



## GROUPS MEMBERSHIP

### - General Members -

We are pleased to announce that Grounds Membership is available to local riders who are not members of Matcham Valley Pony Club (including any riders over 25 years of age). This membership allows full riding use of the grounds including the purpose-built arena whenever pony club, maintenance and other booked events are not scheduled.

Cost for Grounds Membership is: \$400 per annum

### 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 latest guidelines from NSW Govt. 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.
- To use the grounds, you must have current EA membership and provide details including expiry date to MVPC. For avoidance of doubt, you are not permitted to use MVPC grounds if your EA membership has lapsed.
- 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](mailto: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
- Public members are not permitted to employ a coach / instructor for use at the grounds
- 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

### ***Welcome to Matcham Valley Arena***

#### **Arena Rules:**

- This 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 – GENERAL PUBLIC

- Full Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_
- Full Name of Guardian (if participant under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
- PCA Affiliation/Club (nb: not req'd for membership) \_\_\_\_\_
- EA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- EA expiry date (attach proof) \_\_\_\_\_
- 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  
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### 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.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2021 Annual Fee: \$400**

Nb: Fee is for the 12 month period post becoming a financial grounds member

**Direct transfer to:**

Acct name: Matcham Valley Pony Club

Acct no: 182475

BSB: 032-564

Reference – (member’s name) Grounds

Return to [mvpc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:mvpc.secretary@gmail.com)