

CHELAN RUSTLERS, INC.

TRAINER GUIDELINES

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In order to provide opportunities for club members to improve their horsemanship skills and become more confident riders, member training, whether in an individual setting or through scheduled clinics, will be allowed on club property provided the requirements listed below are met.

For the purposes of this document, a *Trainer* is defined as someone who works with a saddle club member(s), whether compensated or not, to help improve the horse to rider relationship for activities such as showing, competing or general trail riding. This service may be offered in a one-on-one setting or a group style clinic.

A *Trainer* may be a member of the Saddle club or a nonmember who meets the Saddle Club criteria to train on club property.

The guidelines below outline the criteria for both types of trainers. All criteria must be met in order to conduct training onsite at the Saddle Club.

Nonmember Trainers:

1. Any nonmember training on Saddle Club grounds must obtain approval from the Saddle Club's Board of Directors (BODs) **prior** to any type of training on club property, whether individual or in a clinic setting.
2. Trainer must provide a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy naming Chelan Rustlers Inc., as the co-insured premise owner and enter into a lease agreement to use the grounds. The agreement should include the general schedule, time and particular facility/arena where the training will preferably occur. (Club sponsored events are excluded).
3. Training is only available to club members in "good standing". (Refer to CRSC Bylaws, Article II, Membership)
4. All nonmembers attending an approved training event or club sponsored clinic are required to sign a Release of Liability form provided by Chelan Rustlers Saddle Club.

Member Trainers:

1. Members are permitted to help other members with training, teaching, or assisting with their horses with or without compensation.
2. Prior to training, it is advised that a written agreement or memorandum of understanding be established between all member parties involved that includes a release of liability form. (Release of liability form to be provided by trainer or trainee.)
3. Members providing training as well as the members receiving the training must be “members in good standing”. (Refer to CRSC Bylaws, Article II, Membership)
4. Members **are not permitted** to offer riding lessons to nonmembers on club property for private gain or as part of their “personal business”. Doing so would require the member to follow the same requirements as outlined for nonmember trainers including the \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy naming the Chelan Rustlers Inc., as additionally insured.

Training Fee:

1. Trainers who are operating as an official business, whether members or nonmembers, will be charged a yearly administration fee for the use of the Chelan Rustlers Inc., facilities to conduct training activities.
2. The fee is \$50.00 per year, regardless of when the board receives payment. The fees help cover the cost of additional arena and grounds maintenance that may be required to support training on club grounds.

General information:

1. Club members still have priority use of the arenas and/or round pen when training sessions exceed 30 minutes, unless approved through the board. Training session can move to another location to accommodate the waiting member. (Trainer and trainee can remain in the arena/round pen being used if no one is waiting to use it.)
2. All guests (aka, nonmembers) are required to sign the club's release of liability form before riding or participating in all club equine events on Saddle Club property.
3. In accordance with Saddle Club policy, nonmembers may ride on club property as a member guest, participate in club sponsored riding events or in training clinics for up to 14-days in a single year before being required to apply for a membership.

Saddle Club's Standard Guidelines on Courteous Horsemanship:

1. Use of arenas or round pen by any member to ride or to turn their horses out for exercise is limited to 30 minutes.
2. Please be courteous and move to another arena not being used if you need an arena for longer than the allowable timeframe. (This primarily applies when another member is waiting to use the amenity.)
3. If using training obstacles or equipment in the arenas or round pen, they are to be removed at the end of the training session and stored in the appropriate place. Members are also responsible for cleaning up any manure left by their horses while working or training in an arena or round pen.
4. Sitting on or swinging from arena/round pen fences or gates is expressly forbidden.
5. When using the covered arena at night, overhead lights may be turned on but must be turned off upon leaving.
6. Any member using the arenas or round pen, whether night or day, must ensure that all gates are latched and properly secured prior to leaving.
7. If a member is working with their horse in an arena or round pen, please do not enter with your horses(s) unless you've obtained permission from the member using the facility. This is a safety issue and could result in an incident if two horses who are not familiar with one another react negatively to being in the same space.

(For more information, refer to Amendment A, Chelan Rustlers Saddle Club Ground Rules)

These guidelines are intended to foster good horsemanship and improved riding skills among our members as well as facilitate access to the amenities and training opportunities as needed.