

# EQUESTRIAN CAMPING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. By Maryland State Regulation, attendees are required to carry evidence of a negative Coggins test, current within twelve months.
2. Check-in/Check-out time for Equestrian Camping is 3:00pm. Quiet time is between 10p-7a. All generators must be turned off during those times.
3. Equestrian users are required to use **STRAW ONLY** for bedding. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL CHIPS OR PAPER BE USED.** All straw used in stalls must be removed and placed in the area designated by a blue colored sign, "STRAW ONLY".
4. All stalls are to be cleaned and swept out before departure. For stalls not properly cleaned, the user will be charged a cleaning fee of \$25 per stall. Stall ID Cards are attached to the Registration Box and must be filled out and affixed to your stall.
5. Horses must be in stalls with only one horse per stall. No portable paddocks or corrals are permitted. **Please do not tie horses to posts or stall doors.**
6. Dogs must be leashed at **ALL TIMES.**
7. Campfires are **ONLY** permitted at the designated Equestrian Camp Pads within the metal fire rings and at approved Field Camping sites in raised metal bowls. Field Camping sites **MUST BE OUTSIDE** of the Race Barn perimeter driveway. If using a raised metal bowl, please discard your waste into the yellow metal drum labeled "Ash". Do not discard coals directly into the dumpster. No fires will be permitted directly on the ground. All firewood must be purchased from the firewood rack located at the south end of Barn 2. The cost is \$5 per bundle. **Due to concerns associated with two invasive insects – the Emerald Ash Borer and the Walnut Twig Beetle – Fair Hill NRMA does not allow outside sources of firewood to be brought onto the property. Additionally, firewood cannot be removed from Fair Hill NRMA property.**
8. Lights, light fixtures and panel boxes are not to be altered or tampered with. In addition, plugging camping units or other electrical devices into buildings at Race Barns area is not permitted. Electrical outlets at the barns are for horse fans/clippers **ONLY.**
9. Washing of vehicles and trailers is prohibited.
10. Any wood or rock for chocking or leveling trailers or vehicles is to be removed prior to departure.
11. No vehicles or trailers are to be parked on roadways OR between the Race Barns, as they also serve as FIRE LANES and AVENUES FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES. Parking and camping on the natural surface areas between the Race Barns and inside the access road loop is prohibited as it creates ruts and inhibits grass growth.
12. All users are to stay on designated trails in the hayfields during the hay growing and harvesting season.
13. **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED** in all buildings to include stalls, barns and restrooms.
14. The consumption or possession of an open container of alcohol is prohibited in all Maryland State Park campgrounds, including Fair Hill NRMA's Equestrian Camping Facilities.
15. All Maryland State Parks are Trash Free. All visitors and/or Event Planners must make necessary arrangements to remove trash after their visit or event. Please remember to sort all recyclable materials when possible. Large events must independently contract for trash removal as part of their event coordination.
16. A full refund (less the ten-dollar reservation service charge) will be processed as long as revisions and cancellations are made at least one week **PRIOR** to arrival date. **Changes or cancellations made within one week prior to arrival date will be charged 25% of total reservation fees.** Event Planners can call the Park Office at (410) 398-1246 to receive a full refund for weather related cancellations. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE PROCESSED FOR NO-SHOWS.**

When engaging in equestrian activity on property of the State (including, but not limited to, stabling, equine camping, transporting, feeding, walking, grooming, mounting, exercising, riding, or otherwise handling a horse), you accept the inherent risks involved, you expressly assume all responsibility for the horse's care and expenses during and as a result of the activity, and you expressly assume all risks of harm, including without limitation all costs of medical care and treatment and diminution of value resulting from any harm, injury, or even mortality of yourself and/or horse(s) arising from participation in the equestrian activity.

Further, you voluntarily agree and warrant to Release and Holding Harmless the State of Maryland, the Department of Natural Resources, and any affiliates, divisions, agents, employees, or contractors from any liability, action, causes of action, losses, damages, debts, claims, incidents, and demands of any and every kind which may occur or you may suffer either during, after, or as a result of participation in the equestrian activity or as a result of the acts of omission, including negligent acts or omissions, of any employee, agent, contractor or staff. **It is mandatory to immediately report all injuries, accidents, damages and sensitive incidents to Fair Hill NRMA Management at (410) 398-1246 (Mon.-Fri. 8a-4p) or to the Duty Ranger at (410) 218-1698. FOR PARK EMERGENCIES CALL (410) 260-8888.**