

Southern Nazarene University Equestrian Center

Policies and Expectations

This policy and expectations document refers to the Southern Nazarene University Equestrian Center located in Bethany, Oklahoma on Thompkins between 50th Street and 39th Expressway. All policies included may be changed without notice, and the responsibility for knowing any/all policies is the responsibility of the reader and anyone using or visiting the SNU Equestrian Center.

Boarding

- The equine facility at Southern Nazarene University is not designed for boarding privately owned horses, but current students are welcome to board their horses under the following conditions. These conditions are mandatory tasks that the owner should carry out for their horse. If they are not attended to and completed on a regular basis by the horse owner then the horse will no longer be welcome to board at Southern Nazarene University Equestrian Center.
- Stallions are not to be boarded at Southern Nazarene University Equestrian Center.
- Students boarding a horse are encouraged to leave it turned out to the pasture; however, if open stalls are available a horse may be boarded in the stall. Horses that are not showing or being prepared to be shown may not stay in a stall at Southern Nazarene University. This is to conserve stall space and maintain barn cleanliness and resources.
- The cost to board a horse is determined by the barn manager. This payment is due on or before the first of the preceding month of which the payment is due. The payment may be dropped off at the main office of the barn (4700 N. Thompkins). Make checks Payable to SNU Equine
- The responsibilities that are to be carried out by each individual horse owner are as follows:
 - A consistent deworming program is expected to be enacted and executed by the horse owner. The Southern Nazarene University Equine facility will provide dewormer at cost to horse owners who are currently boarding their horse.
 - The condition of the horse's feet is required to be maintained in a manner that is suitable based on the owner's expectations of the horse. Out of town students or new horse owners that are unfamiliar with farriers in the Bethany area will be provided with a list of names and phone numbers to choose from. Horses who are shod cannot wear the same shoes for a period longer than ten weeks. If this occurs, the shoes will be removed and the expense of the removal charged to the horse's owner.
 - Any veterinary attention that is required for the horse must be taken care of immediately by the horse owner. All veterinary expense is the responsibility of the horse owner, not Southern Nazarene University; payment for services will be between the horse's owner and the veterinarian.
- The responsibilities that are to be carried out by each individual horse owner that boards a horse in the stalls at Southern Nazarene University Equestrian Center are as follows:
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- Any veterinary attention that is required for the horse must be taken care of immediately by the horse owner. The cost of this is the responsibility of the horse owner, not Southern Nazarene University.
- The horse is expected to be turned out on a daily basis weather permitting. If no apparent space is available for turn out, barn personnel will accommodate by making space available on the request of the horse owner. The horse owner is responsible for the act of turning out and putting the horse away. Horses that are left out for an extended period of time (overnight) will be turned out to pasture and it will be the horse owner's responsibility to catch it. Horses that are boarded in the stall are expected to be worked by the horse owner several times a week.
- The horse's owner is expected to maintain the condition of the stall by cleaning it on a daily basis. Cleaning tools and shavings are provided at no extra cost by Southern Nazarene University. The stall may not go more than two days without being tended to or the horse will be turned out to pasture.
- Up to 2 buckets for water will be provided per stall. Barn Personnel will fill them at feed time. It will be the horse owner's responsibility to clean buckets and check to see if the horse needs more water. If a bucket is destroyed or unusable from boarded horse, it is the responsibility of the owner to replace it.
- Services that are provided by the barn personnel are as follows:
 - Feed will be administered twice a day at 8:00am and 4:00pm to all stalled horses.
 - Horses turned out to pasture will be fed once a day at a time that is suitable.
 - Hay and/or alfalfa will be administered to stalled horses twice a day.
 - In the winter round bales are set out for pasture horses to ensure that they are provided with adequate nutrition. These services and resources are provided to the horse owner at no extra cost; however, should the horse owner elect to feed a special type of grain or hay not provided by Southern Nazarene University they are responsible for the cost, acquisition, maintenance, and distribution of the grain. This circumstance will not reduce the cost of board for the student/faculty member.
 - Space will be made available at no extra cost to the horse owner for trailers and tack.

Handling of Horses

- Non-barn personnel are not allowed to handle stallions.
- Horses are never to be tied up by the reins. Horses may not be left tied with a halter around their neck. Horses may not be tied up in a pen or pasture where other horses are loose.
- Horses are not to be removed from a stall by anyone other than barn personnel, unless the owner of the horse is present and has granted permission for their horse to be removed.
- Horses tied up by barn personnel are not to be untied by anyone other than the barn personnel.
- Only one rider may be on a horse at any given time.
- Students may not leave tack lying around barn facilities. It must be placed in the tack room or in the designated areas. All saddles must be set down correctly when not on a saddle rack or a horse.
- Halters must fit the horse's head. If the halter a student selects does not fit the horse they catch, they are required to immediately retrieve a different halter that is more suitable for the size of the horse's head.
- Students may handle only one horse at a time. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Recreational Riding

- Riding lessons of any kind may not be given or taken at any time at the Southern Nazarene Equine facility.
- Students who have not completed or not currently enrolled in the Basic Horsemanship class are not permitted to ride at any time.
- Students may ride in the pasture, the arena, or the round pens. Riding is not permitted outside of the gate or on the gravel.

