



# West Texas Drifters Riding Club

## **2025 ARENA Rules**

1. Horses are allowed to warm up in the arena prior to the event beginning. Please remain on the outside of the patterns along the fence.
2. Horses must remain at a walk outside of the arena on the north, west and south sides of the arena. You are allowed to walk, trot or lope your horse on the east side of the arena.
3. Only one horse will be allowed in the arena at a time during an event.
4. No ponying on horseback is allowed.
5. Horses may not be tethered together at anytime. If you choose to warm up two horses at a time, you must not dally your horse to your horn, saddle or person. (For safety reasons, if a horse becomes unmanageable, it needs to be able to separate if necessary.)
6. No smoking upstairs, at the concession window, or in the restrooms.
7. No glass bottles are allowed of any kind.
8. Alcohol must be inconspicuous and kept at the trailer. (Please do not ride around with a "Drink" in your hand.)
9. Children should be watched to ensure safety at all times.
10. Enter the arena through the "L" gate on the southwest side of the arena and exit through the "L" gate on the northwest side of the arena.
11. Horses known to be sick must have a vet release to return to the arena for play, and then for the safety of other horses, must be kept at their trailer for the three (3) play days following the release. In other words, they are not allowed to "socialize" with other horses.
12. Negative EIA Coggins must be presented at the time of registration for each event. You may provide the alternate secretary with a copy to prevent having to show them at each registration.
13. Uncontrolled behavior from individuals, i.e. excessive profanity, aggression, unruly behavior, or excessive drunkenness will be grounds to be asked to leave the premises. In the event of failure to vacate, the authorities will be called.
14. Anyone with a LTC (License to Carry) may enter the grounds with their weapon, but will not be permitted to wear, display, or carry their weapon. (It may remain concealed at your trailer or in your vehicle.)
15. No ATVs, UTVs, Side-by-Sides, Golf Carts, and the like are not permitted to be used while horses are being ridden. If someone chooses to drive one to the arena, it must be parked as soon as the gate is entered. For the sake of safety, if someone is violating this rule, they will be asked to vacate the premises immediately.
16. All issues arising will be handled by the Rules Committee, lead by the Vice President, and when necessary, deferred to the President.
17. In the event the Officer's requests/directions are ignored or blatantly disregarded, the violator will be asked to leave the premises. Continued disregard for the rules will be grounds for permanent removal from the grounds and the Club.
18. These ground rules are in **addition** to the Play Day Rules and the By-Laws of the West Texas Drifters Riding Club, and are in no way meant to take the place of or be in conflict of. The By-Laws and the Play Day Rules will supersede the ground rules in the event of a conflict.