

2010 STIRRIN' DUST RULES

GOAL:

To establish a drill team that has fun and promotes riding and horses. We will perform in a professional manner at all events. This will be a safe learning experience for all involved. Hopefully along the way we will create many memories and have fun doing it! The prospect of competition in 2010 is a discussion the team will have after the first few practices. The team will drill at all MRC Play Days once the coaches deem them ready. A team will run the American Flag at every game show, even if a drill program is not ready.

RULES/BYLAWS

1. Please call if you are going to miss practice; *leave a message*. If your coaches don't answer please call a Captain. Urgent situations are understandable but please remember drill is a commitment. If you don't practice, you don't ride.
2. Missing two or more practices in a month will guarantee you will not ride that month's game show.
3. Drill will start at 6:15 on Wednesday nights.
4. **If you should obtain a new drill horse mid-season, that horse must be ridden at two practices prior to approval for riding at an event.**
5. NO CELL PHONES!!
6. No training equipment will be allowed at practice. Training forks, martingales and draw reins are not allowed (rules from WLRCA) due to safety issues. These items are okay at warm up, but will need to be removed when practice begins.
7. No whips or over/unders will be used during practice. Spurs (not clip on) are okay.
8. All horses on the drill team need to be ridden with a bit (rules from WLRCA).
9. Upon approval of the Board we will charge \$5.00 a week per rider. These will be paid to Scott Byrd at practice. Dues can be paid in full at the beginning of the month. Please don't make Lana or I come and find you for your money. DO NOT give your money to Lana or I under any circumstances. Give it to Scott.
10. If you need to schedule an absence from practice, make sure you watch me write it in the notebook so I don't forget.

11. Bucking and kicking will not be allowed in drill. This is a learning experience. Any dismissal from the practice will be at the coaches discretion. Please work to ensure this will not be a problem for us this year.
12. Any removal of horse or rider from the team will be discussed between the coaches, and the Board.
13. You must be a member of MRC by March to ride in the upcoming season.
14. Any tack or uniform provided will be signed for and returned at the last game show. It is to be kept clean and nice.
15. **Any rider under the age of 18 will wear a helmet at all times while mounted.**
16. **All current rules of MRC apply to the drill team.**

Changes this year:

1. Drill horses are to be clean and groomed before drill events (i.e., game shows). Neat and tidy bridle paths, brushed out tails, etc. You are representing this team. Please be well groomed.
2. Riders will be clean groomed and tidy. Girls pull your hair back and off your collar. All shirts will be tucked in under the vests. Please have them clean and wrinkle free. Black jeans/pants will be worn. Wear only drill specified uniform. Please no crazy belts or gloves.
3. Only drill issued equipment and uniform can be used. Exception black or brown tie downs. Make sure your saddle pad is covered by the drill pad provided.
4. Black or brown reins ONLY will be used. Neutral colored cinches need to be used (Mike's Tack in Enumclaw has rope cinches for \$10.84) should you need to replace your lime green.
5. Riders are asked to ride one handed neck reining at all possible times this year.
6. Unless of emergency do not talk on your cell phone during practice. It's rude you will keep others waiting.
7. Please do not eat during practice. I don't want you to choke while riding.
8. We will have fill-in riders for each team this year. They will ride in random spots at every practice. They may ride at every game show.

The biggest change this year is the possibility of two teams. One team will ride a short program and one team will ride a freestyle program. The coaches will decide what team you and your mount fit on and will place you accordingly. Please understand we don't consider who your friends are when we make these decisions. We do try to address any hauling constraints if there will be riding at different times. Quads will be picked at the beginning of the year and will be practiced at the practice following each game show. At this time we will also work on the national.

Please contact ALICIA BURKE 253-797-2436 or LANA AFFONSO 253-534-6093 with any questions.

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I understand that I am participating in an equestrian sport and am liable for any injuries to myself, horse, tack, and property from an accident on these grounds or while riding with Stirrin' Dust Drill Team.

I understand that any unreturned tack items will need to be paid for. I will sign a slip stating I have received the tack at time of distribution. Total value of tack will be stated on the slip.

I understand that by joining this team I am now representing the Stirrin' Dust Drill Team and Meridian Riding Club. I will act in a professional manner at all times. I am aware that not abiding by these rules may result in being asked to leave the team at any time.

I understand that the coaches have the right to ask me to leave practice or the team due to my behavior or that of my horse. I also understand that the coaches will place me on the team that fits the needs of the team as a whole.

_____ Date _____
Signature

Parent signature if rider is under 18

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