

Chelan Rustlers Inc.

Corral Grounds Use and Inspection Policy

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The purpose of this Corral/Grounds Use and Inspection Policy, as stated in the Club Rules and Regulations of Chelan Rustlers Inc., is to ensure the spirit of cooperation among barn owners and to protect the rights and property of the members and the club.

This policy may be changed as needed by majority vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD). All items in this policy are consistent with Club Bylaws and Ground Rules.

All members who own or lease a barn are expected to observe this policy.

Boarding and Barn Use

1. All Saddle Club barns and corral areas are to be used for the intended purpose of boarding and sheltering equine animals such as horses (including ponies) mules or donkeys. For the purposes of this policy, the term “horses” will be used as a generic reference for all equine animals.
2. **Barn cats** may be kept in members’ barns to help manage rodent activity but **only with prior approval from the Board of Directors**. To request approval, members are required to provide:
 - a. A photo of the animal(s)
 - b. Age and gender
 - c. Proof of alteration (spayed or neutered) and proper vaccinations.

No more than two (2) cats per barn will be allowed. Intact feline animals are not permitted under any circumstances.

Members must ensure that barn cats are properly cared for, i.e., additional food, water, veterinary care, shelter at all times throughout the year. In the event the member who owns the barn cat(s) is temporarily unable to care for them, it is incumbent upon that member to arrange for someone else to tend to them in their absence or they must be removed from the premises.

Members with barn cats who vacate their barn for any lengthy period of time also must remove the barn cats from the premises. Abandoning barn cats at the Saddle Club is strictly prohibited.

Approval to keep barn cats at the Saddle Club is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The BOD, may also, at its discretion, place a limit on the number of total barn cats allowed on club premises at any given time.

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3. Corrals shall be cleaned at least once a month with the following deadlines: April 25, May 25, June 25, July 25, August 25, September 25, and October 25, with a fall cleanup being done by November 15, weather permitting, each year and upon vacation of the premises. All manure shall be placed in an area designated by the Board of Directors. Owners who keep, or allow to be kept, several horses in smaller corrals may be required to clean corrals more often than set forth herein, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

4. Garbage and waste shall be segregated in to three (3) categories:

a. Non-burnable and non-dumpster items:

Items which are illegal to burn in outdoor fire anywhere in Washington State are rubber, garbage, cardboard, tires, asphalt, plastic, metals, pesticide containers, construction debris, lumber, paper, petroleum products, dead animals, demolition debris, glass, tables, nails, metal screws, and chairs. **These items shall be removed from the premise by owner.**

b. Burnable:

Only natural vegetation, by Washington State law, may be added to the clubs burn pile to be burned during winter months. All burnable items must be cut into length no longer than four feet before putting on burn pile. This includes tree limbs, corral poles and rails. All burnable items must be placed on the pile, not scattered adjacent to the pile.

c. Dumpster Items:

Only small garbage items may be put in the dumpsters provided by the Club for that purpose.

All non-burnable items shall be removed from the premises by owners.

No members shall use the burn pile or garbage dumpsters for items from their personal residences. The use is strictly for club and corral/barn use only.

3. No storage of any items shall be allowed outside of your corral/barn area except for maintained garbage can, wheelbarrow, table, chairs. All items must be restricted to the 4-foot area next to corral/barn.

4. All barns must have a hose of at least 50 feet in length maintained in front of the barn always for fire protection.

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5. The immediate perimeter of corrals and barns are to be kept free of rocks, sucker trees and weeds (not more than 4 inches tall). Immediate perimeter is to be 4-feet on all sides of corral/barns. The 4-foot perimeter is not leased land but is however the responsibility of the barn owner to maintain. Empty corrals are to be kept free of weeds. Manure, shavings, and hay/straw are to be put in manure bunker. All hay/straw is to be broken up into 4-inch flakes. Otherwise, it is the responsibility of barn owners to dispose of bad unwanted hay/straw off grounds.
6. Any damages done to corrals will be the owner's responsibility to repair and must meet building code requirements and pass Board inspection and approval.
7. Keep all hinges, latches, doors, and gates in operative condition.
8. No building alterations or variances may be done to corrals and/or barns without prior approval of the Board of Directors and shall conform to the Building Requirements of the club.
9. Barns must have and maintain an information tag on the corral/barn with their name, phone number, and emergency contact with phone number and veterinarian's name. This tag must be placed on the outside of the corral/barn in an area easily visible location for others to see.
10. Members are to allow inspections inside barns for compliance with water requirements and water installations, electrical inspection as set forth in the Corral/Barn Lease Agreement.
11. Club roads and alleyways are not to be used for personal storage for things such as vehicles, campers, utility trailers, etc.
12. The Board of Directors must approve storage of extra vehicles, campers, trailers, etc., in areas designated for that purpose.
13. Members keeping horse trailers in designated horse trailer parking areas, must Keep their "space" free of weeds at all times. Space must be posted with member's name.
14. For barn owners to water lawn areas around their corral/barn, a timer must be used if owner is not present. The timer must be limited to no more than 1/2-hour. It is suggested that all watering be done during times when owners are not trying to replenish horse troughs.
15. Barns and lean-tos are to be painted barn red with white trim and kept in "painted" condition.
16. A halter and lead rope, for each horse in corral, must be hung outside each corral/barn.
17. If the ground level in corral should drop below the original grade by depth of 6 to 8 inches, it shall be the responsibility of owner to bring level back to original grade.

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ENFORCEMENT

1. These rules shall be interpreted and enforced by the Board of Directors of Chelan Rustlers Inc.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the right to inspect corrals and/or barns for compliance with the Chelan Rustlers Bylaws, Ground Rules and Building Code and member shall assist by unlocking corral/barn at request of the Board of Directors for such inspection.
3. Should you receive a notice, posted on your corral/barn, for noncompliance, you are required to correct and complete said noncompliance by the date set forth on your notice by the Committee.

If a member does not comply with the dates to clean up items of noncompliance as listed on inspection form, member/owner will be charged a flat rate of \$100.00. Delinquent members will become a “Member not in good standing” until inspection notice has been signed off by the Committee inspector(s). This fine will be invoiced to owner monthly.

4. Should member determine these fines to be unreasonable or have a reason they cannot comply, member should contact the club’s Secretary and request to be put on the next Board of Directors meeting agenda to address the Board and discuss the matter. All decisions made by the Board of Directors shall be final and binding.

If member should fail to contact the Board of Directors as set forth in above paragraph and the work specified in the notice is not done by the stated date, then the Board will decide how to proceed. The noncompliance may be enforced as set forth under the Enforcement section of the Bylaws and Corral/Barn lease Agreement.