

RALLY DAY GUIDELINES



Westcoast Adult Riding Club – Rally Etiquette

BOOKING YOUR RALLY SPOT



- Book by replying to the rally email with your name, your horse's name, the discipline(s) you'd like (flat, poles, jumping, cross-country, 3PE, in-hand 3PE) and the level you're currently working at.
- Keep special requests to what's really needed (work, family, medical, float-sharing etc.). "I only ride well with Nick on Sundays when Mercury is in retrograde" is not a thing.
- If you're booking more than one lesson, number them in order of preference just in case we have to start playing tetris with the time slots.
- Pay at the time of booking (currently \$40 per lesson). No payment = no timeslot. Include the requested reference and email proof of payment.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



- Check the rally email for the date, first lesson time, instructors, what's on offer and your set-up/pack-up duty.
- Give yourself plenty of time to arrive, park, unload, tack up, breathe and help with set-up before your first lesson.

AT ELCHO PARK



- On arrival, please remember to sign in and check that your emergency contact details are up to date.
- Elcho Park is closed to non-members for riding during rally times, so please let friends and family know it's not a public ride day.
- Park considerately so floats and trucks can move in and out and keep roads clear.
- If something looks unsafe – a loose dog, broken rail, wobbly jump wing – say something to a committee member. We'd much rather fix it than watch it become an issue.

SET-UP, PACK-UP AND PITCHING IN

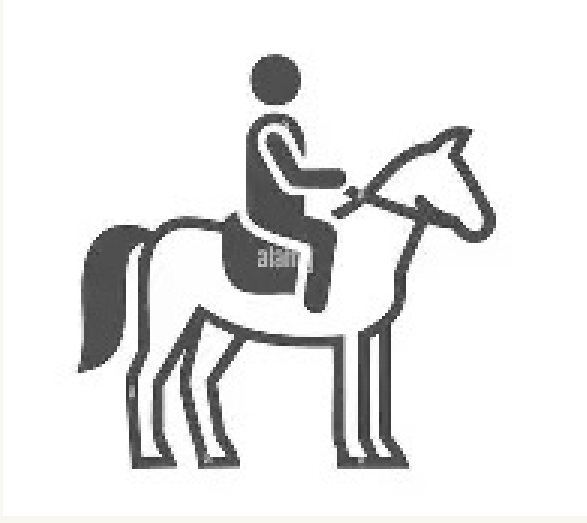


- If you ride in poles, jumping or 3PE, you're expected to help set up or pack up – let us know your preference (or if you're happy to do both) when you book.
- Be on time for your allotted set-up/pack-up time with your horse secured so lessons aren't delayed.
- Follow directions when moving equipment, lift safely and stay until the job is done. A full course doesn't magically appear...although if you discover how to do that, please join the committee immediately.



We kindly ask that if you are running late or unable to attend rally, please let a committee member or the rally organiser know as soon as possible.

RIDING AND IN-HAND 3PE



- Be punctual to your lesson and ready to ride so the whole group gets their full time. Enter and leave the arena as your instructor directs.
- Keep a safe distance, pass politely and call out clearly when you're crossing a line or changing direction – telepathy between riders is still a work in progress.
- For in-hand 3PE, horses must be bitted: either a bit with the lead attached directly, or a bridle with reins/lead attached to the bit. Horses in just a halter or headcollar can't do in-hand 3PE sessions.
- If your horse is having "a day", let your instructor know. Everyone has been there – sometimes the win is simply staying in the arena and finishing on a good note.

RESPECTING INSTRUCTORS AND LESSONS



- Instructors are qualified professionals engaged by the club and riders pay for their coaching. Their lessons are "do not disturb" zones so riders can get what they've paid for.
- Please don't interrupt a lesson to offer advice, correct someone, or start a side lesson from the rail, no matter how enthusiastic you are – one coach at a time keeps things clear and safe.
- If you have a question about something you've seen, wait until the lesson is finished and talk to the instructor or a committee member away from the arena.

CLUB SPIRIT



- Encourage each other, clap for good efforts and be kind when things don't go perfectly (because they won't, and that's half the fun of horses).
- Offer help where you can – holding a gate, grabbing a pole, or lending a spare glove can turn someone's stressful moment into a better day.

Remember, rallies happen because volunteers, committee members and instructors put in time and energy behind the scenes. A quick "thanks for today" is small for you and huge for them.

Bottom line: Rally is a team effort. Book properly, arrive prepared, help out, ride safely and respectfully, and everyone has a great day.