



*Approved by member vote and adopted
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MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of TriState Riding Club (“TSRC”), as a condition of participating in TSRC activities and events, must agree to abide by the following code of conduct:

1. TSRC is a volunteer-run organization. Members must be courteous to and respectful of the volunteers without whom TSRC could not operate. While TSRC does not require members to complete a minimum number of volunteer hours, all members are encouraged to volunteer at least once each year.
2. Only members may participate in TSRC activities, with the exception of participants in events organized for and advertised to the general public by TSRC.
3. All members understand that it is his/her responsibility to ride and participate at the proper level of instruction based on (a) his/her personal skill, knowledge, and experience level and (b) the experience level and temperament of his/her horse.
4. Members must be respectful of and follow the rules of the facilities hosting TSRC events, including but not limited to cleaning and removing all waste, complying with parking directions, providing all documentation requested by facility owners (i.e., waiver, coggins, etc) and being careful not to drive on grass unless directed to do so.
5. Members should be supportive and encouraging of their fellow riders. TSRC reserves the right to terminate immediately the membership of any person who is disrespectful to his/her fellow riders, volunteers, or instructors.
6. When mounted, all members must wear an ASTM (SEI) helmet and shoes or boots with heels, and, if applicable to the activity, use additional appropriate safety equipment, such as safety vests. Members must file their emergency contact information along with their membership application/renewal and must carry on their person or have displayed prominently in their trailer, or in an armband holder or otherwise, a summary of emergency medical information, including but not limited to the name and telephone number of an emergency contact. Attachment of the medical information to the horse or tack is not acceptable, as horse and rider may become separated in the event of an involuntary dismount.
7. TSRC reserves the right to deny any member, horse, or horse/rider combination from participating in any TSRC riding activity in cases where the TSRC President, the TSRC coordinator for the activity, or the instructor/clinician (collectively, “TSRC Responsible Party”) deems there to be a valid health or behavioral concern with the horse and/or the rider. In all TSRC events, the TSRC Responsible Party shall have the ultimate authority to excuse any member or participant. The TSRC Responsible Party shall base his/her decision to excuse the member or participant on the condition of and skill level exhibited by the horse and rider as a unit at that time and shall be conclusive for that event.
8. Members will be required to provide copies of valid, negative Coggins tests to TSRC before being allowed to participate in any TSRC riding event. In addition, members are required to comply with any health certification required by the State Veterinary Department in which events are held and with any

health certification that may be requested by any facility in which any riding event is held. Members shall exercise reasonable caution with respect to the spread of communicable diseases among equines and/or humans.

9. No TSRC member shall engage in, or permit others to engage in on their behalf, training or management practices deemed harmful to horses and ponies. Equine welfare is paramount, and no abusive behavior will be tolerated.
10. Any member who decides to participate in an activity will not hold TSRC, the Board of Directors, lesson coordinators, instructors, or other members responsible for any adverse consequences. Members using facilities and grounds made available to TSRC are using the facilities or property at their own risk and by using said facilities or property agree to hold harmless the property owners, TSRC, its Board of Directors and members for any injuries they or their animals may sustain.