



NORTH EASTERN HORSE AND PONY CLUB RULES FOR ALL MEMBERS & RIDERS WHILST ON CLUB GROUNDS

These rules are in place to ensure the safety and protection of members and mounts at North Eastern Horse & Pony Club. They are also designed to foster the harmonious co-existence of the club community.

The NEHPC committee request and expect all members to observe and obey these rules and the PCAV 'Code of Conduct' without exception. Your membership is conditional and upon adherence to these and our 'Statement of Purpose' (Constitution) rules. By signing this document, you are acknowledging your understanding of your obligations.

Please note – Adult riding, Adult supporting members that ride and visiting riders on these grounds, do so at their own risk and are advised not to ride alone. **Please note** a disciplinary "Breach of Rules Procedure" is contained within this document.

RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP & WHEN RIDING	WHY
ALL members under the age of 18 must ride under parental supervision. Members over 18-25 must not ride alone.	For your safety
An adult must supervise you crossing the road up until the age of 18.	For the safety of rider and horse. Cars often travel fast and cut the corner
You must always have a well fitted halter or bridle on your horse when crossing the road.	For the safety of rider, horse and oncoming traffic.
You must ALWAYS wear a PCAV approved helmet and riding boots when riding &/ or working your horse in the round yard.	For your safety
DO NOT RIDE in the clubhouse area enclosed by the safety fence, Through the carpark or crossing the road	For the safety of children & adults on foot
Closed in sturdy boots must be worn when around horses.	For your safety
DO NOT RIDE on very wet ménage/ arenas	This damages the under surface of the ménage.
Pick up all YOUR HORSE'S MANURE from SAND MENAGES/ driveways & tie up areas immediately.	Manure damages these surfaces and can be a health and safety hazard.
Keep the canteen tidy – wash, dry and put away all your dishes.	It is unfair and inconsiderate to leave your mess for others to clean.
Riding gear must be stored in a locker or taken home when not in use. The gear left around the clubhouse will be placed in lost property and disposed of at the end of each rally day.	To keep our club rooms and verandah area tidy and inviting all members and visitors
There is to be NO unattended horses grazing in the circuit as they must be confined in a well secured yard.	To ensure members can ride the entire circuit track and for the safety of everyone.
Demonstrate a regular commitment to exercise your horse and provide regular attendance to its daily needs and long-term health including correct feeding requirements	Ensure the horse/pony is kept fit and healthy at all times, even during a drought or seasonal changes.



Club members to be involved in working bees and all club duties as required.	To share the work required as a member of the club
No member is permitted to ride on the bike path.	Parks Victoria ruling which forms part of our lease – failure to comply could result in expiration of our lease
Comply with the club guidelines regarding dogs on grounds	To avoid any accidents that a dog may cause and for safety reasons
Club grounds must not be used for instruction of non-club members without committee approval	For our club risk management
Visiting riders &/or pre-approved overnight agistment documents are to be completed	For our records and risk management
Last to leave the grounds must ensure the lights out, all doors checked/ locked and front gate must be locked	For club/ equipment/ horses and other members gear security

Breach of Rules Procedure

The following actions by the committee will occur in the event of a breach of Rules.

First Warning

1. A member of the Committee, or an adult parent of a member, will officially warn you. You will be officially invited to 'show cause' to a committee member depending upon the rule breached. This caution or warning will be discussed and recorded in the private section of the club minutes (to protect confidentiality).

Second Warning

2. In the event of a second breach of rules you will be fined \$100 and invoiced accordingly. A meeting will be convened by two committee members, the member and their parent/s or guardian/s to discuss the second breach. (Committee members will rotate this duty). This meeting will be recorded in the private section of the club minutes.

Third Warning

3. Upon a subsequent breach of rules, you will receive written notice from the committee stating that your membership position is under review. You must respond in writing to the committee, stating why your membership should not be terminated or why you should not be suspended from club events.

Failure to respond in writing within two weeks will be interpreted as notice of your intention to forfeit the membership.

Disciplinary Action

4. Three committee members will meet with the member and their parent/s or guardian/s to state the committee's decision on the matter.

The committee's decision on instances of repetitive breaches of Rules will be final as your obligations for club membership have been agreed by both parties as evidenced in the 'acknowledgment of rules' document.