



# WELCOME to MONTEREY BAY EQUESTRIANS!

Hello and thank you for joining the Monterey Bay Equestrians (MBE). As an MBE member, you can look forward to a fun-filled year of day rides, horse camping, and our annual fundraiser and Christmas party. Enclosed please find a copy of the Release of Liability and Club Rules

Our club's website is [www.montereybayequestrians.org](http://www.montereybayequestrians.org) where we post our yearly Ride Schedule, events (annual Poker Ride Campout Fundraiser and Ladies Point Reyes Campout), membership information, pictures, ride rules and general information.

We also have a private facebook page. If you would like to be included, please click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MBEprivate/> and request to join. Please make sure you answer the questions and agree to the FB rules to join the private facebook page. This is where you can also keep up on a lot of membership information, event listings, member posts and fun pictures.

Feel free to contact any of our board members if you have any questions about MBE. Board members' contact information is posted below and on MBE's website. We look forward to getting to know you and your horse(s) better.

## **2025 Board of Directors**

- Toni Whedon, President at [toni.whedon@cbnorcal.com](mailto:toni.whedon@cbnorcal.com) (*Membership till 6/2025*)
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**HAPPY TRAILS!!**

Toni Whedon  
President (Membership till 6/2025)

Antonina Cardinalli  
Membership Secretary (after 6/2025)

## **2025 RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I AM AWARE THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES INVOLVING/INCLUDING EQUIDS CAN BE DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS AND I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISK OF ANY AND ALL INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH AND/OR DISMEMBERMENT) ARISING FROM INVOLVEMENT IN ANY ACTIVITIES WITH THE MONTEREY BAY EQUESTRIANS.

In consideration for participating in the Monterey Bay Equestrians activities, I release Monterey Bay Equestrians, Inc, its Board of Directors, agents, officers, employees, members and participants in a given activity, next of kin, spouses, partners, and representatives from any and all claims or causes of action, known or unknown, arising out of negligence, breach of contract, breach of warranty, dangerous condition of property, strict product liability, property damage or loss, or any other legal theory or claim. This release is binding on my heirs, executors and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I have under California Civil Code Section 1542, which states, "A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released." Effective January 1, 2019

I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Monterey Bay Equestrians, Inc., and its agents, officers and Board of Directors, from any claim or claims, suits, costs or expenses of any kind which arises out of or is in any way related to my participation in activities with the Monterey Bay Equestrians, Inc. This obligation to defend binds my heirs, assigns and personal representative in the event of my death or incapacity.

I certify that I have adequate medical and liability insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating.

I further certify that I have no medical, physical or emotional conditions which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or the safety of others, else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may be created directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

**I acknowledge that I have carefully read this Release of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk and that I fully understand its content. I am aware that I am waiving any right to assert a claim against those who are released for any injury or loss that arises out of my participation in any activity with the Monterey Bay Equestrians, Inc.**

**COUPLE & FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER I HAVE SIGNED UP AND PAID FOR UNDER MY MEMBERSHIP. I CERTIFY THAT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS UNDER MY COUPLE OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP MUST BE FAMILY AND EITHER AND/OR LIVE AT THE SAME RESIDENCE.**



## MBE CLUB RULES

1. For your safety and pleasure, we ask that you use common sense, and show courtesy and consideration toward others at all times.
2. Please leave sick horses at home. Any horse with a noticeable cough, runny nose, or any other potentially communicable illness will be asked to leave.
3. If your horse kicks, indicate with a red ribbon on its tail.
4. For safety reasons, organized day rides will be paced at a walk.
5. Respect our lands and stay on designated equestrian roads/trails.
6. Keep one-horse length between you and the other riders, and a two-horse length on narrow trails and hills.
7. Do NOT pass the leader of a ride if there is one unless you are given permission by the ride host.
8. Ask permission to pass a horse in front of you and pass quietly.
9. If leaving the group during a ride, advise the ride host or leader.
10. Horses should not exceed a flat-footed walk in camp or in a staging area. Do not lunge your horse near campsites.
11. No loose horses are permitted in camp or on the trails. Hobbled horses are considered loose horses due to their tendency to travel.
12. Wherever MBE goes, pet rules must be followed (page 2). Pets are NOT allowed on group day rides. When in camp, dogs and other pets must be confined or leashed. Owners are responsible for their own pets' behavior.
13. Animals are not allowed in eating areas.
14. Do NOT litter. Carry all trash to a trash receptacle.
15. Follow any park/camp/facility rules as set forth by location of ride/campout.
16. No firearms permitted on the trail.
17. Smoking is permitted ONLY in designated areas.

**Just a friendly reminder that we have ride rules for a reason. We would like to respectfully ask everyone to please follow the rules for you own safety and to ensure everyone's enjoyment. Ride Hosts do not want to be the bad guy and ask members to please follow the rules. We thank you for your consideration and diligence in following these rules.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Rules are subject to change for specific rides & campouts, which will be stated on the individual ride flyers for day rides & campouts.

## **PET RULES FOR MBE CAMPOUTS**

*We love pets but for the safety of others, please follow the rules so our beloved pets can continue to join us on our campouts.*

1. Pets allowed at campouts must be on leash at all times or contained at your own camp.
2. If you do not have proper containment for your pet while riding (trailer, RV, LQ, kennel, camper, etc) please do not bring your pet. Unsupervised pets can be left outside or tent if they are in a kennel. Pets tied outside while you are riding must be supervised due to the possibility of getting loose and lost.
3. If your pet has separation anxiety and barks and howls while you are gone, please do not bring to a campout. It will be happier left at home. If your pet barks and howls while you are on a ride, it will not be allowed back.
4. Please pick up after your pet
5. No aggressive pets towards other pets or humans allowed
6. No pets allowed in eating/food area
7. All campground rules regarding pets must be followed. Pets must be under strict voice command and well behaved if allowed on trails.
8. If you do not adhere to these club rules, you will lose the privilege of bringing your pet to a MBE campout.
9. No pets allowed at Day Rides!

Please note: Failure to follow these rules or if your pet causes a riding accident by not following the rules, you and your pet will be asked to leave without refund.