

Hooper Riding Club

Guidelines for Jumping Hooper Horses

(Note: please refer to the [Horse use Policies](#) for additional information on Hooper horse use)

(Last updated: 2001, approx.)

These guidelines are in place to insure the safety and protection of both horse and rider. Since the majority of Hooper lessons are conducted on the flat, the horse's primary training and duties will be performed on the flat. Cavaletti and jumping experience should be seen as valuable enrichment for the horse and rider, but should be undertaken with a focus on maintaining the soundness of the horse.

1. Only approved Hooper horses may jump. Check with an instructor to determine the current status of each horse. Status is subject to change, depending on use and horse health.
2. Hooper horses must wear protective splint boots while jumping, unless they are required to wear tendon support, i.e., Sports Medicine boots, instead.
3. Jumping may only occur in the presence of an approved Hooper Instructor. Senior riders may not jump horses without the presence of an approved instructor. Ground pole may only be used if a rider demonstrates competence in setting stride distance to approved Hooper instructor.
4. Jumps for Hooper horses may not, under any circumstances, exceed 2'6". In very few cases, a special exception may be made upon club approval. 2004 REVISION: Jump height is up to the discretion of the instructor, and not to exceed 3'. (is this correct?)
5. No more than one jumping or Cavaletti lesson per day, per hooper horse, is allowed. 2004 REVISION: horses can either be jumped two hours in a row, OR two days in a row, but not both. Additionally, if the lesson is a combination of flat and jumping that the horse can go in two lessons in a day because each lesson would count as 1/2 an hour of jumping. *(the wording on this rule needs to be ironed out, I think. Kf)*
6. Riders wishing to participate in an on-site, stable-sanctioned jumping clinic with an outside instructor must:
 - a. Be a senior rider and have been checked out on the desired horse;
 - b. Have experience jumping with that particular horse;
 - c. Have the approval of a Hooper jumping instructor;
 - d. Must not exceed 2'6"; and
 - e. Must pay for horse use.
7. Riders wishing to take a horse off-premise for schooling, shows, or other activities must secure club permission according to guidelines found in the Off-Premise Horse Use Policy. *Special Note: Jumping lessons with Jan Ketzler at Green Meadows follow*

clinic guidelines with the addition that an approved Hooper jumping instructor must be present.

8. Jumping may occur in the lower four acres, but must occur as part of a lesson with an approved Hooper jumping instructor and not as part of a trail ride.
9. Trip leaders and trail certified riders should keep jumping guidelines in mind at all times when negotiation trail obstacles, and should avoid jumping unless absolutely necessary.

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