



Welcome to Peel Adult Riders

These notes are designed to help members and visitors understand how the club functions. If you have any questions or issues at any time, please don't hesitate to talk to one of the Committee; we are a friendly approachable bunch!

If you have any suggestions, please feel free to mention them and we can raise them at our next committee meeting. We are always open to new positive suggestions to improve our club for you. The success of our club and the benefits obtained by members will be assured by your willingness to help at rallies and any club activities.

Please introduce yourself and welcome both old and new members.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership includes:

- EWA Affiliation (allows members to access special EWA Adult Rider membership rates).
- ARCA Affiliation (right to participate in ARCA challenges).
- Peel Metro Horse & Pony Club Affiliation (no ground fees at Peel MHPC).
- Members of PMARC are entitled to:
 - 2 lessons at each rally;
 - Free Fun Day entry;
 - A guaranteed riding spot at rallies for members who register on time; and
 - The opportunity to be awarded an end-of-year instructor trophy.

Membership of the club is limited to 60 riders.

FEES

The annual membership fee is \$170 (or \$130 for parents of Peel Pony Club riders). Memberships cover expenses such as instructor fees, public liability insurance, ARCA and EWA affiliation, ground/equipment hire and incidentals.

To secure your membership for the following year, a \$50 **non-refundable** deposit is required by 30th November. Balance of membership fees will be due 15th January. Membership fees are not refundable.

From time to time the club may do some fundraising to supplement membership fees. We strongly encourage all members to actively participate in these activities.

GUEST RIDERS

Non-members, known as guest riders, can attend rallies when space allows. This gives rider a chance to see if the club is the right fit for them or attend rallies as they are available. There is no limit to the number of rallies you can attend as a guest rider.

The fee for guest riders is \$70 per rally.

INSURANCE

The Club carries public liability insurance. **It covers the club, not its individual members.**

Members are strongly advised, but not obliged, to take out personal protection cover. Members may wish to investigate EA, PCAWA or other income protection insurance.

All members and guest riders are required to sign a waiver before riding.

Member waivers will be kept on file for the year.

Guest riders **MUST** fill in a waiver **each** rally they ride.

Please also ensure you complete an "emergency contact" card at the clubhouse and update it if any of your details change. This allows us to contact your nominated emergency contact as required.

SAFETY

We are all responsible for our own safety and that of our fellow riders. Unsafe practices should be reported immediately to a Committee member.

Key points to note:

- All persons on horseback must wear a current recognized safety helmet and safety boots.
- Approved riding vests are required if you are doing Cross Country.
- Gates must be kept closed at all times (in particular the front entry gate off King Road).
- Dogs are not allowed on the grounds.
- It is highly recommended that all horses have a bum rope behind them in their yards.
- Horses that kick should have a red ribbon in their tail.
- Respect the personal space of others, in lessons and moving around the grounds.

Should you be unlucky enough to fall from your horse or be involved in any kind of accident/ incident, please ensure you complete an incident form. This applies whether or not there has been any injury to people, horses or property.

This is absolutely essential for valid insurance cover and it is your responsibility to make sure it happens.

Should an ambulance be required in the case of an accident, the cost must be borne by the rider.

UNIFORMS

In line with the Pony Club, our uniform colours are red and black. Select uniforms are kept in stock, others can be ordered.

Peel saddle blankets are available for purchase. Alternatively, members may purchase a logo patch to sew onto a black saddle blanket of their choice.

There is no obligation to purchase or use any uniform item unless you are competing in an ARCA Challenge; however, we do encourage it.

Singlets and shorts are not permitted when riding.

ARCA

The Adult Riding Clubs Association exists to promote friendly competition between member clubs. The competitions are known as 'Challenges' and riders compete for points towards their club's total. Each challenge is different: there may be hacking, dressage, jumping, cross country or novelties. Information will be sent out to members as it becomes available.

ARCA Challenges are only available to members.

WEBSITE / FACEBOOK

Our website address is: <http://peeladultriders.com>.

We have a public Facebook page that is accessible for all members of the public - Peel Metropolitan Adult Riders Club) <https://www.facebook.com/PeelMetroAdultRidersClub>.

