

ETIQUETTE FOR RIDING IN AN ARENA & WARMING UP AT

ALL BHRC COMPETITIONS.

- Pass left shoulder to left shoulder (thus, a horse on the left-rein on the track has right of way).
- A slower moving horse (walking) keeps to the inside track. When walking or halting, do so 5m off the track in order to keep the track clear for faster moving horses (i.e. cantering horses).
- A horse doing more advanced work (tempi changes, extended trot, etc.) has right of way. If you would like to use the diagonal or centre-line, please announce it in a clear voice (ie "Diagonal please!").
- Be aware of stallions, they can be unpredictable and should be treated with respect.
- Be aware of your fellow riders and ride considerately:
- Try not to stop suddenly and don't deliberately cut across someone else's path,
- Don't obstruct the entrance/exit, or the track,
- When entering the riding arena, make sure you do not get in the way of approaching riders. If the entrance or view to the entire arena is obstructed, announce in a clear voice "Door/gate please", before entering, in order to prevent accidents,
- Give riders ample room when passing them so they don't get pushed up against the railings of the arena, whether passing from behind or in front.
- When passing, make sure your whip does not inadvertently touch the other horse.
- Don't gallop past riders in the arena or anywhere on the grounds.
- If you have a fractious or young horse, use the riding and lunging arenas to settle him but not at the expense of everyone else's safety. Also, if you see a young or fractious, horse, try not to upset them
- Instruction from the side of the arena is allowed, but not at the expense of distracting other riders or to the detriment of the image of our sport - instructors and riders are encouraged to use microphones and earpieces in order to minimise distractions.
- Make sure which tack is allowed in the warm-up ring at competitions, as it can lead to elimination.
- It is the BHRC committee's duty to protect the sport & ensure safe and fair warm-up experience for all competitors. Their decision is final: if you are reprimanded or warned, obey graciously and learn from your mistakes.
- Only the person competing can warm up the horse in the arena.