

# Arena Etiquette

**A code of practice ensures that riders in exercise areas and schools can practice and train together without getting in each other's way. Every Rider needs to be familiar with the following rules:**

- Before entering the school or opening the door, the person entering always checks that the door can be opened safely by calling "Door Clear" and waiting until she hears "Door Clear" in reply. The same applies when leaving the school.
- Mounting and Dismounting, as well as halting in order to tighten the girth etc., always takes place in the center of a circle or on the center line.
- An Adequate safety distance of at least three steps (about 2.5m) must be kept in front and to the side of each horse.
- Riders walking their horses or halting must leave the outside track free for riders in trot and canter. Downward transitions to walk or halt should be performed only on an inside track.
- Riders on a circle must give way to riders on the outside track, the outside track has priority over the circle.
- If there is riding in both directions (i.e. on both reins), the riders on the right reins must give way. The riders on the left rein have priority on the track.
- If the riders are all on the same rein and the command is given to change the rein, once the riders reach the track after changing the rein, they are entitled to remain on the track. Riders who have yet to perform the change of rein must give way by moving inwards.
- Lungeing in the exercise area or in the school may only take place with the agreement of all riders present. Lungeing should not be allowed while a lesson is in progress or when more than three riders are training simultaneously.
- Jumps or parts of jumps should be stored outside the school or arena when not in use. If they are to remain temporarily in the arena, they should be tidily arranged in the middle of the school.