



Buffalo Bill Saddle Club (BBSC) Trail Ride Guidelines

Keep handy for easy reference.

Last Revised: July 2018

ALL riders are REQUIRED to follow the Trail Ride Guidelines.

IMPORTANT: Also, see Page 2 for the Code of Conduct.

- ✓ According to the BBSC Bylaws, all riders must sign a release statement form, to have on file, prior to riding with BBSC.
- ✓ Trail leaders oversees the safety of all riders and accounts for all riders after the ride and before leaving the parking lot area.
- ✓ Trail leaders must complete the online Trail Leader form at https://www.bbscgolden.org/trail_leader_form at least 14 days prior to the ride in order for the ride/event to be approved by the Trail Boss, and published on the online BBSC Events calendar at <https://www.brownbearsw.com/cal/bbscgolden> by the Publicity Officer.
- ✓ Trail Leader and Drag Rider are the ride **Supervisors**. It is your responsibility to know who they are prior to the ride. For the sake of safety and comfort, they have the authority to suspend/deny a rider on a given ride.
- ✓ Always contact the designated Trail Leader for the ride to let them know you plan to participate **and to provide a way to contact you should the plans change.**
- ✓ No one is to ride ahead of the Trail Leader, or behind the Drag Rider. If you are asked to be the Drag Rider, you **ARE NOT** to PASS the LAST RIDER, except to get help, if needed. Your job is to supervise the back of the ride and you **MUST BE** the LAST rider.
- ✓ Be on your horse and ready to ride by the specified time so that the ride may leave on time. If you are running late, it is your responsibility to inform the Trail Leader that you will be catching up and to make sure you know the trails.
- ✓ Stay on the trail between the Trail Leader and the Drag Rider. If you must leave the ride or trail, notify either supervisor.
- ✓ If the Trail Leader is the Landowner, **DO NOT** ask to ride ahead.
- ✓ Keep with the ride pace. Do not race past others OR lag behind. (If you lag too far behind, you may have to leave the ride.)
- ✓ Fight erosion and stay on the trail, avoid shortcuts.
- ✓ Pass on the left at a walk or trot after asking permission.
- ✓ Maintain a safe distance between horses. Do NOT tailgate. If you or your horse get kicked, it is YOUR fault (the rider in front of you cannot see how close you are getting.)
- ✓ If your horse has a tendency to kick, tie or weave a red ribbon in the tail.
- ✓ Do not stop on narrow trails or at the top of a steep hill until it is safe for all riders.
- ✓ Be considerate at watering places, cross down stream of drinkers at a slow pace.
- ✓ Walk slowly across streams and around hidden corners. After your horse has taken a drink, continue across the stream, moving up several horse lengths in order for the next horse to have a place to move to when they have completed their drink. Continue moving in this manner until all horses have completed the crossing.
- ✓ All refuse/trash must be carried out or disposed of in a trash receptacle. If you pack it in, pack it out.
- ✓ All horse poop in the parking area must be carried out or disposed of in a trash receptacle designated for horse poop. Otherwise haul it out in your horse trailer.
- ✓ As a courtesy to hikers and bikers on the trail, it is recommended that you kick off your horse's poop from the trail. Remember – we all share the trails.
- ✓ No smoking (or vaping – e-cigarettes) when mounted. Any smoking paraphernalia must be carried out as trash. Do not leave cigarette butts anywhere other than in a trash receptacle or in your vehicle.
- ✓ Controlled dogs are allowed per rules of govern at the specific location for each ride, unless trail leader specifies no dogs in the Trail Leader form.
- ✓ Members are responsible for conduct of guests. Members are responsible to inform guests of riding guidelines. Members are also responsible for ponying of horses containing small riders who cannot comfortably control a horse at a walk, trot or stop. This is not only for the small rider's safety, but for the safety of others who may be in the path of an uncontrolled rider and horse.
- ✓ Shoes/boot with heels and saddles are required. Breast collars, back cinches and cruppers are recommended on most rides for your safety.
- ✓ Riders 18 years old and younger are REQUIRED to wear a helmet.
- ✓ Misuse or over-use of horses or other animals on the trail is not permitted. The trail leader may suspend you from a ride if they deem the horse/animal needs rest.

IMPORTANT: See Page 2 for the BBSC Code of Conduct.



Buffalo Bill Saddle Club (BBSC) Code of Conduct

Last Revised: July 2018, and appended to *Trail Ride Guidelines* above.

BBSC Member's must abide by the BBSC Bylaws, Trail Ride Guidelines, and this Code of Conduct. This document focuses on misconduct whereas the Trail Ride's Guidelines focuses on expected behavior on trail rides for all members and guests.

Inappropriate Conduct

- Being intoxicated by alcohol or any substance abuse (drugs of any kind) are not allowed at BBSC activities.
- Using profane, obscene, threatening behavior, verbal and/or physical violence or harassment, sexual misconduct, injurious language or gestures directed at any officer, member or guest, any activity or condition that unreasonably interferes with a member's or guest's comfort and safety at any BBSC event is prohibited.
- Disruptive use of personal communications devices. Cell phones should be put on vibrate or answered quickly and in low tones away from the meeting or activity.
- Serious offenses such as vandalism, theft or attempted theft is strictly prohibited.

Official BBSC communications/emails and membership/distribution/contact lists are to be used strictly to notify members or prospective members of upcoming events, scheduling changes, cancellations, newsletters, website info, and or other BBSC related business.

Inappropriate Communications

- Members must not use the BBSC membership/distribution/contact list for other than BBSC related business and may not make personal comments, solicitations and/or other actions as provided for under the Code of Conduct. In the event a member abuses the BBSC membership/distribution/contact list, the offense will be brought to the membership at the next regular meeting for a decision whether to terminate the membership.
- Private, personal information, or emails may not be forwarded or published without consent.
- Members may not access, display, transmit, or disseminate BBSC materials in written or graphic form without consent.
- Members may not plagiarize materials, violate copyright laws or other intellectual property rights.
- No obscene, sexist, or racist content, personal attack, insults, threatening language, or potentially libelous statements are permitted.

Immediate Removal

1. The "person in charge" of an activity, event or meeting and/or any officer may ask the offending person (member and/or guest) to leave immediately for the safety of others.
 - The member asked to leave an activity, event or meeting will be under a temporary suspension of member privileges until the membership hears and decides on a course of action – termination or continuation.
 - A guest who is asked to leave an activity, event, or meeting may not apply for BBSC membership at any time in the future.
2. The "person in charge" of any activity or meeting may call the proper authorities rather than put themselves or other officers, members, or guests in a threatening situation.

Investigation of Misconduct

If a Member's behavior or activities are considered to be detrimental to the best interests and safety of the BBSC membership, allegations must be brought to the membership at the next regular meeting. All parties involved may present their testimony. Members attending the meeting will determine if the allegations warrant a member be removed/terminated or allowed to continue their membership. If a member is terminated by the members, any initiation fees and annual dues paid to the BBSC will be forfeited and future BBSC membership will not be permitted. No legal counsel or recording of the meeting is permitted. The decision of the membership will be documented in the Minutes of the meeting and will contain the date of the offense, the allegations, who was involved, and the decision of the membership.

End of the Code of Conduct.