We also have a private Facebook group (Peel Metro Adult Riders), only available to members, coaches and guest riders <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321306921382840>. Please ensure you answer the question as you join and we will approve if you fit the listed criteria. Please remember that the Facebook page is reserved for photo's, queries, positive feedback and support for members and the club. If you have issues about the page which you feel needs resolving, please approach the committee.

RALLIES

Rallies are held once a month, usually on the first Saturday. We try to work in with Pony Club who ride on the first Sunday of the month.

Members are entitled to two lessons per rally - one flatwork and one jumping. Lessons are separated with an hour's break (time for morning tea and a chin-wag!). Two lessons of the same discipline may be possible upon request, but without guarantee. Each lesson group ideally consists of 4-5 riders.

From time to time, specialist lessons including cross country, team riding and games may be available. This is dependent on interest and instructor availability. Details will be included in the rally registration email. You should indicate your preference when nominating.

Running of Rallies

- Arrive: 8:00am – 8:30am
- Set up: 8:30am – 9:00am
- Pack up: 1:00pm – 1:30pm

During warmer months rallies may begin an hour earlier to beat the heat. Check rally email for times and details.

Helper Duties

Each rider will be assigned a helper duty. Set up includes prepping morning tea area and kitchen, toilets, yards and set up of arenas. Pack up includes cleaning club house, kitchen, toilets, removal of manure from grassed area, emptying wheelbarrows and packing away arenas as necessary.

Expectations are that all riders arrive on time and complete their helper duty. If you are unable to do so, speak with the rally coordinator.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR RALLIES

Rally Fee Payment

Make payment to the following account:

Account Name: Peel Metro Adult Riders

BSB No.: 066-516

Account No.: 10795700

Narration: Rally Month *YOUR NAME* e.g. Feb Rally Joe Bloggs

Amount: \$45 (\$70 for visitors)

Rally Registration

Registrations close on the Friday evening 8 days prior to a rally. *Late registrations may not be accepted.*

To register, send a new email (do not hit reply to the email) to peelmetroarc@gmail.com. You need to include the following details, attachments:

- Subject line “*month* rally” (eg Feb rally)
- Receipt of payment - **no receipt, no registration!**
- Desired rally classes from the following:
 - **Flat work** – Walk/Trot, WTC (prelim level dressage), Novice (novice level dressage)
 - **Jumping** - poles, 30cm, 45cm, 60cm, 70cm plus
 - Any specialist lesson on offer (this will be included in the email you’ll receive)
 - **Note that it is not possible to request to have (or not to have) a particular instructor.**

If a member is unable to attend an upcoming rally, it’s helpful to have that information early.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation requests before registrations close date, provides for your rally fee to be refunded.

If you are unable to attend a registered rally, your fee will **not** be reimbursed. Exceptions include provision of a medical or veterinary certificate.

INSTRUCTORS

All instructors are experienced, enthusiastic and cater to all levels of riders. It is understood that all instructors have varying training methods and styles. We encourage members to be open minded to new and/or different learning experiences. Please treat your time at Adult Riders in the spirit in which it is offered: as a chance to ride and learn in a social environment, use the venue and equipment.

Note that it is not possible to request to have (or not to have) a particular instructor.

Instructors are not insured to ride your horse on the Peel grounds.

MORNING TEAS

Morning tea is provided on a volunteer basis by donations from members. Those not donating are asked to make a gold coin donation, which serves as a small monthly fundraiser (there is usually a mug on the table for the honour system to work). A call for volunteer donations will be made on the Facebook page in the week prior to the rally. If all members contribute twice per year, it will take the burden off the committee members who tend to make up for any shortfalls. There is filtered water available from the tap in the kitchen (free of charge). Bottled water and soft drinks are available from the fridge for \$2 each.

MANURE MANAGEMENT

Since we hire the grounds from the Pony Club, it is imperative that we leave the grounds and equipment clean and tidy, as we find them. Please ensure that all manure and hay is removed from the grassed area, the car park and your yard. Wheelbarrows and pooper scoopers are available. Manure (but not hay) to be spread over bare patches in the grassed arena. Spoiled hay must be removed offsite.

Should your horse dig a hole in their yard, please fill this in before you leave.