

MORAGA HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
General Rules and Rules For The Use Of
The Practice Ring, Pasture, Barn and Holding Pens
As Revised on September 19, 1990
and May 8, 1996

GENERAL RULES

1. The entrance gate at Canyon Road is to be kept closed at all times unless there is a guard posted.
2. No vehicle shall be parked on the road where it will block traffic. This is a fire access road.
3. Trespassing on private property or EBMUD land, not leased by the Association, is prohibited. This means anywhere off of the trail and there are no trails to the reservoir.
4. Smoking is prohibited in all grass areas.
5. Cruel treatment or improper handling of horses will not be tolerated and are grounds for terminating all privileges.
6. The practice ring and pasture area is for the use of Association members only unless specified for special events.
7. No person under 18 years of age shall ride alone at any time in the pasture or practice ring area unless written permission is received from the parent or guardian.
8. Children under 8 years of age are to be supervised at all times. Riding permission is only granted if the Association has written permission and release of liability from parent or guardian, or if the child is under direct supervision of parent or guardian.
9. Motorcycles are to be turned off and walked into or from the parking area.
10. No dogs or other pets are permitted at large in the practice ring area. They are to be on leash or lock in, or chained to cars. No dogs are allowed on the premises at all during club events.
11. Garbage, trash, or other discarded material shall be deposited in designated containers.
12. Courtesy and respect are a must at all times in order to maintain relations within and out of the Association. Continued violations and warnings will lead to possible termination of membership in the Moraga Horsemen's and Junior Horsemen's Association.

PRACTICE RING RULES

1. All practice ring activities shall be conducted within the practice ring grounds leased by the Association.
2. During any scheduled event, persons not participating shall not be allowed in the practice ring.
3. No horse shall be tied to anything other than a hitch post or to a privately owned vehicle with authorization from the owner.
4. No horses shall be ridden in proximity to horses which are tied.
5. Racing or riding faster than a walk is prohibited except within the ring as a scheduled event or within designed warm-up area.
6. No horses shall be turned loose within the practice ring grounds, unless the club is specifically grazing the area down for fire prevention purposes.
7. Horses shall not be allowed within the grandstand, concession booth, or judging booth area during club events.
8. Climbing or sitting on practice ring fence is prohibited.
9. Any member wishing to use the practice ring for instructional purposes may do so, but must share the ring with any other members wishing to use the facilities at the same time.
10. During special events there will be a specified entrance and exit gate which must be clear of bystanders.

RULES GOVERNING OCCUPANCY OF MORAGA HORSEMEN'S PASTURE

Revised May 8, 1996

The availability of pasture land is a benefit of active membership in the Moraga Horsemen's Association. When the pasture first became available, through a lease with the East Bay Municipal-Utility District, interest in the use of the land was minimal as members had access to several other areas. The ability and willingness to pay rent in a timely manner was the basic qualification for use; club membership or involvement was secondary. In recent years development of Moraga and surrounding areas resulted in fewer locations to board horses. Pressure has increased from members and non-members for access to the pasture. Thus, the Association membership determined that eligibility and qualifications for use of the pasture should be more formalized in the interest of the club and in fairness to its active members.

Recommendations to accomplish the club's objectives were developed by a committee consisting of Bob Fienberg, Linda Rawlinson, Laura Fend, and Hazel McClearnen. The committee's recommendations were reviewed by the MHA Board of Directors on March 8, 1983, and approved at a general membership meeting on March 15, 1983. Subsequent revisions were approved by the regular members on September 19, 1990 and again on May 21, 1996. These are as follows:

1. The Association pasture is for the benefit of active Association members and is not a community facility. Persons utilizing the pasture must continue to be active or be expelled from the pasture.
2. Persons wishing to be placed on the waiting list for pasture space must be active members of the Association. People currently on the waiting list will be advised of the rule requiring membership.
3. Parents of Junior Horsemen Association members utilizing the pasture must be active in the adult club.
4. Pasture users will no longer be eligible to utilize the pasture if he or she:
 - a) Fails to pay dues or fees for a period of three months, or
 - b) Fails to attend one meeting a quarter and participate in three Association activities. If it is impossible for a member to attend the required meetings, the member may participate in an additional activity per meeting missed, or
 - c) Continually violates rules.

5. a) Members holding space in the pasture or waiting list members who are advised that space is available, may continue to reserve space by paying monthly rent for a reasonable period of time as determined by the Board of Directors. Members on the waiting list have an option of accepting an available space or passing it to the next member without losing his position on the list. This passing option may be exercised twice, after which the member must accept or be removed from his position on the list.
b) No membership may control a majority of available pasture spaces.
6. Stallions or horses under three years of age will not be permitted in the pasture.
7. New user agreements will reflect these guidelines and will be distributed to tenants. Agreement language will be reviewed annually. New agreements will be for a term of one year and reviewed on an annual basis.
8. General membership will be advised of any modifications of these guidelines.
9. Horses will be wormed every eight weeks and vaccinated annually.

RULES FOR THE BARN AND CORRALS

The Moraga Horsemen facilities include:

- a) Three pipe corrals
- b) One stall
- c) Tack room
- d) Hay room
- e) Wash rack
- f) Covered space for bad weather

PIPE CORRALS

The corrals should be used for the following reasons:

- a) Injured horses or horses who are to see the vet the next day.
- b) Horses staying one night prior to be ridden the next day.
- c) Horses being shod the next day.

First priority will be given to pasture members for the corrals and stall. Emergency situations within the membership will be given consideration. The corrals are temporary arrangements and are not to be used instead of putting the horse in the pasture or other stable arrangements. Any horse left in the stall or corrals over 24 hours must be fed morning and night. Manure and hay in the corrals should be removed to the compost pile above the pipe corrals. When all the corrals are not being used, please use the ones farthest away from the barn to reduce flies. Those responsible for horses using these facilities must follow these procedures.

NO HALTERS SHALL BE LEFT ON HORSES IN CORRALS!

STALL

The stall is to be kept clean. The manure and bedding disposal is the responsibility of the owner. If more than one pasture horse needs the stall a veterinarian will be consulted to determine which horse needs the stall the most.

TACK ROOM

The tack room will be locked and will be used by pasture members only.

HAY ROOM

The hay room will be available to all regular active members of the club. Shavings will be kept here in case of emergencies. Hay should be tagged as to who it belongs to. Shavings used for emergency will be replaced by persons using it.

WASH RACK

The wash rack will be available to all members. After the wash rack or covered space has been used, please clean up the manure and roll up any hoses. Guests attending Moraga Horsemen events may also use these two facilities.