

Union County Fairgrounds & Arena
Use Policy and Rental Fee Schedule
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Union County Arena

The Union County Arena (UCA) is available to rent for family oriented events and activities. In addition, the arena can be rented on a short-term basis on certain days and hours (when available) for horse riding or practice. **ALL** rentals must be approved and reserved in advance including leisure horse riding and practice. The following conditions and terms are required for renting the UCA:

Reservations:

ALL use of the UCA must be reserved in advance including leisure riding and practice. Reservations can be arranged by calling the Union County Extension Office at **662-534-1916** between the hours of 8- 12 am & 1-5 pm Monday thru Friday. You must also pick up keys in advance for grounds and/or light switch cabinet during these hours. **Keys will require a deposit and must be returned the next business day following an event or short-term activity.**

Reservation Policy:

A rental agreement form must be signed by the responsible party and fees paid in advance of use.

The facility can be reserved for events (except leisure riding) up to one year in advance with a deposit. Cancellations must be made at least one month prior to the reserved date to obtain a refund of the deposit. The facility will not be available for rental two weeks prior and one week following the Union County Fair and Livestock Show.

The UCA will not be available for short-term rental when in preparation for events. Short-term rental reservations are made on an "as available" basis and no more than one week in advance.

Fee Schedule:

- 1 Day – \$250.00 includes use of restrooms, electrical and sound system.
- 2 Day - \$400.00 includes use of restrooms, electrical and sound system.
- 3 Day - \$500.00 includes use of restrooms, electrical and sound system.

Reservation deposit: \$100.00 (*will be applied toward rental fees*)

Non-Profit Organization Rate - \$125.00 per day

Short-Term (up to 4 hours) - \$30.00 – does not include restrooms or sound system.

Key Deposit - \$10.00 – will be refunded upon timely return of the keys.

Authorization:

The Union County Fair Board, appointed by the Union County Board of Supervisors to oversee and maintain the Union County Fairgrounds and Arena, sets use Policy and Rental Fees. The Union County Office of the Mississippi State University Extension Service (MSUES) serves in an event coordinating capacity on behalf of the Union County Fair Board and reserves the right to use the facility for educational programs that serve the community. 4-H is the youth educational component of the MSUES.

Description and Amenities of the Union County Arena

The UCA is completely covered and partially enclosed. This allows for the good protection of events due to inclement weather as well as good ventilation during the hot summer months.

The facility has bleacher style seating for about 2000 people and a 100 x 200 ft soil floor arena with protection rails. The soil floor is a mixture of sand and clay that can be tilled for Horse events and rodeos or packed for concerts or other events required a hard surface.

There are 3 concrete concourses that can be used for many activities including meals, meetings, exhibits or other events.

The UCA has comfortable restrooms with a spacious announcement box overhead.

The building has great lighting for nighttime activities and is completely wired with 110 volt 20 amp standard outlets and 30 amp camper outlets every 25ft. around the perimeter of the building. It also features 2 - 220 volt connections. There is ample power within the building and a 400 amp auxiliary box located adjacent to the building for large venue concerts or other events requiring extra amounts of electrical power.

The building has an extensive PA system that covers the entire facility and features 6 speakers above the seating with a 2000 amp output and 2 over the arena with a 600 amp capacity.

The grounds of the UCA features hard graveled and lighted parking around the building and 15 RV Hookups with water, electrical and sewer. The Union County Fair Board is planning to increase this to 25 RV spots during 2006.

