

Southlands Riding Club

Rules

General

1. These Rules are intended to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for horses, riders and others, and to promote a spirit of co-operation and respect.
2. These Rules apply to everyone on Club premises, including members, guests and visitors.

Riding at the Club

General

3. All people are to wear an approved helmet while exercising a horse on the SRC property and it is strongly recommend wearing an approved helmet when handling horses on the SRC property.
4. All club members when riding to or from club grounds must wear a minimum of a reflective vest after dusk
5. Riders ride at their own risk.
6. Only members may ride or lunge horses on Club premises, except as set out in “Riding Guests” and “Visiting Riders” below.
7. While riding on Club property members must display on their clothing or on the horse’s tack the numbered tag issued to each member with riding privileges: these tags are non-transferable.
8. Riders are responsible for the behaviour of their horses at all times.
9. Horses are not permitted:
 - a. in any area that is indicated as “Closed”
 - b. on the blacktop areas adjacent to the clubhouse, except as specifically authorized by the Manager.
10. Horses must not be turned loose, except in the round pen or in a designated holding pen.
11. Horses may not be tied to anything on Club premises, including railings, posts and trees.
12. Riders may not ride double on a horse.

Children

13. Children 12 years of age and younger, including members, guests, visitors and spectators, must be actively supervised by a responsible adult while on Club premises except:
 - a. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and
 - b. Saturday and Sunday(Also, see rule below regarding supervision of children 15 years and younger, while jumping.)

Treatment of Horses

14. Riders must treat their horses with consideration and respect.
15. A whip may be used only with discretion, and with regard for the safety and well being of the horse, and of other horses and riders in the vicinity.

Treatment of Other Riders

- 13.1 Members must treat other members, instructors and staff with consideration and respect. Complaints of mistreatment and misconduct, including harassment or intimidation, must be made in writing through the office.

Tack

16. Except in the round pen, a horse being ridden must be in a bridle, hackamore, or bosal or other tack that allows the rider to have control over the horse.
17. A rider may ride without a saddle only if the rider is capable of maintaining control of the horse without a saddle.
18. A rider using a dressage whip or other long whip must carry the whip close to the horse's side to avoid striking other horses or riders.

Attire

19. Riders, including members, instructors, guests and visitors, must wear
 - a. boots or shoes with heels
 - b. regulation hardhats when jumping
20. Riders under the age of 19, including members, guests and visitors, must wear hardhats with regulation chinstraps at all times.
21. Riders are expected to dress with consideration for neatness and safety.

Passing

22. When passing another rider anywhere on the SRC property, whether in the same direction or in opposing direction, riders must announce their intention and this must be acknowledged by the other rider.
23. When passing a horse going in the opposite direction, whether on the track or in a ring or arena, riders must keep to the right, passing left hand to left hand.
24. When overtaking a horse going in the same direction:
 - a. on the track, the rider must keep to the left if practical and if not practical, indicate well in advance that the rider intends to pass on the right.
 - b. in a ring or arena, the rider must pass on the inside, towards the centre.
25. Anyone hand walking a horse on the track must stay to the outside rail, allowing riders to pass on the inside.
26. Riders walking or halted in a ring or arena must keep to the inside, to allow 2 horses to pass between them and the rail.
27. When riding abreast on the track, riders must ensure that at least half the width of the track is clear for other riders.

Gates

28. Riders using the rings, indoor arena and track have the right of way when passing the gate areas and riders wishing to enter or exit must yield.

Jumping

29. Jumping courses must adhere to Equine Canada guidelines.
30. Jumping courses may be set only by SRC Instructors, unless specifically approved by the Manager.
31. Riders may raise or lower the height of jumps but may not move fences.

32. Anyone who raises or lowers the height of a jump must leave the jump in an orderly fashion before leaving the ring.
33. Riders jumping must ensure that a jumping line is free from other riders before using the line, and must call “fence” or “heads up” or otherwise indicate an intention to jump a fence or line when other riders are in the vicinity.
34. A rider who knocks down a fence must reset it.
35. A rider who breaks a jump component must report it promptly to the Manager, except that if the breakage occurs during a lesson, it is the SRC Instructor’s responsibility to report it.
36. Riders 15 years of age and younger must be supervised by an SRC Instructor or other responsible adult when jumping on Club premises.

Longing

37. Longing is permitted only in the round pen and in the lunge ring(s), except that an SRC Instructor may lunge a horse that is ridden by a student, during a lesson in any riding ring or arena.

Galloping

38. Galloping (450 meters per minute or faster) is permitted only on the track, and the polo field when open, and only before 9 a.m.

Driving

39. Driving is permitted only on the track, and the polo field when open, and only:
 - a. before 9 a.m., Monday through Friday
 - b. after 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Riding Guests or Drop in Riders

40. Guests or Drop in Riders are welcome to ride at the Club, under these conditions:
 - a. the guest must pay the riding guest fee, as well as complete SRC’s waiver of liability prior to riding at the facility.
41. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests and may be charged for any damage caused by those guests.

Visiting Riders

42. Visiting riders who are entered in shows, clinics, or other special events at the Club have access to Club facilities:
 - a. on the day of the show or event, and
 - b. on the day preceding the show or event if the horse is stabled at the club, or if the horse or rider comes from outside the Lower Mainland
 - c. for the 48-hour period before any Equine Canada approved show.
 - d. Riders must complete SRC’s waiver of liability prior to riding

Spectators

43. Spectators are welcome at the Club.
44. Spectators may not enter a riding ring during a lesson without permission of the Instructor.
45. No one may sit on arena fences or railings.

