

Alex Fraser Park

Non-Event Riding Rules for All AFP Property

Definitions, Policy, and Rules

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All riders must have current *Horse Council BC Insurance* and be prepared to present your HCBC Card upon request. Ride at your own Risk.

Helmet Policy: Riders 18 years of age and under must wear a helmet, no exceptions while on horseback on all park property. The Helmet policy applies to AFP membership riders, boarders, day rider drop-in. *It is highly recommended that all riders of any age wear a CSI approved helmet for their own protection.*

In the case of a Booked Event, the Event holders may have their own set of rules regarding helmet use and other safety gear when they have arenas/facility rented and may follow those practices. The helmet policy would fall on the event holder's liability policy. * Please note that outside of the event rental time frame underage riders will be expected to wear a helmet while on park property.

Public Riding: Applies to all ages. Riders must have Horse Council BC Insurance and an AFP Riding Membership or pay for a Day Ride prior to entering the arena. Riders without Horse Council BC Insurance or not paying in advance will be asked to leave the grounds. All Riders using facilities outside of a rental must register their riding time slot on the Parks Booking system.

Family and Individual Riding Membership: Includes the right to ride in any facilities at Alex Fraser Park not rented to other groups. The Alex Fraser Park Society reserves the right to withdraw Riding Membership privileges for unsafe riding practices.

Riders 16 years of age and under must have parental/guardian supervision while riding and on the grounds. Arena policy regarding children; policy states all children under 12 must be attended to all times while on park property. No one under the age of 16 in riding areas unless mounted or horse in hand.

Riding Calendar: All rides must be booked in using our scheduling system. This is mandatory to use the arena facilities at the park outside of a booked rental. Scheduling system can be found on alexfraserpark.ca under riding calendar.

Family Riding Membership: Yearly Rate January 1 – December 31

All Riding Members must have Horse Council BC Insurance. One or two parents, legal guardians and their dependent children or grandchildren. The family rate will only apply when at least one adult and one dependent child is admitted.

- Children applying for family membership must be 18 years and younger and living in the same household or a blended family.
- Adult children 19 years or older who are living with their parent or guardian during the life of this pass, who are physically or dependent or enrolled full time as a student in high school, university, college, special cases will be considered.

General Policies and Rules

1. Those that are a registered AFP riding membership holder, please keep membership card on your person/trailer or a picture on your phone when using facility. Proof of membership can be requested by Park Employee's at any time.
2. Day riders are permitted with purchase of Day Pass. Fees can be paid to the office when open or via e-transfer, to caretaker or drop box. Fees must be paid PRIOR TO RIDING. Rider must have HCBC, sign waiver and place in box each time using Drop in Riding.
3. Members must book on the riding calendar when they want to use the facility. See website for the riding calendar and more information. Drop In can book via the booking system once they have a pass purchased under day rider.
4. If the arena is rented, it is closed to general use. A booked rental will take precedence over general riding times in any arena.
5. Riders must always display good horsemanship and be respectful and kind to other users, riders, park boarders and park staff/directors.
6. Riders must clean up after their horses and themselves and put all equipment away after use in designated areas. Please empty the wheel barrel in the bin, after you have cleaned up after your horse(s) in arena and parking lot.
7. A maximum of two horses per rider are allowed in the arena, horses must be tied in designated areas only or left in/at trailers. If your horse has pawed footing, please fill in the hole and clean up after horse where tide arena/trailer apply. Do not hard tie to any black or green temporary panels or gates in the indoor arena, tie up area or on AFP property.
8. No loose horses are allowed in the arena. *Exception* if you are the only rider/horse in the arena, you may let them loose. They must be tied as soon as another rider and/or horse enters the arena.
9. Dogs must be always kept on a leash on park property. No dogs are permitted in the riding arenas or boarding pen during general riding. Please cleanup after your dog.

10. Horses must never be left unattended. (Getting tack from trailer is acceptable)
11. Lunging is only permitted if there is a maximum of two other horses in arena and is always under control.
12. No feeding horses inside the arena (loose hay/ hay bags)
13. All hair from horses (when shedding) must be cleaned up after grooming. (Inside arena or parking lot).
14. Please turn off all the lights when arenas are not in use.
15. Smoking, vaping, or the use of E-Cigarettes, or the consumption of alcohol is not permitted inside any AFP indoor facilities.
16. This arena is provided for your use and enjoyment, do not abuse it.
17. As a common courtesy please keep the entrance way and alley space to tie area always clear of traffic and horses. This will help with general traffic moving in and out of the indoor arena.
18. All complaints and concerns must be first addressed to the park office first. If unable to resolve, please address concerns in a written letter/email to the AFP Board of Directors. The letter will be addressed in the proper procedure with reply.
19. All times slots are now general riding as the park is now using a booking system. Those wishing to use props such as barrels, poles, cross rails it must be agreed on with all those using the arena at the same time.