

<u>Pasco Horsemens Association</u> <u>13215 Fivay Rd, Hudson FL 34667</u>

Pasco Horsemens Association is a Not-For-Profit, member-owned organization that is run by elected Officers and Board Members. Our club originally started in the 1970s! PHA is a friendly club that strives to teach good horsemanship and good sportsmanship. We welcome all riders of any age, any ability, and any discipline. We offer Western, and English shows, Speed and Obstacle events, as well as Clinics and Benefit shows. We also host outside shows and events.

Your membership gives you access to both arenas and the obstacle area. Please ensure all lights are turned off and the gate is locked when you leave. Please be courteous and place all trash in the cans provided. Please do not throw cigarette butts/ trash on the ground. Take pride in your club and enjoy having a nice place to ride your horse(s).

Club meetings are held on the grounds, on the 2nd Thursday of every month and you are encouraged to attend. Your suggestions are always welcome.

PHA is always looking for sponsors and we have a great need for volunteers. Volunteers are vital to PHA's success and help is greatly appreciated. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer a little of their time. PHA does have workdays, please get on the Facebook member page (PHA 2023 Members Only). We also post on Facebook and the event calendar. Volunteers are needed for ground maintenance, painting, mowing and trimming, cleaning, and helping at shows or events.

Please visit our website Pascohorsemens.org or our Facebook page to see an event calendar.

****By signing up and becoming a current member, you agree to follow PHA rules and By-Laws. Rules and By-Laws are available to every member in good standing****

GENERAL RULES 2024

- *Family Memberships start at \$75 for the Head of Household and \$5 per person for each additional member of the household which would include (if applicable) Spouses and children 18 years of age and under.
- *You must be a member to use the grounds. You are subject to be questioned about your membership by any Board Member. Please keep your membership card on hand or a photo on your phone.
- * Members are allowed to bring a guest <u>ONE</u> time only on practice days. No suspended member or any trespassed person from the club facilities can be a guest.
- *The gate code is for members only. Anyone who gives the gate code to a non-member will have their membership revoked. Please encourage your non-member friends to join.
- *All members and guests participating in functions involving horses must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement.
- *All members are reminded that they ride at their own risk. Safety gear is strongly recommended for all riders.
- *Please make sure the gate is closed and locked when leaving. This will help ensure the safety of PHA property.
- *PHA reserves the right to approve or deny memberships.
- *Trainers are not allowed to bring non-members onto the grounds for lessons or training.
- *No alcohol or illegal substances are allowed on the grounds.
- *Smoking is not permitted in the bleacher and concession areas.
- *You are expected to clean up after yourself.
- *Negative Coggins is required on all horses.
- *No horses tied to fencing including panels. No horses are allowed in the bleacher or concession area.
- *No horses are to be turned out or loose in any arena or portion of the property.
- *There are 3 stalls available, at show management discretion for a daily fee of \$20 per stall. You must check with show management prior to use. You must clean up after your horse, this includes all hay and manure or there will be a \$10 stall cleaning fee. Event volunteers will have priority use of the stalls. If you use these stalls on practice days, you are required to clean out the stalls before you leave the grounds.

- *Any person exhibiting abusive treatment of animals will be asked to leave. PHA will not tolerate abuse of any animal on the grounds.
- *Any horse determined by the Executive Board Member as unsafe will be asked to be removed from the grounds.
- *Any abusive or disrespectful behavior or any type of poor sportsmanship conduct will result in being asked to leave. Improper conduct, Horsemanship, or Sportsmanship will not be tolerated. PHA will not tolerate disrespectful behavior or physical contact towards members, board members, or any other person at the facility.
- *Children under the age of 16 years of age must have adult supervision. Young children must always be supervised by a responsible adult.
- *Under Florida State Law (Fla. Stat. 773.06- Helmet requirements), safety helmets must be worn by all riders 16 years of age or younger, while mounted on their horse. PHA strongly suggests protective headgear for all youth under 16 years of age as per Florida State Law. If you choose for your child not to wear a safety helmet, PHA is not responsible for injuries or damages due to this decision.
- *Any horse that is known to kick must have a red ribbon tied to the top of its tail. This is to alert others.
- *Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or older to show or handle a stallion of any age.
- *Horses must be at a walk where spectators are present. No cantering, loping or galloping around the bathrooms, the parking area, or other areas where spectators are present.
- *Pets must be leashed while horses are on the property. Pets must have a current rabies vaccination. For some events at PHA grounds, Pets will not be allowed due to the type of event. Please check with a board member before you bring a pet to the property.
- *The Executive Board Members can cancel an event because of inclement weather and/or unforeseen circumstances.
- *The Executive Board Members can change the days and hours with 48 hours of advance notice to members.
- *Any grievance concerning the event and/or show procedures or use of the grounds must be brought to the Executive Board Members. Their decision will be final.
- *You must pay for all classes that are signed up. No refunds will be given once the show has started, except in the case of injury or illness of the horse/exhibitor or cancellation of the show.

*There is a \$35 fee for all returned checks and checks will no longer be accepted. No post-dated checks will be accepted.

*Proper show attire is required for the event in which you are showing. Long pants, proper riding boots with a heel, shirt, or blouse long enough to be tucked in with sleeves are required. **A western hat o**r riding helmet must be worn when shown in Pleasure or Ranch.

All events and/or shows will have additional rules and regulations.

*Class protests shall be made in writing to the Show Chairman accompanied by a fee of \$25 before leaving the show grounds. The protest committee shall consist of the Executive Board Members who are present at the show, the Announcer, and the Judge (if applicable).

*The age of an exhibitor at the commencement of a circuit series will determine the age division for which the exhibitor is eligible. Upon request, proof of age must be presented. Exhibitors are only allowed to show in one (1) age division.

*In the event of a tie for an award, the most 1st place wins will determine the winner, with any further tiebreaker being determined by the most 2nd place wins, followed by the most 3rd place wins.

*Members are expected to follow the rules and abide by the Bylaws of this organization.

The practice schedule is as follows:

Monday – Pleasure Tuesday – Speed Wednesday – Pleasure Thursday – Speed Friday – Open Saturday – Open Sunday – Open

PHA is closed the day before any event. We use this time to prep the grounds.

Violations may result in a verbal or written warning, being asked to leave PHA grounds, denial of memberships, up to the suspension, and revocation of memberships.

First-time offender – verbal and/or written warning Second-time offender – 30-day membership suspension Third-time offender – One-year membership suspension.

RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.