



GLENDALE EQUESTRIAN CLUB RULES FOR GROUP TRAIL RIDING

- Each ride will have a designated trail boss and one or more drag riders. Stay with the group, behind the leader, and in front of the drag rider(s).
- Proper equipment should be used on all trail rides for the safety of the horse and rider.
- Riders under 18 years old must be accompanied by parent/guardian over 18.
- Stay on the trail. Do not cut corners. When the trail permits, side by side riding will provide an opportunity for conversation.
- Do not speed past or up behind another horse, and never pass in dangerous terrain. When necessary to pass the horse in front of you, call out your intentions.
- It is your responsibility to stay with the group. Don't fall behind!
- Warn others of hazards on the trail. When stopping on the trail, stop clear of other horses and advise the trail boss and other riders why you need to stop.
- NO--dogs, stallions, or alcohol are allowed on club rides!
- Firearms are permitted only in responsible hands. Use is for trail emergencies only.

Courtesy is important when you are riding in a group. Some trail tips to be respectful to other members in your riding party are:

- Wait for gate openers/closers.
- Wait for all horses to drink before leaving a watering area.
- Move downstream or away from water sources to allow other horses ample room to drink.
- Wait for riders who might be having a hard time crossing water or other obstacles with their horses.
- Wait for riders who have dismounted or are off for any reason.
- Do not run up behind or alongside other riders.
- If passing a branch, do not let it swing back into next rider's/next rider's mounts face.
- Hikers and bikers and vehicles should yield to you, but may not. **BE PREPARED!**

Trail Levels / Riding Guide

Rides will be graded on a one to four basis to let the riders be prepared for safer trail riding and to determine if they or their horse is qualified.

- Level 1:** Easy, short ride, mostly level terrain, few climbs or hills, good footing. Usually roads or wide, well-defined trails most of the way.
- Level 2:** Generally good footing, some climbing and downhill, but not steep or difficult. Can go cross country on mostly level ground.
- Level 3:** Footing may be difficult in places, or rocky. At times steep and downhill with narrow or precipitous trails. Requires confidence in your horse.
- Level 4:** Steep, rocky, may require horses to step up and down, large rocks or negotiate narrow trails with steep drops offs. Requires total confidence in your horse!