Kit Carson Riding Club, Inc.

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KCRC ARENA ETIQUETTE

Do:

- Communicate your intentions
- Look where you are going and where other people are riding.
- Mount and dismount in designated area or in the center of the arena (not on the rail or in front of the gate)
- Create proper spacing--2 horse lengths or more--distance from you and the horse in front of you.
- If you must stop for tack adjustment or for the rider's needs, come to the center of the ring to do so.
- Passing other riders:
 - o If moving in the same direction: pass to the inside
 - o If moving in opposite directions: pass left shoulder to left shoulder
- Use large circles to create space between you and the horse in front of you.
- Slower traffic should ride on the inside, faster on the outside
- Circles give way to outside track
- When walking your horse in hand, give outside track to riders (walk your horse closer to the middle and do not walk on the rail).
- In an emergency dismount (rider falls off and/or horse gets loose), all riders dismount for safety
- Move out of the way (off the rail) to answer a cell-phone call
- Ensure all gates are closed before leaving the area
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times on KCRC property

Don't:

- Don't stop in front of another rider suddenly/unexpectedly
- Don't pass right shoulder to right shoulder
- Do not mount or otherwise congregate in the entrance to the riding area.
- Don't tie your horse in an arena during open riding
- No dogs allowed in the arenas or round pens

Arena Usage Priority:

- 1. Reserved Events
- 2. Horses under saddle
- 3. Horses being lunged on lunge line
 - use round pen when available
 - share the arena with horses under saddle
- 4. Free exercise (turnout and catching)
 - limited to 15 minutes when there is a saddled rider waiting

Communication is Key