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DATE: November 1, 2022 **ACTION:**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Member Services Manager

RE: APPROVAL – Revise Rule EC.3.2 Horses are to be Under Saddle

Background

Several members who board horses at the Equestrian Center submitted a suggestion to allow horses and their owners to utilize all arenas at the facility for hand walking. Currently hand walking or turning out horses must only be done in specific areas that are not always ideal depending on the condition and health of the horse. For example, the ground at the Equestrian Center is hard-packed dirt with rocks. Older horses, or horses with poor bone health in their hooves should not be walked on this type of surface. Allowing owners to walk their horses in any available arena will be helpful for the older horse population at the Equestrian Center and will increase utilization of un-used arena space.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve to revise rule EC.3.2 as attached.

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Amanda Moore, Member Services Manager

Current Rule

EC.3.2 Horses are to be Under Saddle

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Proposed Revision (Redlined)

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Revised Rule

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