MULLINGAR EQUESTRIAN

Mullingar Equestrian Sustainability Policy

1. Purpose

Mullingar Equestrian is committed to operating in a way that protects and enhances the environment, supports the wellbeing of horses, riders, staff, and the community, and ensures long-term economic viability. This policy outlines the principles and practices we follow to reduce our environmental impact and promote sustainable equestrian activities.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all staff, riders, owners, livery clients, visitors, contractors, and suppliers involved in operations at our equestrian centre.

3. Environmental Sustainability

3.1 Energy Use

- Monitor and reduce electricity and fuel consumption across the site.
- Use energy-efficient lighting, heating, and equipment where possible.
- Explore renewable energy options such as solar power.
- Maintain vehicles, machinery, and arena equipment to ensure efficiency.

3.2 Water Management

- Implement water-saving measures (e.g., automatic shut-off taps, rainwater harvesting for watering the arenas).
- Regularly inspect and maintain water systems to prevent leaks.
- Promote responsible water use among staff and clients.

3.3 Waste Reduction & Recycling

- Minimise waste through reuse, recycling, and responsible procurement.
- Provide clearly labelled recycling stations for plastic, paper, metals, and glass.
- Compost organic waste such as manure.
- Ensure safe disposal of hazardous materials (e.g., veterinary waste, oils, chemicals).

3.4 Manure Management

- Manage manure in line with environmental regulations, ensuring it is stored correctly to prevent runoff and contamination.
- Partner with local farms for responsible manure removal and reuse.

3.5 Arena & Land Management

- Use eco-friendly arena surface materials where possible.
- Plant and maintain hedgerows and trees to support biodiversity and natural shade

4. Community, Education & Engagement

- Encourage staff, clients, and visitors to follow sustainable practices.
- Provide training on waste reduction.
- Support local suppliers and businesses whenever possible.
- Promote inclusive access to equestrian activities and community events that foster environmental awareness.

5. Procurement

- Choose suppliers and products with strong environmental and ethical credentials.
- Prioritise locally sourced goods to reduce transport emissions.
- Avoid single-use plastics and unnecessary packaging wherever practical.

6. Compliance

- Meet or exceed all relevant environmental, waste management, water protection, and animal welfare requirements.
- Maintain documentation and records as required by local regulations and industry standards.

8. Continuous Improvement

- Review sustainability performance annually and set measurable goals.
- Seek feedback from stakeholders and stay informed about best practices in sustainable equestrian management.
- Update this policy regularly to reflect improvements in environmental management, technology, and regulatory changes.

9. Responsibility

- The Centre Manager oversees the implementation of this policy.
- All staff, volunteers, riders, and guests are expected to support and uphold the sustainability commitments outlined here.

Signed: ___Robert Fagan_____ Date: ___Oct 2026_____