



PASADENA HORSE AND PONY ASSOCIATION

RULES OF CONDUCT

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Listed below are policies and procedures for basic rules of conduct that are the foundation for all Pasadena Horse and Pony Association (“PHPA”) members, staff and board members. Violation(s) of these rules may result in disciplinary action as determined in accordance with the by-laws, including but not limited to warnings, removal from events or functions, and/or suspension or revocation of PHPA Membership. All PHPA members are responsible for their visitors and guests to ensure that they also follow these rules of conduct.

1. Acknowledges PHPA functions as a family friendly environment and, therefore, refrains from using obscenities and loud boisterous behavior inappropriate for children and horses.
2. Observes proper equine and horse show or event etiquette at PHPA events to include:
 - a. Always make sure your horse is safe, secure and comfortable.
 - b. Wear appropriate attire for safe handling/riding of horses such as boots and helmets that are in congruence with State laws (ATSM and SEI approved helmets).
 - c. While riding, pass another horse left shoulder to left shoulder and look where you are going. If approaching another horse going in the same direction and you are travelling faster, it is most courteous to take a circle or cut across the arena to avoid passing. If you must pass in the same direction, pass to the inside with care and plenty of clearance. It is best to announce your intention upon approach.
 - d. Keep at least one horse’s length away from any other horse.
 - e. Be cautious of what you are doing, carrying or opening near or around other horses (i.e. if you must use a whip on your own horse, opening umbrellas or lawn chairs, shaking out blankets or tarps). Green horses and other horses may react more enthusiastically than your own. It is polite to ask nearby horse-handlers before conducting “boisterous” or potentially activities.
 - f. Fractious horses should be removed from the area immediately.
 - g. Always clean up after your horse and yourself. Do not leave manure or trash behind unless designated areas or containers are provided.
3. Abuse of any person or animal, including but not limited to physical abuse, unsportsmanlike conduct, threats, verbal intimidation, discrimination, harassment, coercion and/or other conduct which threatens the health or safety of any person or animal is prohibited.
4. Drug use or distribution and alcohol abuse are strictly prohibited.
5. Rules should be followed where you can and cannot smoke per each event location at the request of the hosting parties. No smoking will be permitted in the barn.
6. If you are riding, volunteering, or otherwise engaged at a PHPA event, as much as we love them, please leave your dogs and children at home. You will find that you cannot adequately care for them while you are focusing on your horse/task. If dogs are permitted at certain events, they must be kept on leashes. Keep in mind that many events do not allow dogs due to insurance liability issues. It is best to check with the location or event planning committee if dogs are permitted.
7. Any other act, conduct, or omission which is determined to be detrimental to the image or reputation of the PHPA as deemed by the Board of Directors or appointed committee will be subject to disciplinary action.