Instructors

46. SRC Instructors are those who have been designated as such by the Board of Directors.
47. Only SRC Instructors may give instruction on Club premises, except as authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors for clinics and other special events.
48. SRC Instructors, while on Club premises, are expected to enforce the Club’s rules.

49. SRC Instructors are bound by the Club's Instruction Guidelines as adopted by the Board of Directors in 1997 and amended from time to time.

Club Premises

Hours of operation

50. The Club property is open for riding from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.
51. Ring maintenance staff/Groundskeeper have right of way until 10:00 a.m.
52. The clubhouse is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. but is closed on:
- a. Christmas Eve
 - b. Christmas Day
 - c. Boxing Day
 - d. New Year's Eve
 - e. Good Friday
- and may be closed on other statutory holidays.

Kitchen

53. No one is permitted in the kitchen except as authorized by the Manager.

Staff offices

54. The Club offices are for staff use only: members may enter only when a staff member is present, or with prior permission of the Manager.

Clubhouse Attire

55. Muddy footwear, footwear capable of marring the floor surface, and spurs may be left in the vestibule but must not be worn inside the clubhouse.
56. Members are expected to maintain a tidy standard of dress in the clubhouse.

Alcohol

57. Alcohol is permitted on the Club premises only on occasions sanctioned by the Club, for which a Special Occasion License and insurance is obtained.

Notices & Petitions

58. Petitions, notices and other materials may be distributed or posted in the clubhouse or on the grounds only with permission of the Manager.

Vehicles

59. Vehicles and contents, while on Club property, are at their owners' risk.
60. Vehicles must at all times give the right of way to pedestrians and horses.
61. The speed limit on Club property is 8 km per hour.
62. Parking is permitted only in designated parking areas.
63. Vehicles are not permitted on the track unless authorized by the Manager.
64. Scooters and bicycles are not permitted on the track or near the rings unless authorized by the Manager.

Dogs

65. Dogs may be tied and left on the grassy area immediately west of the clubhouse:
- a. while the person responsible is on Club premises
 - b. for a reasonable length of time
 - c. If the dog is not a nuisance or a hazard to riders and others.

66. Dogs not tied must be accompanied by a person on foot at all times and be on leash that is non-retractable and no more than six feet long.

Membership List

67. The official Club membership list is published annually in the Horscope.
68. The official Club membership list is for the private use of members and may not be copied or reprinted or used for any other purpose or given to a non-member without prior approval by the Board of Directors.

Dues

69. Annual membership dues are payable on the 31st day of October.
70. The names of members who are more than 15 days in arrears with respect to membership dues or other indebtedness to the Club may be posted at the clubhouse.
71. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, revoke any or all membership privileges of any member who is more than 15 days in arrears with respect to membership dues or other indebtedness to the Club.
72. Membership dues are not refundable, nor are they prorated, except in the case of new members joining after January 1.

Club Administration

73. The Board of Directors plans, organizes and supervises the operation of the Club through the President, Manager and staff.
74. The Manager takes direction only from the President, or the President's designate.
75. Staff members take direction only from the Manager.
76. A member may not purport to represent the Club in any business dealings, or in any communication with the media, unless specifically directed by the President to do so.
77. A record of motions passed at meetings of the Board of Directors is available to members at the Club office during office hours and will be provided by email upon request.
78. Members may contact the Board of Directors, either individually or collectively as follows:
 - a. by mail: c/o Southlands Riding Club
7025 Macdonald St.
Vancouver, BC V6N 1G2
 - b. by email: info@southlandsriddingclub.com
 - c. by fax: (604) 263-1281

Rules Violations

79. A member who wishes to complain that a member or staff or SRC Instructor has violated these Rules, or the Club's Bylaws, may submit the complaint in writing, with his or her signature, to the Board of Directors.
80. A person who is the subject of a written complaint must be given a copy of the complaint, except that if the Board of Directors considers that it would be in the best interests of the Club, it may give the person a synopsis of the complaint, or withhold the identity of the complainer, or both.
81. A person who has been notified by the Board of Directors of a complaint must be given the opportunity to reply, either in writing or in person, as the person chooses.
82. After considering the complaint and the reply, if any, the Board of Directors may determine:
 - a. that the complaint is unfounded, or

- b. that the person has violated these Rules or the Club's Bylaws.
83. The Board of Directors may take disciplinary action against a member who violates these Rules or the Club's Bylaws, including:
- a. A letter of warning
 - b. Restriction of Club privileges
 - c. On a second violation:
 - i. suspension from membership, or
 - ii. a fine, or
 - iii. both suspension and a fine
 - d. On a third violation:
 - i. expulsion from membership, or
 - ii. a fine, or
 - iii. both expulsion and a fine
- except that if the violation is so extreme as to be totally incompatible with the objects of the Club, the Board may suspend or expel the member on a first or any violation.
84. An SRC Instructor who observes a violation of these Rules must bring the violation to the person's attention and if the person ignores the Instructor's warning, the Instructor may:
- a. ask the person to leave the Club's premises
 - b. report the incident to the Board of Directors
 - c. make a written complaint to the Board of Directors as provided above.
85. The name of a suspended or expelled member may be posted on all perimeter gates, the clubhouse doors, in the Club office, and in the Horscope.
86. The Board of Directors may decline to renew the membership of any member who has been the subject of disciplinary action more than once during a membership year.