Pasture Riding

- Students riding in the pasture must have a partner riding with them at all times and these partners must stay in plain sight of each other throughout the ride.
- Canter, lope and gallop are not permitted for pasture riding unless the student has completed the Intermediate Horsemanship class and is riding their own horse. Exceptions to this rule can be made only with permission of barn management.
- All gates are to be left the way they were found and done so immediately after use. Horses that accidentally make it through a gate are the responsibility of the riders that let them through. They are to be caught and taken back to their designated area immediately.
- Bareback riding is at no time permitted in the pasture without permission of barn management.

Arena Riding

- Canter, lope and bareback riding are all permitted.
- Riders are expected to be respectful and courteous to others riding in the arena. Faster gates always have the right of way and horses on the rail must be moving at all times. Stopping to talk can be done outside of the arena or after the ride.
- Riders must keep the arena and round pen gates closed while riding.

Other Rules

- Helmets must be worn at all times without exceptions.
- Barn personnel must check tack of all riders before the horse is mounted.
- Horses that are not designated for the horsemanship class require permission from barn personnel to be ridden. This includes but not limited to all horses in stalls. Barn personnel must be present for students or faculty to ride.
- Students and faculty are required to groom their horse before and after riding.
- The rider is expected to select a horse that they are capable of riding. Since the horses at Southern Nazarene's equine facility are of various difficulties the students may ask barn personnel for a recommendation on which horse to ride.
- Anyone at the Southern Nazarene equine facility who attempts to catch a certain horse must do so without giving up and moving to another horse. This rule applies even if the horse attempts to run.
- Riders who excessively kick, abuse, or pull on the horse's mouth will be asked to dismount walk their horse out, and leave the grounds.
- Spurs are not permitted to be worn by any rider without permission from barn manager.
- Everyone who rides at the Southern Nazarene University equine facility must have a signed release on file.
- The above rules must be observed by all students and faculty using Southern Nazarene University's equine facility for recreational riding. Disregarding any of the rules will result in loss of riding and facility privileges.

Riding Times

Monday – Friday 9:00AM-11:00AM/1:30PM-4:00PM

Saturday and Sunday – Closed

These riding times are standard unless otherwise noted by barn personnel. If barn personnel is not present during the scheduled riding times due to competitions or sickness Southern Nazarene Security is instructed to not open the gates unless the situation is an emergency.

Clothing Requirements

- Jeans or breeches are required to ride
- Closed toed shoes, (Boots preferred), are required to handle a horse or ride.
- No dangling earrings or loose fitting watches, bracelets, or necklaces are to be worn while riding or handling horses.
- Excessively loose fitting clothing is not allowed.
- A shirt must be worn.

Care of Equipment

- Students and faculty members are welcome to use the tack provided by Southern Nazarene University. They are expected to take care of the tack they choose to use and handle it in an appropriate manner.
- All tack should be put back after use the way it was found. Should a student consistently fail to do this they will no longer be welcome to use the provided tack.
- Any tack that is broken or damaged should immediately be brought to the attention of a barn employee.
- Private tack may be kept in the provided tack shed. Southern Nazarene is not held responsible for any tack that is stolen or damaged.
- Students, faculty and visitors are expected to leave all trailers and stored equipment alone. Failure to comply will be cause for dismissal from grounds.

IHSA Team

- All students who attend Southern Nazarene University are invited to try out for the intercollegiate show team. A predetermined date for an evaluation ride will be discussed and agreed on by the student and coach the spring or summer before the following show season.
- Riders who compete on the team must provide their own show attire. This includes for English an approved helmet, a show jacket, a show shirt, breeches, a tie (for men), and riding boots. This includes for western a felt western hat, a show shirt (vests are optional), riding pants/jeans, equitation chaps, and boots. Spurs are only allowed to be worn in certain advanced classes. Though there are few exceptions, rowels may not be used and humane ball spurs will be utilized by the riders that are permitted to wear them. No visible text may be worn on show clothing during a show.
- Riders may use their own saddle during practice or a saddle will be provided for them for the duration of the practice. During shows however, riders must use the saddle that is provided for them by the hosting college.
- All scheduled practices are mandatory in order to be able to compete in shows. Riders who do not comply with these requirements may not compete on the Southern Nazarene Show Team.
- According to IHSA rules each rider must maintain a 2.0 grade point average or better in order to stay eligible at the close of each semester. Riders who do not maintain this academic standard are considered ineligible for the following semester or until they have a 2.0 or better grade point average. Riders enrolled in less than twelve undergraduate course hours are not eligible to compete.
- It is permissible for qualified riders to compete on both English and Western teams however, they must meet both teams' requirements for individual and group practice.
- The coach of each team has final say on all practice times and is in charge of all show entries and decisions on who will show and what class they will show in. While discussion with coaches is allowed, all coach's decisions will be absolute and final.
- All expenses for the participating team members related to a show, such as transportation, meals, and hotel fees are provided by Southern Nazarene University.

- Team members will be expected to attend at least 3 or more fundraising events a year. These will be mandatory, in order to show.

General Information

- Gates are not to be climbed over or stood on by anyone at the Southern Nazarene Equine Center.
- During extenuating occasions, the barn is closed during regular barn hours due to trips to the vet and/or horse shows. Under these circumstances, the barn will not be available for riding horses.
- Feeding the horses is not permissible unless otherwise noted by barn personnel. This includes grain, hay, and treats. If feeding is allowed, feed in a pan, bucket, or feeder (keep grain off of the ground).
- Tours – If you would like to take a tour of the facilities you can call to make an appointment. 405-495-1489
- The best way to make sure the barn is available for riding is to call or email. 405-495-1489 mparker@snu.edu