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Introduction:

Equestrian centre and stable management, covering horse care, yard operations, breeding and events, is a 5-day course for managers of livery yards, riding schools, studs and equestrian clubs that ends with an Equestrian Centre Operating Plan for a case yard. Yards often run on habit: rations ignore workload, farrier and vaccination dates slip, grooms work without rosters, foaling records stay incomplete and shows are hosted without a welfare plan. Nominees already supervise horses, grooms or riders and learn through a modelling build on yard registers and cost sheets. CoreConcept Training Center delivers this equestrian centre and stable management course.

Course Objectives:

- Assess a yard's livery offer, stable block layout, arenas and turnout against its operating model and horse numbers
- Set forage-first rations, body condition targets and feed change routines for horses in different workloads
- Organise farrier, vaccination, deworming and dental schedules with the equine veterinarian and keep them on record
- Run daily stable routines, groom and rider rosters and stud breeding and foaling records to a written standard
- Plan the hosting of show jumping, dressage or endurance events with stewarding, vet checks and horse welfare controls
- Build an Equestrian Centre Operating Plan with a horse register, staffing roster, health calendar and yard budget

Target Audience:

- Managers responsible for the daily running of livery yards, private stables and racing or endurance yards
 - Riding school and equestrian club managers responsible for lesson horses, riders and member services
 - Stud managers responsible for mares, stallions, foaling and breeding records
 - Head grooms and yard supervisors responsible for staff rosters, feeding and stable hygiene
 - Event and competition managers responsible for hosting shows and rides at an equestrian venue
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Course Outline:

Day 1: Equestrian Centre Business Models, Yard Layout and Baseline Assessment

- Livery Service Levels Compared From Full to Grass Livery
- Riding School, Stud, Competition Yard and Club Operating Models
- Stable Block Layout With Box Stalls and Foaling Box
- Arena Surface, Turnout Paddock and Drainage Condition Survey
- Current-State Yard Audit Checklist for a Working Equestrian Centre

Day 2: Equine Nutrition, Hoof Care and Health Calendar Frameworks

- Forage-First Ration Rules by Body Weight and Workload
- Henneke Body Condition Scoring Procedure and Ration Adjustment Log
- Farrier and Hoof Care Schedule With Trim and Shoeing Records
- Vaccination, Deworming and Dental Calendar Agreed With Equine Veterinarian
- Colic Risk Factors Checklist and Feed Change Transition Plan

Day 3: Daily Yard Operations, Groom Rosters and Stud Breeding Records

- Mucking Out, Bedding and Stable Hygiene Routine Sheet
- Groom and Rider Duty Roster With Horse-to-Groom Ratios
- Exercise, Turnout and Rider Allocation Board per Horse
- Mare Management, Live Cover and Artificial Insemination Planning
- Stud Book Entries, Foaling Records and DNA Parentage Verification

Day 4: Equine Biosecurity, Event Hosting Risks and Yard Finance

- Equine Biosecurity Plan With Isolation, Movement and Visitor Controls
- Show Jumping, Dressage and Endurance Event Hosting Requirements Map
- Endurance Vet Gate Layout and Heart Rate Recovery Checks
- Event Stewarding, Entries Desk and Horse Welfare Incident Log
- Livery Fee, Lesson Income and Cost per Stable Box Model

Day 5: Modelling Build of the Equestrian Centre Operating Plan

- Case Yard Data Pack With Horse Register and Cost Sheets
 - Case Annual Feed, Bedding and Farrier Budget Calculation
 - Case Staffing Roster and Health Calendar Integration Worksheet
 - Case Event Season Calendar With Hosting Budget and Risks
 - Equestrian Centre Operating Plan Completion and Peer Review
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Skills You Will Gain:

- Equine Ration Planning
- Horse Body Condition Scoring
- Farrier and Health Scheduling
- Groom Roster Design
- Stud and Foaling Record Keeping
- Equine Biosecurity Control
- Equestrian Event Stewarding
- Livery Yard Cost Modelling

Why Attend This Course:

- Deliver an Equestrian Centre Operating Plan for a case yard to the yard owner, club board or operations director
- Decide livery prices, horse numbers per groom and which events to host from costed yard data
- Avoid colic cases, missed vaccinations, disease spread between yards and welfare incidents at hosted shows
- Share ration sheets, groom rosters, health calendars and event stewarding checklists with yard and club colleagues

Conclusion:

Back at work, the participant hands the Equestrian Centre Operating Plan to the yard owner, club board or operations director. Management uses it to set livery and lesson prices, decide staffing and horse numbers, approve the health calendar with the equine veterinarian and choose which shows or rides the venue will host. After the first hosted event or the first full feeding season, the team should compare horse condition, health incidents, staff hours and yard costs with the plan and update the rosters, rations and budget.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What should participants know before an equestrian centre and stable management course?

Participants should already work with horses and supervise grooms, riders or yard routines. No formal equine qualification is expected. Bringing a horse register, a feed or farrier invoice set, a staff roster or a recent event plan helps them apply the modelling build to their own yard.

How does equestrian centre and stable management differ from a general livestock or sports club management course?

It deals only with horses kept for riding, sport and breeding: livery services, hoof care, groom rosters, stud records and show or ride hosting. Livestock courses cover meat and milk herds, and sports club courses cover boards, sponsorship and athlete finance.

Why does equestrian centre and stable management start with forage-first feeding?

Horses digest fibre best when they eat little and often, so forage should form at least half of the ration and concentrates stay small and split. Sudden feed changes and long gaps without water raise colic risk on any yard.

What do participants take back from the equestrian centre and stable management course?

Participants take back an Equestrian Centre Operating Plan for a case yard, with a horse register, ration and body condition sheets, a farrier and health calendar, a groom roster, an event hosting checklist and a yard budget ready to adapt to their own centre.