

# SAMFORD EQUESTRIAN GROUP

## Ground Rules

These rules are in place to cover the Samford Equestrian Group's responsibility of Duty of Care towards members, public and property. Samford Equestrian Group is located at Samford Show Grounds, 39 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale Qld 4520. They are also necessary as the club must follow guidelines set by Moreton Bay Regional Council and work collaboratively with the Samford Show Society.

### Duty of Care

1. Samford Equestrian Group will make its best endeavours to keep the ground and equipment maintained and in proper working order for its members to safely use and access. This will include;
  - co-ordinate any grounds work such as mowing, arena raking ect,
  - replacement of broken equipment in a reasonable timeframe,
    - i. where possible reasonable notice to members of broken equipment and removal of such equipment from the grounds,
    - ii. where equipment cannot be removed witches hats will be placed and information distributed to members so they can determine if they continue to use the grounds at their own risk, such distribution maybe be through email, newsletter or social media,
  - take all reasonable measures to maintain the grounds to a standard that is safe for equestrian sports and equestrian use.
    - i. The limit of Samford Equestrian Group's liability is excluded to the extent that where;
      - a hole may suddenly form or occur without warning,
      - sleeper break/rot through,
      - fence (that is within the club grounds) break/ fall over,the club is not liable until the issue has been identified by the committee or where identified by a third party that third party has provided notice to the committee. The above is not an exhaustive list of exclusions where liability is excluded.
2. That Samford Equestrian Group is responsible for ensuring that they will maintain its specialised surfaces (such as the sand arenas) for the use and benefit of its members and visiting riders using the grounds.
3. For the avoidance of doubt Samford Equestrian Group's duty of care for maintaining the grounds and equipment located within the grounds extends to the boundaries of their lease on the show grounds. The Samford Equestrian Group will continue to work collaboratively with other parties to ensure the appropriate maintenance of fencing and gates that divide the Samford Equestrian Group's grounds from those other interested parties.
4. Samford Equestrian Group have established the below 'Use of the Grounds' rules that members, riders and persons using the grounds are to comply with when on Samford Equestrian Group's grounds.

## Use of the Grounds

These rules are in place to ensure the Samford Equestrian Group (SEG) grounds and equipment are used in accordance with their intended purpose. Members, riders and persons who are on the SEG grounds are agreeing that they will comply with these rules and they agree to ensure their actions and behaviour will be in a manner that promotes their own safety and the safety of others around them.

### Use and access of the grounds

5. SEG members that have access to ride on the grounds are those who have either a:
  - Single membership (riding access permitted to the grounds for that person (named) only)
  - Family membership (riding access permitted to the grounds for the nominated family members)
6. Where a person has paid for the Non-Riding membership then that member is not permitted to utilise the facilities as a SEG riding member.
7. **SEG members agree that they will not provide access, including gate access codes to the grounds, to anyone else.**
8. Persons using the grounds agree to ensure they maintain a current membership with Samford Equestrian Group and will not access the grounds when their membership has expired. For the avoidance of doubt the membership period is annual from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
9. Only SEG members who have a current Riding Membership (Single membership or Family membership) may access the SEG grounds outside of SEG event days.
10. Members using the grounds may do so at any time except where the Committee has advised to members that all or parts of the grounds are closed. Examples of this may include but is not limited to;
  - maintenance works,
  - Samford Show Society show weekend,
  - official dressage events, and weather conditions.

**Where all or part of the grounds are closed members are not to access and use those area's until the Committee advises that the grounds are open again and available for use.**

11. No one member has the right to prevent another current member from accessing and enjoying use of the grounds, with the exception being condition 10 above.
12. On Official competition days, SEG members who have not entered on the day are not permitted to bring their horses to the grounds.
13. Persons using the grounds must comply with any reasonable direction given to them by the SEG committee.
14. Persons using the grounds must not use abusive or threatening behaviour towards any other person at the grounds.
15. Members wishing to have lessons or Instructors who wish to use the grounds for coaching, **MUST** submit their qualifications and insurance cover to SEG Executive for acceptance **BEFORE** instruction occurs on the grounds. Coaching at the SEG Grounds is **ONLY** allowed and to be provided to current SEG members. Except where a Clinic has been organised by the SEG committee or approved by the SEG committee.
16. Any persons using the grounds shall do so in a manner that does not cause nuisance to nearby residents.

17. Falls at the Grounds. Any person who experiences a fall at the ground when there is no First Aid or qualified person available to assess them is not to continue to ride. They must promptly notify the Committee of the fall.
18. Fall and/or injury to horses at the grounds. Any person whose horse has a fall or injures itself at the grounds must promptly notify the committee.
19. Any person accessing and using the grounds do so at their own risk.

