I. General

A. Availability

1. The Emergency Horse Shelter will open to the public when a crest at or above 35 ft for the Red River in Fargo is imminent. Contact the equine center manager for boarding options outside of the Emergency Shelter timeframe.

2. The Emergency Shelter will close 7 days after the Red River falls below 35 ft. A list of boarding facilities will be available for owners who are unable to return home at that time.

3. No waiting list will be maintained; stall availability will be on a first come first served basis. Owners must call the barn before arriving to ensure stall space is still available.

a. NDSU Equine Center
   5140 19th Ave N. Fargo, ND
   Manager: Shannon Eck
   701-281-1138 (after hours contact information will be available)

B. Check-in

1. Once open, check in will be from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Monday – Friday. Check in outside of this time frame will be available by special arrangement only.

2. A fee of $20/horse will be assessed and must be paid at check-in. This fee will cover one stall/horse and one bag of shavings. A daily fee will also be assessed (see Section C below) which is payable at departure.

3. An emergency contact form must be filled out with contact information as well as descriptions of each horse.

C. Housing

1. All stalls are 10’ x 10’ in size.

2. A fee of $1/day/horse will be assessed for the duration of the stay. This is a fee for stall only – NO hay, shavings, grain, etc. will be provided.

3. No tack stalls will be permitted. Owners will be allowed to stack up to 2 bales of hay in front of each stall. Any remaining feed and/or tack should be stored in their trailer.

4. No loose turnout in the arena or outdoor pens is permitted. Horses may be hand walked, lunged, or ridden in the arena during designated times as the arena class schedule allows. The daily schedule will be posted by the arena gate closest to the barn manager’s office.

5. Owners will be responsible for providing feed, cleaning stalls, and doing their own chores. A list of student workers available for hire will be available for owners who are unable to care for their horses daily.

   a. No hay, grain, or shavings will be available for purchase from NDSU. Owners are encouraged to come prepared with a minimum of 7 days worth of feed and supplies.

   b. Shavings are available for purchase from local vendors in Fargo.
6. Owners are responsible for completely stripping out their stalls at departure. A cleaning fee of $50/stall will be assessed for any stalls not cleaned.

D. Liability
1. This is a multi-horse facility, and as such, owners are encouraged to make sure their horses are protected (through proper vaccination) against contagious diseases.
2. NDSU and all of its employees and students will not be responsible for any accident or injury, nor will they assume liability for any injury or damage to person or property incurred by anyone using the facility.
3. The following is posted and visible at the NDSU Equine Center.
   a. **EQUINE LIMITED LIABILITY LAW.** WARNING – UNDER NORTH DAKOTA LAW (53-10-1), AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.
4. The equine center does not have staff on-site at all hours; working with horses is done at your own risk.

E. Facility Guidelines
1. Respect the rights and property of others using the facility.
2. No smoking, alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed on the premises of the Equine Complex (in the building or on the grounds).
3. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
   a. Please be sure to pick up after your dog.
4. All manure is to be dumped only in designated areas (manure bunkers). Do not put in garbage cans or dump directly outside the Equine Center doors.
5. Trash is to be placed in designated containers. Do NOT throw garbage in manure bunkers.
6. Keep gates closed at all times.
7. Users of the Equine Center are required to clean up after themselves & their horses in aisles, wash racks, bleachers, etc.
8. Park only in the designated area(s) at the Equine Center. Do not park on the grass, block entrances to the building or turnout pens, or block manure bunkers or machinery.
9. No horses are to be turned out loose in the arena.
10. Any equipment (i.e. barrels, jumps, poles, bridge, etc) in the arena must be removed when finished and returned to its designated storage area.
11. Horses must be led at all times with a halter and lead rope or bridle.
12. No riding horseback in alley ways.
13. Children under the age of 16 are not to be left unsupervised at the Equine Center.