



# SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

## POLO LESSON RULES & RATES (Effective 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016)

Club's Resident Polo Professionals: Sanaullah Khan & Shane Boyd	
Polo Lessons (Private / single player ) Lesson type: a) polo riding b) stick & ball practice c) improving your swing d) taking penalties	\$90
Polo Lessons (Semi-private – max. 2 players) Lesson type: a) polo riding b) taking the man, riding off hooking etc c) understanding passes	\$70 per person
Polo (Induction) Lesson (Group – max. 3 players) Lesson type: a) positioning in attack/defense b) set plays in polo	\$50 per person
Instructional Chukka	\$70 per person
Group Children's Lesson	\$55 per child under 14 years old
Polo Cage Lesson (1/2 hour)	\$25 per person

Free-lance Polo Professional: Sattar Khan	
Polo Lessons (Private / single player ) Lesson type: a) polo riding b) stick & ball practice c) improving your swing d) taking penalties	\$120
Polo Lessons (Semi-private – max. 2 players) Lesson type: a) polo riding b) taking the man, riding off hooking etc c) understanding passes	\$100 per person
Polo (Induction) Lesson (Group – max. 3 players) Lesson type: a) positioning in attack/defense b) set plays in polo	\$80 per person
Polo Formation Riding Lesson (groups of 4/6/8 players only)	\$60/\$50/\$40 per person
Polo Cage Lesson (1/2 hour)	\$50 per person

**Note: An additional charge of \$85 (inclusive of 7% GST) is applicable if a Club polo pony is required for the lesson, subject to availability.**

The following time slots are available for polo lessons on the polo field:

- 7.00am to 7.30am, 7.40am to 8.10am, 8.20am to 8.50am and 9.00am to 9.30am on Tuesday to Sunday mornings;
- 4.00pm to 4.30pm for members WITHOUT a SPC polo handicap, on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

And for polo lessons off the polo field ie in the stick & ball or other arena:

- 7.00am to 7.30am, 7.40am to 8.10am, 8.20am to 8.50am and 9.00am to 9.30am on Tuesday to Sunday mornings;
- 4.00pm to 4.30pm, 4.40pm to 5.10pm and 5.20pm to 5.50 pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

**Please note the following general guidelines for polo lessons at the Club:**

- All lessons are of 30 minutes duration, with 30 minutes allotted for the lesson and an additional 10 minutes either for moving between the stable yard and lesson venue, warming up the pony, or cooling it down afterwards. **If the Club pony is not returned to its stable after forty minutes of leaving the stable yard, the player is liable to be charged an additional \$85 for the polo pony.**
- At all times, while mounted on a Club polo pony, members must be mindful of the horse's welfare; for example taking care not to strike the horses legs with their mallet.
- To avoid inconveniencing others, members are requested to be punctual for lessons; Polo Instructors are not obliged to make-up for any lost time if a member is late for a scheduled lesson.
- **Instructional chukkas will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes**, a significant portion of which will normally be at a walking pace in order to enable the instructor to provide useful criticisms and explanations.
- Instructional chukkas may take place either on the field or in an arena at the discretion of the instructor and depending on weather conditions and/or other relevant factors.
- Polo Riding takes place inside an arena and in general will be without polo mallets.
- **To book a lesson**, members are asked to contact the Polo Administrative Manager at 68543970 unless he is unavailable (for example on annual or medical leave of absence) or e-mail [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org) at least 24 hours in advance. **Members are NOT permitted to book lessons with individual instructors directly.** Please adhere to this rule as it enables proper scheduling of lessons and managing the overall work done by individual Club polo ponies.
- Members may book lessons starting 12 noon of every Tuesday for lessons up to the end of the following week. On Tuesday, each member can only book max of 2 lessons per week with each instructor. Additional lessons with the same instructor can only be booked from 12 noon of Wednesday subject to availability. **Any cancellation of lesson(s) must be communicated to the Polo Administrative Manager at least 24 hours before the scheduled lesson**, failing which, the lesson will still be charged to the member's account.
- Failure to show up for the lesson as scheduled will also result in the member's account being debited unless an acceptable reason is provided.
- Note that members are not allowed to book double lessons on any one morning/evening except with the prior approval of a Polo Instructor at the time the booking is made.
- Members are expected to arrive in time to be mounted and ready by the scheduled lesson time. If recommended by a Polo Instructor, warming-up of a Club polo pony before a lesson is restricted to a MAXIMUM OF FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE LESSON is due to start. **Any member found mounted earlier than 10 minutes before the scheduled lesson will be charged an additional \$70.**
- **Members without a SPC polo handicap may NOT use a privately owned polo pony to take stick & ball lessons on the polo field and MUST be mounted on a Club polo pony** which has been allocated to them for the lesson.
- **Members without a SPC polo handicap may NOT come out onto the polo field or sand track when polo is being played.**
- **Members without a SPC polo handicap may NOT come out onto the polo field, either on your own or accompanied by an instructor, between the hours of 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm on days when stick & ball on the field is permitted** (typically Wednesday and Friday evenings). On such days and between such times, the polo field is strictly reserved for members who hold a SPC polo handicap.
- **Members without a SPC handicap MAY**, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons (weather and field conditions permitting), take stick & ball lessons on the polo field between 4.00pm and 4.30pm. However **as a matter of safety, they must be off the polo field by 4.30 pm sharp.**
- Members must ensure proper care and handling of polo ponies while mounted. Proper attire/equipment including a helmet, polo boots are to be worn during lessons. Sleeveless tee-shirts or 'tank-tops' are not permitted on the polo field. In the interests of safety, polo instructors have the right to turn-away any student if they are found to be inappropriately attired.
- After a lesson, members mounted on a Club polo pony are to ride the pony directly back to the stables or, if asked to do so by the Polo Instructor, immediately after cooling-off the pony. Members found still riding the pony for more than 10 minutes after the lesson will be charged an additional \$85.
- In the event of unsuitable field and/or weather conditions, the lessons may be conducted in the stick & ball arena or indoor arena at the Polo Instructors' discretion. A stick & ball lesson may also be changed into a polo riding lesson due to unsuitable ground and/or weather conditions, again at the Polo Instructors' discretion and in which case the polo riding lesson charge will instead be applicable.
- All lesson charges during a given month will be debited to the member's club account at the end of that month.
- **Members must read, agree to and sign an Indemnity Form prior their first lesson.** The Club is not liable for any injuries sustained by a member and/or any other damage to the member's property during the course of a lesson.
- **Repeated infringements of these guidelines by a member may result in the Club declining to provide a Club polo pony for lessons to the member concerned.**
- Members who have any disputes in respect of charges or other complaints regarding a lesson or instructor are asked to address these matters in writing with either the General Manager or the Polo Captain, or email: [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org).