### **Member's responsibilities when at the Grounds**

20. When using the grounds riders are responsible for making their own assessment as to the safety, and suitability of the conditions of grounds at the time before they use them.
21. Access to the Denis Goodwin Reserve is available with the following additional requirements:
  - Check 'IN' using the Nominate app and QR code on gates; remember to check out with the app
  - Access to the reserve is locked upon entering and leaving
  - Any person found to be not complying with these rules may be subject to membership cancellation.
22. When using SEG equipment located at the grounds riders are responsible for making their own assessment as to the safety, suitability and condition of the equipment before using it.
23. Any broken equipment must not be used and notice must be provided to the SEG committee as soon as practicable.
24. Except for the Arena letter witches cones, set up in one of the sand arenas, any equipment moved on to the sand arenas is to be removed from the sand arenas and neatly packed away after each use.
25. Gates to the arenas as well as the round yard and grassed jumping area must be kept closed when horses are on the grounds and upon completion of use.
26. **No lunging is to be carried out in the sand arenas as it compromises the arena surface.** Horses can be lunged in the designated round yard. Members are to ensure they make their own assessment of the round yard and ground around/in the round yard to ensure it is suitably safe to use to lunge their horse.
27. No horses are to be let roam free, either with a handler still on the grounds, or left alone. No liberty work on SEG grounds.
28. Dogs are allowed on the SEG grounds but must be on a leash at all times.
29. Helmets must be worn and correctly fastened whenever mounted on a horse on ANY part of the grounds. Helmets must be in accordance with current Australian Standards
30. All manure **MUST** be picked up and removed from the grounds or put in the manure trailer or bags. Do not put manure around the wooden fence posts as this causes the wood to rot prematurely. Do not put manure into council rubbish bins.
31. Stallions are only permitted at SEG grounds if the owner/rider abides by the EA Stallion rules, where the stallion and the vehicle must display Green Discs on both sides at all times whilst on the grounds.  
<https://www.equestrian.org.au/stallion-safe-practice>  
**Note: should the above policy link become outdated it is to be noted that the policy that will apply is the policy that is 'Current' on the EA website.**
32. Members are able to wash their horses at the grounds after riding or when events are held on the grounds. Anyone using the water to wash their horses is asked to turn it off when not in use. Any manure around the wash area is to be removed.

33. Persons using the grounds are not to remove any hoses, fixtures or fittings that are the property of SEG
34. No alcohol or illicit substance is to be consumed on the grounds when there are horses on the grounds.
35. Should you accidentally damage the grounds, facilities or shared equipment while at the grounds, you are required to report the damage immediately to the SEG committee or the showgrounds caretaker so rectification can be arranged.
36. It is the responsibility of anyone who is on the ground to notify the committee if you notice pre-existing damage to any item or area of the grounds.

### **Show Jumping on the Grounds**

37. Members have access to use the grassed jumping arena and subsequent jump wings and poles.
38. The fenced grassed area next to the sand arena's, where Jump Club is usually run, is the designated Jumping area.
39. When using the show jumps members must neatly pack away the jumps after each use and jumps including wings are not be left set up in the middle of the jumping arena. Jump poles and wings are to be neatly placed along the fence line which is between the sand arenas and the grassed jumping arena.
40. Jump cups must be put away and locked in the box provided after each use.
41. Members are to ensure that they only utilise the jumping equipment if they have the knowledge to safely build jumps so that when knocked by the horse poles will not become jammed and poles will fall down. Under no circumstance should jumps be built that cannot fall if knocked by the horse or rider.
42. Members are not to jump or use the jumping equipment at heights that they have not previously trained at, unless under the guidance of a suitably qualified individual.
43. Members are not to build jumps that are not in accordance with EA safe jumping standards.
44. Any person using the show jumps acknowledge and confirm that they are riding within their capability and experience level, and that they have the capability and suitable experience to set up and build the jumps to meet Equestrian Australian safe jumping standards. The exception is where the person is being instructed or a show jumping clinic/event is being run.
45. Any person using the show jumps or any other SEG equipment on the grounds do so at their own risk.

### **Other SEG Equipment**

46. Any person using other SEG equipment at the SEG grounds are to do so in accordance with the items intended use. This includes but is not limited to any ride on mowers, tractors, trailers, and working equitation equipment.
47. Any person using other SEG equipment agree that they will only use the equipment if they have been directed to by a SEG Committee member. They agree they will only use the equipment for its intended purpose. They agree that by using the equipment

they consent that they have fully understand how to set it up in a safe manner in accordance with its intended purpose.

48. Any person using any SEG equipment acknowledge that they do so at their own risk and will ensure that they pack the equipment away and store it appropriately, ensuring the safety of other users who might access the SEG grounds after they do.