

LAS VAQUERAS – POKER RIDE –

TRAIL SAFETY ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

SAFETY FIRST

- Carry a cell phone, complete emergency contact & waiver at Check In & have ID
- We'll attempt to ride to the level of the least experience horse/rider
- Trail encounters may be log step overs, rocky areas, small water crossings, traffic/car exposure & close perimeters
- Keep pace at a walk - Get group consent before increasing speed
- Never gallop or run up - behind unaware riders
- Communicate concerns - Call out to the Trail boss or Drag Rider
- Allow space between horses, ideally Ride with 10 feet or more between horses
- Call out dangers for riders behind you
- Stops will have activity of people walking and standing with card bags, handing rider refreshments, clip boards & card tallying, etc.

BE COURTEOUS - WAIT FOR OTHERS

- At all stops be contentious of your own horses & others behaviors
- Gate opening & closing
- Allow all horses to drink, when necessary
- Group stops – Keep your horse calm and Prepare your horse at home
- Communicate Rider off & wait
- Announce if your horse has to urinate, so others can stop and wait for you.

ENVIRONMENTAL AT HOST STAGING/STABLE

- Bring your own horse water bucket and manure muck rake
- Practice “Leave No Trace” Ethics
- Pack it in pack it out
- Remove dropped hay & manure around your horse trailer
- Take home manure or put it in the nearby dumpster
- Stay on the designated areas & trails

PORTIONS MAY BE MULTI USER TRAILS -

- Be polite, courteous and respectful
- Talk to other users of trails – Represent positivity, for all Horseback riders
- Stay relaxed, be patient
- Practice at home – desensitize in advance, hikers & bikers yield to horses - Ask them to stand on downhill side of trail, know your horses capability of a group ride and in condition to do so

RIBBONS ON TAILS : *Red = Kicker *Green = Novice

ABOVE ALL STAY SAFE, HAVE FUN & ENJOY THE RIDE!