



Riddells Creek Adult Riding Club Inc.

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RCARC CLUB RULES

We would like all our members to have the opportunity to ride at and enjoy rallies clinics and competitions. However to help the smooth running of the club we need to institute some rules to make sure everyone knows where they stand and to make it fair for riders organisers and the committee.

Membership

Being a member of RCARC enables you to attend all committee meetings, rallies, clinics and competitions hosted by our club. It also enables you to compete at HRCVAV competitions held by other clubs, and Open events where HRCVAV insurance is accepted. If you fulfill certain criteria imposed by the HRCVAV and our own club criteria then you may also represent your club in Top Team Trophy competitions.

However with membership also come certain obligations, we ask that all members realise that they are expected to assist with our annual Dressage and Combined Training competition. We are aware that sometimes club activities clash with family commitments, work, etc. However there are many ways in which individuals can assist with running a competition without having to be present on the actual day, preparation, set-up, sponsorship, raffle, canteen to name a few. However having all members present on the day of the competition would be great as we require people to do the following jobs, office, canteen, scoring, penciling, marshalling, show jump assistance etc. This competition is our major fund raiser and without all members participating it will not be able to be run. The proceeds of the competition are used to subsidise rallies, allowing us to have top instructors and during winter allows us to make use of various indoor venues.

Rallies

A rally sheet will come out with the Newsletter each month. The rally sheet is the means by which members book a place at a rally day. Everyone must return the rally sheet and money on time to the rally coordinator. If you are unable to make your rally for any reason you will forfeit your money unless you can present a vet or doctors certificate. Some rally days are booked up early some have only a few riders, some have expensive instructors some have less expensive instructors, but the venue and instructor have to be paid and they are paid according to what they were booked to do. The rally coordinator is not an easy job and we would ask that all members treat this position with respect and realise that all members are volunteers and we can only operate efficiently if everyone cooperates.

Uniform

At rallies and clinics uniform is optional. At TTT events when representing your club you must wear full uniform. When competing you must be aware of HRCVAV regulations regarding uniform. The HRCVAV does not have any regulations regarding saddle cloth colour or logo, nor does it have any regulation regarding Jodhpur colour. The shirt/jumper/vest must be in club colours with club logo.

The Uniform is original Navy and Hunter green shirt with the club logo, or a plain Navy polo shirt, short or long sleeve. For more formal occasions a white shirt with Navy vest with logo and green tie is acceptable, riding jackets are not permitted in HRCVAV. There is a woolen Saddle cloth available in club colours with logo OR White Dressage saddle cloth with logo.

TTT Events

For those newcomers to HRCVAV competition, each year there are 6 Top Team Trophy events, Showing, Horse Trials, Combined Training, Navigation Ride, Show Jumping and Dressage. Clubs enter teams of four riders and compete as a team. The team with the highest score wins the TTT Trophy and the right to host the competition the following year. Our club does not select a team based on competition performance as we prefer to approach the competition with an attitude of a fair go for everyone. However we do feel that those individuals who contribute to the club deserve the right to represent their club. It is great fun to represent your club as a team, and we hope that all members will strive to do this. However there are certain criteria imposed by the HRCVAV regarding level assessment, past participation in competitions etc. Our club has a certain list of criteria for instances when we have too many members for the number of positions available.



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Must meet the HRCV criteria:

1. Club participation such as, attendance at committee meetings and rallies.
2. Assisting with the annual competitions.
3. Providing a volunteer at competitions, especially TTT.

It has been proposed that we used a tiered ballot system to make team selection fairer. We will set a date by which your expression of interest complete with volunteer name and short list of your contributions must be received.

The executive committee will determine on the basis of the above 4 criteria which members are to be placed in the first ballot, the number of names will range from 4 to the total number of entries if there is no obvious line on which to draw a distinction. Names will be placed in the first ballot. Four names will be selected and will form the RCARC's first team. A further two names may be selected as emergencies.

All names not selected will form part of the second ballot; at this point a second group of names from the original expressions of interest may be added to ensure that there are enough names in the ballot.

The two emergencies will make up the first two members in the second team and the next two names drawn will complete the team. Following the same procedure a third team may be selected. The team/s will then be sent in to the Event Secretary.

According to the HRCV rules for team selection for TTT events we would be entitled to have one team entered with the possibility of a second team and an outside chance of a third team. Taking this into consideration those selected on the third team may wish to pursue other alternatives such as joining a composite team.

In the event of someone pulling out their place would then be on offer to the "emergency" to move into that place or remain in the team they have been entered as. This position would then be offered down the line until a suitable replacement would be found.

It has been found that surrendering your position to a specific person is thought to be unfair and so this practice will not be permitted.

The executive committee will determine from the ballot system who is next in line for that position. Sometimes a person can only be replaced by a person of the same grading and this may mean that the next person in line as per the ballot system may not be suitable.

This whole process seems very complicated but it is very difficult to find a fair and equitable system that pleases everyone. It is the wish of the RCARC that everyone who wants to participate gets an opportunity to do so and we will strive to make this happen.

It has been suggested that people place a preference on which competition is more important to them to enter but this preference may change as the year progresses, as peoples interests change or their family, work or health changes or in fact if they change horse. However if someone wishes to participate if there are vacancies they can note this on their expression of interest. For example there may be a discipline that I am not anxious to be on a team for but would be willing to go to make up numbers, and have an opportunity to participate in the team spirit. Or I may not feel that my horse or my skills are suitable to be on a number 1 team but would like an opportunity to ride so may opt to be in the second rather than the first draw.

In the past there has always been great interest at the outset of team selection and often by the time of the competition we have had various reasons why our numbers have dropped. On the whole everyone has ended up with the opportunity to ride, let's hope this continues in the future.