



CODE OF PRACTICE

1. The handling and riding of horses is a potentially dangerous activity which can result in serious injury, loss or even death. Neither Peel Metropolitan Adult Riders Inc., nor any member of the Club Committee, accepts any responsibility for any loss or damage suffered by any person. All persons who handle or ride a horse, or who attend on any premises at which the Club is conducting an event, do so entirely at their own risk.
2. Only club members are permitted to ride at club activities. Day membership of the club is available to riders whose names appear on the membership waiting list. The fee for day membership includes a \$10 insurance charge. Children of adult rider members are welcome to watch but they will not be allowed to ride at adult rider rallies or events. They should remain within the clubhouse precinct (behind the rails or in the playground) or in the designated spectator areas of the grounds. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.
3. Each individual rider is responsible for the safety of his/her gear. This includes all saddlery and personal safety items. Guidelines outlining safety standards will be issued to all riders upon joining. Approved helmets, complying with current safety standards, are compulsory for all ridden activities.
4. Members are responsible for checking that the riding areas and equipment are safe and suitable for the purpose prior to use. Any identified areas of risk must be reported to the Club Committee.
5. Different areas of the grounds are reserved for parking of floats, riding activities, yards and spectating. These areas must be used appropriately.
6. The grounds boast a large number of yards. Members are encouraged to use a rope to close the back of their yard to prevent the escape of horses which become loose. If your horse is aggressive in the yards, please attempt to ensure that it is yarded away from others. If your horse is known to get loose regularly, please use the yards which are in the enclosed area.
7. Gates into riding areas and the entrance gate to the grounds must be kept shut except during ingress and egress to prevent a loose horse escaping.
8. If a horse exhibits behaviour deemed liable to cause danger to a rider, to another horse or to spectators, the rider will be asked to leave the lesson for 10 minutes. If the rider is able to successfully settle the horse and regain control, he/she may re-join the lesson. If not, the rider will need to withdraw from the lesson altogether.

For safety reasons, any horse being ridden outside of a scheduled lesson is to keep to a walk only, on the grassed area. There is to be no schooling of horses outside of lessons.

Should the mount need to be lunged, all lunging must be done in the round yard provided, with the rider using necessary safety gear (helmets, gloves and appropriate footwear).
9. A first aid kit and a means of communicating with emergency services must be available at all club activities. A qualified first- aider should be on site.
10. All riders are strongly advised to carry on them, or provide to the committee, information on current medical conditions (e.g. allergies, epilepsy, and asthma) which could affect emergency treatment in the event of accidents. All riders/members/coaches will be asked to complete a "personal information card" that will be located at the clubrooms for easy accessibility.
11. An Incident Book must be kept in which all incidents and accidents are to be recorded, along with the names and addresses of any witnesses.
12. No dogs are permitted on the Peel grounds.
13. There must be unobstructed access for emergency vehicles at all times.
14. Hazards which cannot be removed should be identified by some form of warning sign or isolated
15. Stallions and rigs will not be permitted to participate in club activities.
16. Any horse known to kick must wear a red ribbon in its tail.