

Poway Valley Riders Association, Inc.

Operating Rules

USE OF GROUNDS AND ARENA

1. All PVRA members must have on file with the club a signed Release of Liability and a parent/guardian indemnification agreement, if applicable. Guest must sign a liability release form before riding, training, or otherwise working with horses on club property.
2. Anyone using PVRA facilities does so at his or her own risk. PVRA shall not be liable for any injury or property damage incurred by members and/or guests using the club's facilities, wither with or without a trainer.
3. Horse shall not be permitted in the area between the two rings or within the area near the chuck wagon (requirement of the Health Department).
4. At any organized activity or at any time when three or more riders are using the facility, arena and other areas must be kept watered to control dust. Conditions of excessive dust should be reported to the Board Member of the Month (requirement of PVRA Conditional Use Permit with City of Poway).
5. All dogs must be on leashes while on the PVRA grounds (requirement of Animal Control Department).
6. No person under the age of 18 may ride or handle a stallion on the grounds (requirement of PVRA insurance).
7. Anyone jumping a horse over jumps or any other obstacle on PVRA grounds must wear an approved helmet, unless otherwise specified in show regulations (requirement of PVRA insurance).
8. Riders under the age of 14 are prohibited from jumping unless supervised by an instructor or legal guardian.
9. Riders must wear boots at all times when mounted on the PVRA grounds. Exhibitors in all horse shows must wear long pants and full shirts (no halter, tank or tube tops) unless otherwise specified in show regulations.
10. No one under the age of 21 may consume alcoholic beverages on the property (State law and a requirement of our liquor license). Because PVRA is a family club, the assistance of parents is asked in policing the activities of minors on the grounds.
11. PVRA must charge a rental fee to any non-member individual or group using the facilities for any organized activity. At the discretion of the Board, all or part of said fee might be donated back to the sponsors of appropriate activities.
12. Anyone training a horse or instructing a rider for pay on the PVRA grounds must be a PVRA member and must provide a certificate of insurance in the amount and form required by state law, the Board of Directors and the clubs insurance carrier citing PVRA as a named insured.
13. No use of PVRA facilities after dark without prior approval from the Board of Directors or the Board Member of the Month.
14. Parents shall be responsible for the supervision of their minor children while on the PVRA grounds.

PVRA ACTIVITIES/MEMBERS AND GUESTS

1. All PVRA members are invited to take part in all activities for which they are otherwise eligible. A calendar of events is included in each month's Horse Tales.
2. Members are entitled to bring guests to use the facilities on an occasional basis, not to exceed three times within a six-month period for any guest. Guests who make frequent use of the facility must join the Association. Guest privileges should not be seen as a substitute for membership in the Association.

3. Non-members may not use or exercise horses on the grounds (including horses belonging to members) unless the member who has invited them as guests is present.
4. Non-members who are invited by a member to PVRA to take lessons (private, semi-private or group lessons) for which a fee is charged must pay a grounds usage fee of \$20.00¹ per lesson.²

KEYS

1. New members will be issued keys to the front gate and rest rooms upon satisfactory completion of membership requirements.
2. Keys are not to be lent or given to non-members under any circumstances.
3. The front gates are to be kept closed at all times (other than when they must remain open for scheduled activities open to the public). This will help prevent loose horses from exiting the grounds.
4. It shall be the duty of the caretaker to see that the gates and restrooms are locked at night on a day-to-day basis. Gate and restrooms are to be locked by the activity chairman following any activity.
5. Members should have their own keys in their possession when using club facilities.

ARENA ETIQUETTE

1. PVRA arenas and facilities are available for the use and enjoyment of ALL members. Please observe GOOD SENSE AND COMMON COURTESY in the use of these facilities. Persons riding or otherwise working with horses during unscheduled arena hours should share the facilities with other members whenever possible.
2. Scheduled activities in the arenas shall have priority over individual riding during scheduled times. At other times, general riding takes precedence.
3. Riding activities shall have priority in arenas over the turning out of horses.
4. Horses may be turned loose in the arenas or holding pens for no more than 15 minutes at a time if there is any other member on the grounds desiring to use the facility and must be attended by a member at all times. Horses are not to be turned loose during horse shows or other similar activities.
5. Horses are not to be left on the grounds overnight (except during activities offering special provisions for overnight stabling) or left unattended at any time.
6. Arena gates are to remain closed at all times, except when they are being used for entering or exiting the arenas.

WORK OBLIGATIONS

1. Every member is encouraged to take part in group work parties.
2. When no specific task has been established for a work party, check the board on the entry booth or with the Board Member of the Month or the Activity Chairman for specific jobs to be done.
3. Members who attend regular meetings and sign the roster will receive 2 hours credit per membership.
4. In addition to work parties and meeting attendance, work hour obligations may be fulfilled by doing any work approved or assigned by the Board of Directors.
5. Work sheet information must be completed by the worker and approved by the Activity Chairman or the person approved in charge of the work party or other activity for hours to be credited against a member's work obligation.

VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS

¹ Amount changed in 2004

² Additions adopted 11/02 indicated with underline.

6. These Operating Rules have been established to ensure the smooth operation of PVRA facilities and all members are expected to abide by them.
7. Violations of these rules should be reported to the Board Member of the Month or to any officer or Board member.
8. Members found to be in substantial or repeated violation of these rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Article VII, Section G of the PVRA Bylaws. Any subgroup disciplining a member must follow the provisions of this section in addition to any requirements contained in their own bylaws.

