



GROUND'S MEMBERSHIP - MVPC Riding Members -

Grounds Membership is available to MVPC riding members. This membership allows full riding use of the grounds, including the arena, whenever maintenance and other booked events are not scheduled. Cost for Grounds Membership is already paid for as part of MVPC annual fees.

Grounds Member Rules:

Please read in full before submitting application form. Note that policies and rules remain subject to change by MVPC committee.

- COVID: Usage of the grounds must comply with the most recent public health orders and current Covid guidelines. It is your responsibility to check the current NSW guidelines for the latest information. Please maintain social distancing, wash or sanitise your hands before and after touching any gates and wash bay hoses. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 or been in a COVID-19 hotspot please stay at home.
- Members must adhere to all arena rules. These are outlined at the end of this document and posted on a sign at the arena gate. Failure to comply or misuse of the grounds will result in withdrawal of grounds membership.
- Please report any broken equipment or unauthorised use of the grounds back to MVPC via email: mvpc.secretary@gmail.com
- Any damage to the grounds and/or equipment will be charged. Either replacement for broken items or payment of insurance excess of \$500 (whichever the lesser)
- You must wear an approved safety helmet and footwear while mounted and if you are using the cross country jumps you must wear an EA approved back protector/safety vest (see EA website for list of approved vests and helmets)
- No alteration or creation of cross-country jumps is allowed
- Members are expected to clean up litter and animal waste
- Children under 18 must have a parent/guardian present at all times
- Horses must not be tied to any fence on MVPV grounds. Horses may only be tied to floats that have a vehicle attached
- No external equipment is to be brought to the grounds (eg jumps/poles)
- The gate to the main road and the arena must be shut at all times

- Members are responsible for locking gates on leaving. Gate codes and/or Bluetooth locks will be provided, these are not to be passed onto anyone else.
- Dogs must be on leads at all times
- MVPC reserves the right to close the grounds / arena at the committee's discretion. Note this is likely only for inclement weather, safety concerns or if grounds have been booked for an event
- Please ride to the conditions and treat the grounds as you would your own property. For example no gallop training on wet grounds!
- For safety reasons the grounds membership is currently capped to a maximum number of riders annually. This number will be reviewed at regular intervals by the committee
- Behaviour will be monitored. Any member not abiding by the rules will be given a warning in the first instance by MVPC President. Failure to abide by rules will result in termination of membership
- Note that security camera's will be fitted to grounds and arena area for monitoring purposes
- MVPC riding members are permitted, on a casual basis and for an hourly session, to bring along an instructor or coach. Rules governing the use of an instructor:
 - Instructor must have current Equestrian Australia (EA) Coaches insurance
 - The arena is a shared space, you cannot book it and must allow for others to ride at the same time. Plan for no more than a 1 hour session
 - A \$10 usage fee is to be paid to MVPC for each session with an instructor

Arena Rules:

- The arena is a shared riding space for financial members of MVPC only
- Please be aware that a camera has been installed for monitoring purposes
- NO objects are to be hammered or pushed into the surface
- All droppings must be collected as soon as possible
- No Lunging - use the separate round yard
- No horse may be loose or turned out in the arena
- Do not tie your horse to arena fence (or other fences at MVPC)
- Always alert any other riders before entering the arena
- Slower riders, especially those walking, should ride on the inside track. Leave the outside track for faster riders
- When passing front on, pass on the right (left shoulder to left shoulder rule)
- Never halt on the outside track. Mount or dismount in the center of the arena
- Don't ride too close to young / green horses, stallions or novice riders, leave plenty of room
- If in doubt state your intentions, a friendly "*inside*", "*outside*", "*I'm entering arena*" works!

APPLICATION FORM :

GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP – MVPC RIDING MEMBERS

- Full Name of Participant _____
- Full Name of Guardian (if participant under 18 years) _____

- Address _____
- State _____ Post Code _____ Date of Birth _____
- Email: _____
- Contact Phone Number: _____
- For coordination purposes it is helpful to understand how you will intend to use the grounds. Please outline proposed activity details (likely days/ times / activities etc

Release and Waiver

I, _____ being the parent/guardian/ participant - if over 18 years (please circle) , understand, acknowledge and accept that:

- Horse sports are a dangerous activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.
- Horse riding and horse related activities are dangerous and accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage can and do happen.
- Being fully aware of the above, I wish to participate and involve myself in the event/activity listed above.
- I knowingly and freely assume ALL such risks, both known and unknown, and I **voluntarily PARTICIPATE** at my **OWN RISK** and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in this event/activity and associated horse sport activities.

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- I agree to indemnify Matcham Valley Pony Club and its Office Bearers from all liability to the maximum extent permitted by law in the event that either myself, persons under my care or supervision suffer injury or death or property damage as a result of horse riding, horse related activities or from the use of any equipment or facilities available of the grounds.
- I understand my signature to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of all liability to Matcham Valley Pony Club, to the greatest extent allowed by law.
- I confirm I have read and understood the contents of this disclaimer.
- I have read, understood and will abide by the Ground Membership Rules outlined above

Signature: _____ Date: _____