify the Horse Park Main Office at (650) 851-2140 or a Horse Park office employee. The Horse Park is located at 3674 Sand Hill Road in Woodside, San Mateo County, California.

Entrance Gate Access

Gates will automatically open/close as each vehicle enters and exits.

FAQs

1. Why Are There Rules For Dog Members?

- Member safety is the #1 priority at the Horse Park. The shared environment of dogs and horses provides a challenging mix of uses. Many horses are frightened of loose dogs, loud dogs, dogs running through water at high speed, or dogs chasing after thrown objects. Loose horses are a hazard and are extremely dangerous to pedestrians, vehicles and other riders. Strict adherence to Horse Park rules is necessary to keep the Park safe and available to all members.

2. Who May Bring Dogs To the Horse Park? Where Are They Allowed?

- Dog Walker Members and Full Members may exercise their dogs on the Cross-Country Course or walk leashed dogs in the remainder of the Horse Park.
- Day Use Members are equestrian members only. They may not utilize the Horse Park for their dogs.