

## **TSC Trail Ride Rules**

- 1. Riders under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
- 2. Riders must stay with the group, behind the Ride Leader and in front of the Drag Rider at all times.
- 3. Keep a horse length behind the horse in front of you. This will keep you from being kicked and keep your horse from stepping on the heels of the horse in front of you. Known kickers should have a red ribbon on their tails.
- 4. When passing, do so at a slightly faster walk. Tell the person you are passing that you are going to pass.
- 5. Horses will be kept at a walk unless approved by the Ride Leader.
- 6. If someone has to stop anywhere on the trail, inform the Ride Leader or the Drag Rider. The whole group should stop. At this time the Ride Leader will decide to either wait until the rider is ready to proceed, or to continue on, leaving the disabled rider with the Drag Rider.
- 7. In the event a rider must leave the group, another rider assigned by the Ride Leader should escort that rider, unless the rider is very familiar with the trail and declines the escort.
- 8. Any rider leaving the group without permission of the Ride Leader will no longer be considered part of that trail ride.
- 9. Alcoholic drinks are not allowed on the trail.
- 10. Riders in possession of firearms are permitted on TSC rides only when in compliance with current laws.
- 11. No littering on trails or in camp. Smoking material must be discarded in your own fire-safe container. Depending on fire hazard conditions, smoking may be confined to breaks.
- 12. No dogs are allowed on the trails. Dogs in camp must be kept tied or confined.
- 13. Stallions are not allowed on TSC rides.
- 14. Appropriate personal headgear is encouraged and helmets are mandatory for riders under 18 years of age.
- 15. Saddles are required on rides. No bareback riders or bareback pads are permitted.
- 16. Appropriate equine headgear is mandatory. Bosal, mechanical hackamore, side-pull hackamore or headstall with bit are the only types permitted.
- 17. Horses should be shod or wear boots. Barefoot horses are the responsibility of the individual rider.
- 18. No horses will be ponied. No loose horses on the trail or in camp.
- 19. No horses permitted around tables or where food is being prepared or eaten.
- 20. Riding double will be the decision of the Ride Leader.
- 21. Only the Ride Leader has the authority to cancel a ride.