

PARKER TRAIL RIDERS
OFFICIAL RULES BOOK
(Revised October 2008)

GENERAL –

Parker Trail Riders is a family oriented club and does not promote or encourage alcohol consumption during any organized event. PTR will strictly enforce Colorado code and any rider(s) who appear to be under the influence of alcohol will be excused from the activity. Repeated offenders will be excluded from future events and forfeit their membership in the club.

Each member is responsible for knowing the specific rules of the Parker Trail Riders Club. A copy of these rules will be available at each organized event.

A signed "Release of Liability" must be signed by each participating member (adults must sign for children 18 year of age and under). One signed release will cover all trail rides – the same applies to parades.

Under no circumstances may a participant, parent, trainer or spectator badger, insult or be argumentative with the judge, the show committee, show volunteers, trail host, or any Board member. Any flagrant display of poor sportsmanship or disrespect by or on behalf of the exhibitor will result in immediate dismissal of all future classes. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN and pending awards will be forfeited.

Members will be responsible for cleaning up around their trailers at ALL events.

*** To qualify for year end awards, the member must work 8 volunteer hours in any discipline for the club by October 1 of the qualifying year. 4 of the volunteer hours must be completed by August 1. The member also must attend at least one monthly meeting during the qualifying year by October 1. ***

TRAILS –

Trail rides are for the enjoyment of all members and their guests (a minimum charge will be charged to non-members, to help offset the club's insurance costs). It is at the discretion of each year's Trail Committee as to whether or not to charge a fee for the rides and to present year-end awards. The decision will be made at the beginning of the year and will remain constant throughout that particular year.

1. The Trail Host will pre-ride each ride to ensure safety. The Trail Host will rate all rides and all trail information (water crossings, rocks, sand, bridges, etc.) will be published in the newsletter. All trail rides require an RSVP – it is each rider's responsibility to contact the Trail Host PRIOR to the scheduled trail ride. This is also when any questions or concerns about the trail should be addressed.
2. Saddles are required – no bareback allowed on scheduled trail rides. Helmets are strongly encouraged and shoes with heels are required.
3. The Trail Host will have each first-time participant sign a liability release form. One form is good for all of the trail rides that same year.
4. For the courtesy of the other riders –horses may be ponied at the discretion of and with advanced approval from the trail host.
5. No loose horses/foals are allowed.
6. Stallions, whether gentle or not, are not allowed on sanctioned trail rides.

7. Parker Trail Riders is a walking club, if you want to run your horse, please ask the Trail Host for permission and appropriate time to temporarily depart from the group so as not to disrupt or stress the other horses/riders.
8. All riders need to keep one horse length distance between themselves and the horse in front of them. Close passing is not allowed.
9. All riders shall be responsible for bringing water and food for their horses and themselves. The rider is responsible for their own first aid and the first aid of their horse.
10. No rider shall begin down the trail until ALL riders are mounted – this is a safety issue!
11. You are responsible for cleaning up the area around your trailer; manure, any trash you may have, etc. We should leave the area as nice as we would hope to find it at our arrival.
12. Red ribbon must be visible on all horses known to kick.
13. Trail Rides will be rated by the trail host using the rating system below and will be included in the newsletter.

RATING SYSTEM

TRAIL RATINGS GUIDE:

- 1- Very Easy- Beginner trails. No shoes needed, possible bikes or hikers with dogs, not much chance of water crossing. Example: Greenland or Poker Ride
- 2- Easy – No shoes needed, possible bikers, hikers with dogs, water or bridge crossings, gentle hills. Example: Chatfield or Cherry Creek Trail
- 3- Medium- Shoes needed, bikers, hikers, dogs, 4 wheelers, water crossings, some steeper hills. Example: Little Scraggy or Fraser Church Park
- 4- Advanced- shoes needed, hikers, dogs, bikes, steep hills with rocks, low branches, steep hills. Example: White Ranch or Apex
- 5- Experienced- Shoes needed, mud bogs on trail, rocks, fallen logs to cross, trees to duck under, going over tree line, steep trails and long ride. Possible trail blazing where trails are not clear. Example: Bruno Gulch