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LLU Faculty of Agriculture Equestrian learning centre "Mušķi" ARENA RULES

(Comes into force on the 1st of April, 2022)

- 1. Being in the arena is allowed according the arena schedule.
- 2. Taking of the blankets and checking the equipment should be done in the stable building.
- 3. When entering the arena, make sure to not scare other riders and horses in the arena.
- 4. Getting on and off the horse should be done in the middle of the arena or at place provided for that.
- 5. If it is necessary to adjust the equipment (girth, stirrups, etc.) it should be done in the middle of the arena.
- 6. The doors of the arena should be closed during training.
- 7. When several horses are in the arena or field, following rules must be followed: oncoming horses have to make the way free for each other by going to the right side, the outside path should be held free for faster horses (trot, canter) and those who are walking have to go to the inside.
- 8. In dangerous situation (fall, disobedience of the horse, etc.) other riders must stop and wait for the situation to be resolved.
- 9. If there is a group lesson happening in the arena, other riders should ask the trainer for allowance to ride in-between.
- 10. Use of arena for longeing is allowed from October till April or if the weather is bad.
- 11. Use of arena for longeing is forbidden if group lessons are happening.
- 12. If individual riders are riding in the arena, make sure to not disturb them.
- 13. Always collect the horse manure.
- 14. If additional equipment is used (obstacles, bars, etc.) it has to be put back in its place after usage.
- 15. Rough treatment of other riders and horses is strictly forbidden.
- 16. If there are horses in the arena, children should be kept under supervision and dogs should be kept on the leash.
- 17. Horses should never run freely if there are other horses in the arena.
- 18. Smoking is strictly forbidden.

Arena etiquette

- When riding young horses, scared horses or horses which can kick, other riders must be warned.
- When riding on a 20m circle, other riders should be able to use the outside path.
- You should look where you want to ride to avoid crashing into each other.
- Do not ride too close to other riders in the arena.
- Other riders must be warned on time (eg. riding inside).

- If the stick must be used more heavily, other riders should be warned beforehand.
- When using the stick make sure not to touch other horses.
- If riding a specific way (eg. diagonal) warn another rider loudly beforehand.
- Jumping obstacles or doing higher elements might scare younger horses- be careful!
- If it is necessary to ride a scheme or jump an obstacle, other riders must be warned beforehand, loud and clear. As well clearly communicate what will follow.
- You should not use the phone on the horses back. If it is needed to do a call you should go to the middle of the arena.
- If there is an individual activity, try not to disturb.
- If there are more than 5 riders in the arena, you should all ride on the same hand and communicate the change of hand loud and clearly. Those who still have to change have to ride on the inside.