

# MUDGEERABA & HINTERLAND HORSE TRAIL CLUB INC

## TRAIL RULES

**We do not offer "Personal Accident Insurance" at any rides, events or fundraisers**

1. No stallions or rigs will be allowed on rides, schools, shows or camps organized by the Mudgeeraba & Hinterland Horse Trail Club.
2. Dogs may be allowed on camps on private properties, depending on the property owners. Dogs are prohibited from attending rides and must remain secured at base camp.
3. Attendance Book must be signed by all before ride commences and Health Declaration form completed and presented. All members and visitors note – if you are not signed on you are not covered by our insurance.
4. Riders 18 years and under must be supervised by an experienced rider or nominated guardian. First time riders are to have a **GREEN RIBBON** in their horse's tail. Known kickers are to have a **RED RIBBON**.
5. It is at the discretion of a committee member or Overseer to deem horse and rider for any reason unfit to begin a ride or continue a ride.
6. Your horse must be fit and in reasonable condition for each ride, feet properly maintained, shod or wearing boots.
7. Always keep a rider in sight, front and behind. Maintain one horse length to avoid being kicked or bitten. You are responsible, as the rider, to keep a safe distance from the horse in front.
8. Riders must be sensibly attired, wearing suitable riding boots that prevent the foot from sliding through the stirrup iron. Horse tack is to be well maintained with correctly fitting bridle, bosal or hackamore. Riders using the latter two must demonstrate to the Overseer that they have "complete control". If the Overseer is not satisfied you will be required to use a bridle and bit.
9. Riders using a Jaquima (rope halter) need also to have a bit and a set of reins on, over the top of their halter.
10. Lead Drover is responsible for the ride. No rider is to leave a ride or ride in front without permission. Drovers with ride vests are there to assist riders. First aid kit, radios/mobile phones are to be carried on each ride.
11. Always ride in single file on the left-hand side of the road and listen and wait for instructions from the Lead Drover before crossing roads. Children under 12 and inexperienced riders must go on a lead rope.
12. Beginners and children under 18 years must wear an Australian approved riding helmet.
13. Do not pass other riders at a speed that may excite their mount. Any rider seeing dangerous obstacles, for example, barb wire, holes or glass, must relay a warning to others.
14. The blood alcohol level must not exceed .05 to comply with State Road Rules. No alcoholic beverage is to be consumed whilst mounted.
15. It is preferred that you do not smoke whilst riding – during breaks is acceptable. Smokers are to carry a container for butts. Always be extremely mindful of other riders who do not smoke. Extreme care is to be taken in 'High Fire Risk Areas'.
16. All gates are to be left as found. Always respect private property, our state forests and conservation areas and trails. Take all rubbish out with you.
17. All incidents that occur are to be recorded, ensuring TRA procedures are maintained.
18. All riders are to conduct themselves in a manner that will promote our Club and Trail Riding Australia whilst on all rides, events including non-horse activities.

**I have read and understand the above Trail Rules and agree to abide by them at all times.**

**Signature:** ..... **Name:** .....

**Date:** ..... **Retain a copy for your own reference.**