

Poway Valley Riders Association

Operating Rules

These Operating Rules have been established to ensure the smooth operation of PVRA facilities. All members and guests are expected to abide by them.

USE OF GROUNDS AND ARENA

1. All PVRA members must have on file with the Association a signed Release of Liability and a parent/guardian indemnification agreement for minor members. Guests and Attendees at PVRA Events must sign a Liability release form before riding, training, or otherwise working with horses on Association 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 Association facilities, with or without a trainer.
3. Horses shall not be permitted in the area between Arena 1 and Arena 2 or within the area behind the chuck wagon.
4. At any organized activity or at any time when three or more riders are using the arenas or other riding areas, they must be kept watered to control dust (requirement of PVRA Conditional Use Permit with City of Poway). Conditions of excessive dust should be reported to the Board.
5. Dogs must be on leashes while on the PVRA grounds.
6. No person under the age of 18 may ride or handle a stallion on the grounds (requirement of PVRA insurance).
7. Riders under the age of 18 jumping a horse over jumps or any other obstacle on PVRA grounds must wear an approved ASTM/SEI Certified 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 are required to wear boots when mounted on the PVRA grounds.
10. No one under the age of 21 may consume alcoholic beverages on the property.
11. Anyone training a horse or instructing a rider or handler for compensation on the PVRA grounds must have a current PVRA Riding Membership, a signed Trainer's Agreement on file and must provide a Certificate of Insurance citing PVRA as a named insured in the amount and form required by state law, the Board of Directors and the Association's insurance carrier. Guest Clinicians must provide a Certificate of Insurance as stated above.
12. No use of PVRA facilities after dark without prior approval from the Board of Directors except regularly scheduled activities such as Polo or Open Riding.
13. Parents shall be responsible for the supervision of their minor children while on the PVRA grounds.
14. Rain protocol. If the weather dictates closing of the grounds, it will be determined by the President and Caretaker. It shall be posted on the website when it closes and when it reopens. The Vice President assumes duties for this if the President is not available. Re-opening the grounds will be determined by a majority vote of the Board Members.
15. Board Members and the PVRA Caretaker have the responsibility for upholding PVRA rules and requesting rule compliance.
16. No person shall operate any power tools or equipment, including the water truck or tractor, on the PVRA grounds while intoxicated.
17. There is NO PARKING allowed along the road, under the pine trees, on the north side of the warm-up arena.

PVRA ACTIVITIES/MEMBERS AND GUESTS

1. PVRA members are encouraged to take part in all activities, work parties, shows, Rodeo or special events for work hours. Members are entitled to bring guests to use the facilities on an occasional basis,

not to exceed three visits 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. 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.

2. 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 **\$20.00** per lesson.
3. The front gates are to be kept closed (other than when they must remain open for scheduled activities open to the public).

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 Arena 1, turnout, or round pens only, and for no more than 15 minutes at a time. Loose horses must be always attended by a member. After 15 minutes, if there are any other members on the grounds desiring to use the arena the horse is turned out in, the horse must be caught so the other members can use the arena. 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, except when they are being used for entering or exiting the arenas.
7. No lunging in Arena 2 or Dressage arenas due to potential damage to the footing.

WORK OBLIGATIONS

1. Every member is encouraged to take part in group work parties, shows, Rodeo, and special events.
2. Members who attend regular meetings and sign the roster will receive 1 hour credit per membership. If more than one riding member per household attends, a maximum of 2 hours per household may be credited
3. In addition to work parties, shows, Rodeo, special events and meeting attendance, work hour obligations may be fulfilled by doing any work approved or assigned by the Board of Directors.
4. Work Hours sign in sheet information must be completed by the worker and approved by the Activity Chairman.
5. For work hours to be donated to another member, the working member's name must be logged in the book along with the member's name receiving the donated hours at the time of the work activity.

VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS

1. PVRA expects appropriate behavior when participating in any Association activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but not be limited to: profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (for example: using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following any Association activity); failure to follow rules; cheating; or abusive behavior.
2. Violations of these rules should be reported to the Board of Directors.
3. Members found to be in substantial or repeated violation of these rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Article VII, Section F 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.