



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE HIRING OF CLUB POLO PONIES

(Effective from 1st March 2020)

- 1) If available, the monthly hire of polo ponies, is available to Charter Members and/or their spouses only.
- 2) *Ad-hoc* hire, subject to availability and the approval of the Polo Captain, is applicable for members and their guests, visiting polo players and/or visiting teams; all such persons are expected to hold an internationally recognised polo handicap, or currently be taking polo instruction at the Club. Club polo ponies comprise a 'premium' category and a 'regular' category. The charges for the leasing / advance booking / ad hoc hire of polo ponies for the two categories is as follows: -

Premium Category

- \$\$120 for ad-hoc riding – maximum of 30 minutes of riding (30 minutes including not more than a maximum of 15 minutes at pace).
- \$\$120 for ad-hoc stick & ball - 20 minutes of stick and ball (20 minutes including not more than 10 minutes maximum at pace).
- \$200 per weekday chukka; \$\$250 per weekend or tournament chukka
- \$\$150 per chukka for arena polo

Regular Category

- \$\$100 for ad-hoc riding – maximum of 30 minutes of riding (30 minutes including not more than a maximum of 15 minutes at pace).
- \$\$100 for ad-hoc stick & ball - 20 minutes of stick and ball (20 minutes including not more than 10 minutes maximum at pace).
- \$150 per weekday chukka; \$\$200 per weekend or tournament chukka
- \$\$110 per chukka for arena polo

All charges listed above are inclusive of GST. Non-members will be charged 50% above the indicated rates.

- 3) *Ad-hoc* hiring of Club horses refers to the booking of a horse(s) on the day of polo on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to the polo pony being requested is appropriate/suitable for the player making the request (on the grounds of the player's handicap or polo experience and at the Polo Captain's discretion). Once a horse has been allocated, it will be deemed to be a confirmed booking and, in the event of cancellation of polo due to unsuitable ground and/or weather conditions, the lessee will nonetheless be obliged to pay 25% of the chukka hire charges, and the player is instead entitled to ride the polo pony. The closing time for the *ad-hoc* reservation of a horse(s) for polo is 12 noon on each polo day. The Club reserves the right to discontinue or reject *ad hoc* bookings on specified horses without prior notice.
- 4) Advance booking of Club horses is available **up to three (3) days before** the day of polo. Once a horse has been allocated, it will be deemed to be a confirmed booking and in the event of cancellation of polo due to unsuitable ground and/or weather conditions, the lessee will be obliged to pay 25% of the chukka hire charges and the player is instead entitled to ride the polo pony. **Advance booking of horses is limited to a maximum of two (2) polo ponies.** There will be an additional \$50 charge per horse for an advance booking. The Club reserves the right to discontinue or reject advance bookings on specific horses without prior notice.
- 5) For tournaments, once a player has requested a Club horse and the horse has been allocated, he or she will still be obliged to pay 25% of the chukka hire charges in the event that polo is cancelled on the day of the tournament due to unsuitable ground and/or weather conditions.
- 6) The Polo Captain/Manager has the ultimate discretion to decide whether a horse is fit to play and his decision will be final.
- 7) A leased horse will be for the sole use of the member leasing the horse. No assignment or transfer is allowed (including to a spouse or child). The leasing charges will be billed to the member's club account at the end of each month.
- 8) If the lessee is considered by the Polo Captain/Manager (in his sole discretion) to be causing either injury or harm to the horse, the lessee will be responsible for all resulting costs and the lease terminated forthwith.
- 9) The lessee must ensure proper care and handling of the horse during the period of lease. Proper attire/equipment is to be worn when riding Club horses at all times.
- 10) The Club reserves the right to void a lease at any time during the period of a lease.
- 11) While the Club will endeavour to allow the lessee to continue to use the allocated horse during tournaments in which the lessee wishes to participate, the Club reserves the right to use the horse as it deems most appropriate for the tournament. If the club exercises this right, the lessee is relieved of responsibility for the welfare of the horse and payment for the period of the tournament; charges to be pro-rated accordingly.
- 12) If the lessee is not using the leased horse on the days/times stipulated in the lease, the horse may be used at the discretion of the Club.
- 13) No spurs are allowed at any time when either riding or playing polo on Club horses without the express permission of the Polo Captain/Manager. During stick and ball, all Club horses must have either boots or bandages on at least both forelegs.
- 14) Stick and ball practice on a leased horse must not be for more than 20 minutes (including a maximum of 10 minutes at pace). Riding should not be for more than 30 minutes (including a maximum of 15 minutes at pace, or 20 minutes of any exercise other than walking). Warming up of a leased horse by the lessee before polo is restricted to a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 15) Note that, for members who **DO NOT** own a polo pony at livery within the club, a 'green fee' (currently \$50, ex. GST) for the use of the polo field is applicable whenever they either play a chukka, or stick & ball on another member's horse.