

OPEN RIDING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The Douglas County Fairgrounds is excited to announce that we are starting a new Open Riding Program here at the Fairgrounds. Starting Monday, March 1st 2021 we will be open for Open Riding in both the Pavilion and River Arenas. Cost will be \$20.00 per month per person and we will only be accepting cash or credit card (3% fee). This does not include lights. You will still need quarters to feed the meter (Pavilion Arena has meter & we are working on installing the River Arena meter ASAP). In order to be a part of this program, participants will need to contact the Fairgrounds Office via Phone 541-440-4394, Email clkeith@co.douglas.or.us, or in person at the Business Office starting Tuesday February 23rd. Each participant will be required to fill out a Liability Release (minor & adult) and an agreement to open riding rules (you can find these on our website at <http://douglasfairgrounds.com/arenas.html>).

Fairgrounds Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday; 8am – 4:30pm with a lunch closure of 12:30pm – 1pm. Please note that COVID-19 Rules are in effect for our office which means masks must be worn and only 1 person in the office at a time, also please be patient as we only have 1 staff member in our office currently.

You will receive a parking tag each month for the Month of your purchase. Mid-month purchases will only be good for the month that they are purchased in. Example, Purchase Pass March 15th it will only be good through March 31st. At the end of the month when you are purchasing your next months pass please just let us know and we will mark it April 2021. As this new program moves along, if you see a glitch in the system please let us know and we will see what we can do to improve the process. We all know that new things can need a fine tune.

You will be able to find Arena Schedules on our website at <http://douglasfairgrounds.com/calendar.html>. Please make sure you are checking that page daily as events and closures could be added. If the arena is rented for a partial day ride it will be unavailable two hours before that time in order for our staff to make sure it is ready for the event. On Full day rentals the arena is not open before the event at all but will be open after.

We are no longer doing a gate schedule; however, our notice at the Front Gate will be there letting you know when our gates close that day. If our gate is closing at 5pm DO NOT wait until 5pm to move your vehicle outside the gate. PLEASE do so at least 20 minutes before. If you are loading/unloading a horse and the gates are closed YOU MUST park in the South Lot and walk your horse in. DO NOT park at the main gate and bring your horses through. Please remember that if you leave a mess YOU are responsible to clean it up, not someone else!

COVID-19 Rules are being followed here at the Fairgrounds:

- Masks being worn at all time when not riding horses
- Social distancing of at least 6ft at all times (do not congregate to socialize)
- Spectators are not allowed