

Riding Rules

1. No riding is permitted by anyone other than the sharer.
2. Sharers may only ride the pony once on their allocated day.
3. The actual time for riding, schooling, or exercising the horse or pony will not exceed one and a half hours in any one session:
 1. 20 mins warm up. Minimum 5 mins walk and then gentle trotting.
 2. 5 mins minimum walk cool down.
 3. Canter should be limited to soft ground (no rocks and stones) and should be in large sweeping circles, a minimum circle of 20m diameter.
 4. When schooling riders must be considerate of others around them. Always pass left hand to left hand.
 5. Canter on the top farm track is only permitted from the far end to the intersection and being mindful of grazing horses and ponies in the adjacent fields
 6. The only exception to the timing condition is when the equine is being used for pre-approved hacking out. In this instance, a maximum of two hours is permitted.
4. Hacking outside of the yard is only allowed when authorised by either Barry Tregaskis or Sheri Johnson. This may necessitate an assessment by the aforesaid and escort by an approved experienced rider or instructor
 1. During hacking sharers must adhere to bridle paths and be aware of the highway code that applies to riders.
 2. Riders must wear high vis jackets.
 3. Hacking must be no more than 2 hours.
 4. Deviating into private / farmers land is not allowed under any circumstance.
5. During use, the equines must be permitted sensible periods of rest. This is particularly important in hot weather.
6. Leading to and from the fields/stables and grooming do not fall within riding time constraints.
7. Only the sharer rider can ride the pony. Any friends or family who want to ride require permission first.
8. No excessive use of the whip.
9. Bare-back riding is not permitted.
10. Any experimental or non-traditional activities should be done with prior agreement and a qualified expert, such as join up, Parelli etc.

Health & Safety Rules

1. Sharers must only jump (over 50cm) a pony with adult supervision and body protector worn.
2. All correct tack should be worn at all times when the pony is ridden.
3. Riders must wear a hat when on a pony.
4. If sharers wish to do groundwork in the school, a hat must be worn.

Horsemanship

1. If pony is sweaty, they must be sponged off. If it's winter, the pony must be dry and cool before rugs are put on.
2. Depending on conditions and season, hoof picking, hosing, fitting fly masks, rugging-up etc is the responsibility of the rider.
3. Hooves to be picked out before and after riding
4. All plaits removed from horses after a session i.e., not left in out in the field or in the stable to risk of getting caught on something.
5. Ponies must be turned out after ridden if before 2pm. If kept in for an extended period, hay provided, ideally soaked.
6. Please pick up and clean up after yourselves and leave things where you found it.
7. Tack must be left clean after riding and the bit must be rinsed.

All sharers must read and agree to this in full.

If it has been observed and/or reported back to any HB&L volunteers or trustee that sharers are not adhering to our guidelines or demonstrating that the pony may be suffering, we have the right to enforce horsemanship training. If repeated misbehaviour occurs, we have the right to terminate the contract.