



# Riding in the Ring




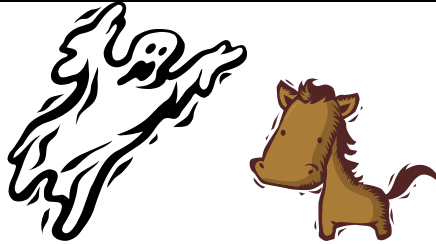

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## Basic Rules for RING Riding

	What	Why	
1.	Keep your distance How many horse lengths between riders? <u>1</u>	Crowding is rude and may upset other horses	
2.	Be <u>aware</u> of your surroundings - know where the other horses & riders are. <b>Control your Pony!</b>	It's dangerous to not know what is in front and behind you.	
3.	If you need to stop - go to the <u>center</u> of the ring, don't stop on the track	Stopping on the track may cause jam ups with other riders.	
4.	Ask before you <u>pass</u>	Passing may spook other horses, ask the other rider first	
5.	Ask before <u>fast</u> .  Ask the other riders before <u>cantering</u> or trotting.	Cantering may make other horses want to canter. Some riders may not want or can't canter.	

6.	<p>Tell the dangers...</p> <p>Point out <b>hazards</b> to other riders</p>	<p>Because it's the right thing to do.</p>	
7.	<p>If you must pass, turn and ride <b>across the ring</b> or circle back to an <b>open</b> space.</p>	<p>You don't want to crowd or upset other mounts by passing too close. <u>Never pass between another horse and the rail</u></p>	
8.	<p>If other riders present, call your <b>jumps</b>. "Heads-up on the rolltop"</p>	<p>You and others could get hurt if there is a collision, especially when jumping</p>	
9.	<p>If riders going in different directions, pass like driving a car; <b>left</b> shoulder to <b>left</b> shoulder.</p>	<p>Less collisions if we all follow the same rules</p>	
10.	<p>If your pony kicks, put a <b>red ribbon</b> in the tail. <i>BUT you are still responsible for keeping control of your pony.</i></p>	<p>Knowledge is power... And it's the right thing to do</p>	

11.	Be friendly and polite when you meet others. Don't interrupt, or ride through others who are in <b>lessons</b> or <b>training</b> .	You don't want your lesson interrupted. Neither does anyone else. It's rude to be rude. Treat others the way you want to be treated.	
12.	Thank your instructor and anyone who helps you while riding. <b>This is VERY IMPORTANT</b>	Duh	

**Rating Requirements:**

D1- Name basic rules of safe riding in a group in an enclosed area.

1. Be aware of surroundings.
2. Move to center of ring if need to stop.
3. Notify others when entering, jumping, passing, see dangerous situation.
4. Keep safe distance - 1 horse length away, don't crowd others.
5. Mind your manners, don't interrupt or ride thru lessons or clinics, thank your instructor.