



# Arena Use Expectations and Safety Rules

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Site Bookings 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday



**Please keep for your records.**

## Benalto Agricultural Society Membership

1. Non-refundable Memberships are valid for one year from September 1<sup>st</sup> August 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.
2. An Arena Use Membership will not be issued until a Benalto Agricultural Membership is purchased.
3. By purchasing a Benalto Agricultural Society Membership, you have agreed to a volunteer commitment.
4. Volunteer Commitments are to be performed during “work -bees” or during the “Benalto Fair and Stampede”. (16 Hours with a Family Membership or 8 Hours with an Individual Membership)
5. Volunteer hours MUST be completed before any Arena Use Membership will be renewed
6. If you are a member of the Medicine River Pony Club and or the Shadow Riders 4-H Club, you are affiliated with the Benalto Agricultural Society. If you have purchased a Benalto Agricultural Society Membership through these groups, you are not required to purchase another \$5.00 general membership.
7. There must be at least one (1) adult family member (18 years or older) who holds an active Benalto Agricultural Society Membership.
8. This membership is strictly for **INDIVIDUAL or FAMILY** use. Any clinics or group rentals are subject to further rental fees.
9. A clinic or group consists of 3 or more Arena Members using the arena at any given time.
10. The Medicine River Pony Club and Shadow Riders 4-H Club are **NOT** included in clinic **OR** group bookings

11. **ARENA USE BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN NO EARLIER THAN 4 WEEKS IN ADVANCE**
12. Misuse and abuse of the membership in any way will result in immediate termination of the membership privileges and no refund of the membership fee(s) will be granted.
13. .All correspondence is through Facebook and WhatsApp. It is your responsibility to keep updated!
14. .All Benalto Agricultural Society Members possessing an Arena Use Membership will be given access to the online booking schedule and must follow Arena Use Guidelines
15. .Non compliance with the Arena Use Guidelines may result in the suspension of the arena agreement with NO reimbursement of funds
16. 4H and Pony club members will only be permitted to ride during scheduled ride times. Ex. Parents and siblings are not permitted to ride on the grounds without a riding membership.
17. In the event of a scheduled ride being cancelled, 4H or Pony Club members may only ride at the discretion of their leader. Siblings and parents are not permitted to ride.

## Arena Use Guidelines

- An Arena Use Membership is only available to those already possessing a Benalto Agricultural Society Membership
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### **Individual Membership or Family Membership**

Arena usage is based on the membership type purchased. Memberships include 0, 1 or 2 private bookings per week. If a member has private bookings included, these may be booked up to 4 weeks in advance. Outside of privately booked times the arena is open for riding and all arena members are welcome to haul in. Please communicate via the WhatsApp group when you are hauling in. Private bookings can be made by **texting 403-846-3674**.

An additional rider may accompany a person with a Riding Membership at a fee of \$20.00. These funds must be e-transferred to the AG treasurer prior to riding. The visitor is the responsibility of the person holding the riding membership. Failure to do so will result in loss of riding privileges with no refund given.

## Expectations

- Clean up after yourself and your equine/bovine both inside and outside of the riding arena.  
There is a muck bucket just inside the riding arena East entrance. This applies to all riding rings, parking area and grass area.
- At no time can member(s) use or borrow any equipment, tools, or articles belonging to the Benalto Agricultural Society.
- Ride ONLY in arena you have booked
- Members must conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner at all times.
- Facility rentals will take priority over ride time availability; make sure you schedule your ride time(s).
- Report any concerns or unusual circumstances to the Benalto Agricultural Society immediately. **Site Manager (587)877-2424**
- Park in a reasonable fashion so as not to restrict access.
- Turn off the lights and close the doors when you leave the riding arena.
- All dogs must be on a leash at all times and under control. No dogs permitted in the Leisure Centre, Ag Centre Lobby or Ag Centre Kitchen.
- For clinic or group rentals, it is the responsibility of one person to collect the fees and turn it into the Benalto Agricultural Society
- There will be **NO** storage of **ANY** personal equipment and or supplies in any of the arenas. If any personal equipment and or supplies are stored, it will be at your own risk and there will be an extra charge of \$20.00 per day.

## Safety Rules

- The Benalto Agricultural Society mandates that all junior riders (ages 18 years and under) must wear a helmet, when riding.
- All animals will be treated humanely.
- The maximum speed limit for all vehicles on the grounds is 20 km/hr. -Report any faulty or damaged equipment or damage of grounds to the Benalto Agricultural Society immediately.
- To protect your own personal liability the Benalto Agricultural Society recommends that you have your own membership to the Alberta Equestrian Federation. See [www.albertaequestrian.com](http://www.albertaequestrian.com)
- Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- All riders must fill in and sign the attached Release from Liability form(s) BEFORE riding.
- YOU MUST** complete the arena use log before any arena use
- In the case of an emergency, Muster Point is the flag poles. Central part of the Ag Grounds