

SOME QUICK TIPS FOR THE ARENA

UNIFORMITY OF TOPLAYER

Keep an even distribution of the top riding surface across the entire riding arena to help avoid thick spots, thin spots, hollows and mounds. Inconsistent riding surface can have an adverse effect on performance plus increase the risk of injury.

MAINTAIN THE MIXTURE

Most arenas consist of 2 or more types of materials to create the riding surface. If these materials are not mixed to maintain a consistent top layer then you begin losing the grip, responsiveness and cushion.

COMPACTION OF THE TOPLAYER

A common problem in older or badly maintained surfaces is that a hard crust forms on the top layer. Such a crust can increase the firmness to a point where the grip, responsiveness and cushioning is adversely affected.

MOISTURE....TOO MUCH, NOT ENOUGH

The properties of the riding arena change depending on how dry or wet the material is. A dry surface is harder/deeper making it more taxing for the horse plus it creates dust. An arena with too much moisture will pack quicker and lose its grip making the footing feel slippery.

WHAT SHOULD YOU REMEMBER TO DO?

Protect your deep layers so that the base and/or textile fabric is not damaged.

Keep the arena free of organic materials. Pick-up manure. Do not feed horses in the arena. Do not use the arena as a turnout paddock.

Take the time to “rake” the sides of your arena to pull back the footing off the rails and redistribute it throughout.

Do not lunge in one spot for too long. Move around the arena.

Maintenance grade the arena when needed, but don't go overboard.

**Call J&P to schedule your maintenance if you need professional,
reliable help**

“No arena is better than the maintenance it gets.” - Oliver Hoberg