**Safety & Sanitation Procedures**

**Purpose:**  
To keep all horses, riders, visitors, and facilities safe, clean, and cared for during all lessons, gatherings, travel events, and trail rides.

**🐎 Horse Handling & Riding Safety**

* Riders must **listen to the Instructor or Ride Lead at all times.**
* Mount and dismount horses **only when instructed.**
* **No running, yelling, or sudden movement** around horses.
* Riders must **wear closed-toe boots** (no slides/sandals).
* Helmets are **required for youth riders** and optional for adults.
* No riding horses without **permission** from the Horse Owner or Instructor.
* **Never walk behind a horse** unless trained to do so safely.

**🌾 Facility & Grounds Care**

* Pick up **trash** and personal items before leaving the barn/ranch.
* Smoking **only in designated areas** away from barns and hay.
* Leave **gates exactly how you found them** (open stays open, closed stays closed).
* Keep feed and tack areas **organized and sealed** when finished.
* **No feeding horses treats** without permission from the Horse Owner.

**💩 Waste Management**

* During parades, events, and shows:
  + A **ground crew** will follow horses to remove manure from streets or event grounds.
  + If ground crew is unavailable, riders are responsible for **cleaning manure** in the staging or rest area.
* At the ranch:
  + **Stalls and grooming areas** must be raked and cleared after use.
  + Buckets, brushes, and tack must be **returned to their assigned place.**

**🧽 Tack & Equipment Care**

* **Wipe down tack** after each use.
* Do not use another member’s saddle/tack **without permission.**
* Report **damaged equipment** immediately to a Club Officer.
* **No loaning club-owned equipment** outside of club-approved events.

**❤️ Behavior & Environment**

* Speak to all riders, visitors, and volunteers with **respect.**
* No **bullying, intimidation, or profanity** toward members or animals.
* Youth riders must be **supervised** at all times.
* If anyone feels unsafe or unsure — **stop and ask for assistance.**

**✒️ Acknowledgment**

These procedures exist to protect:

* our riders
* our horses
* our legacy
* our land

Members must agree to follow them as part of their **active membership**.