

GASTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
EQUESTRIAN FACILITY GUIDELINES

1. The show sponsor or special event coordinator will be responsible for the proper care of park facilities during the reservation period.
2. Concessions may not be sold without prior approval of Gaston County Parks and Recreation and the Gaston County Health Department. Food vendors will be subject to fees from Parks and Recreation and the Health Department.
3. Show sponsors and special event organizers will be responsible for proper disposal of food waste when using the County's concession stand. The concession stand is not equipped with a garbage disposal so no food waste should be in sinks or drains. At the conclusion of the event, the show organizer should remove all food from the concession stand.
4. Sales of goods and merchandise are prohibited at Gaston County facilities except with a special written permit from Parks and Recreation.
5. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited, except as permitted, for events hosted or sponsored by Gaston County or a Not-For-Profit Corporation at Dallas Park or Poston Park. Applicants must demonstrate proof of proper insurance for the planned event and make adequate provisions for public safety, as required by the Parks and Recreation Director. All required ABC permits must be obtained, and all other policies as indicated on the Special Event Application Form must be compiled with. The Parks and Recreation Director may place such additional restriction on the event as deemed reasonably necessary to insure public safety and convenience.
6. Each horse show sponsor will be responsible for providing bedding in the stalls.
7. At the conclusion of each horse show, Gaston County Parks and Recreation will be responsible for cleaning all stalls.
8. Each show sponsor or special event coordinator will be responsible for enforcing tobacco regulations in all buildings and horse stalls. All tobacco products are prohibited as per Gaston County Ordinance effective July 1, 2020. The Ordinance requires all local government buildings, local government grounds, local government parks and indoor public places to be tobacco free.
9. Stall doors should not be removed without prior written permission by Gaston County Parks and Recreation. If approved to remove a stall door, it is the show sponsor's responsibility to re-install the door at the conclusion of the show. The show sponsor will be invoiced \$25 for each stall door that was removed and not re-installed.
10. RV hook-up fees and stall rental fees are charged on a per day basis. The show sponsor or event coordinator is responsible for payment of all fees.
11. The electrical outlets in the stalls are designed for small appliances such as electrical fans. RVs should only plug in at designated areas.
12. Electrical boxes in the park are not to be opened or tampered with by any show sponsor, event organizer, or show participant. Only authorized County staff may open boxes and make repairs.
13. All decorations, boards, signs, etc. at horse arena and stalls must be immediately removed after the event. All nails in stalls must be removed at the conclusion of the event. Failure to remove these items may result in a cleaning and/or damage fees for show sponsors or event coordinators.
14. No candles or fires of any type are permitted in park facilities.
15. All dogs and pets must be restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length.
16. All trash must be placed in trash cans available in the park. Concession stand users may use the park dumpsters for concession trash. No household trash shall be dumped or left on the grounds.

For a complete list of park rules, please see the Ordinance regulating use of Gaston County Parks and Recreation sites at www.gastongov.com/departments/parks-recreation/ordinance.