ETIQUETTE FOR TRAIL & CAMPING

SAFETY FIRST

- Complete ER form & waiver at Check In & have ID on your person
- Carry a cell phone on your person
- We'll attempt to ride to the level of the least experience horse/rider
- Trail encounters may include log step overs, rocky areas, water crossings, traffic/car/bicycle exposure, children in strollers & at close perimeters
- Be aware of your horse(s) soundness & fitness level. Horses need to build their strength & endurance, also.
- Always keep the trail at a walks pace - Unanimous consent must happen before changing the speed. Never run up hills. Allow proper spacing at down hills and obstacles.
- No Rough Riding Allowed. Never Stand Up on your horse/in the saddle. Never gallop or run up, always announce yourself, approach when behind, assuming riders are unaware.
- Communicate Concerns - Call out to the Trail boss' or Drag Riders (Orange Med Bags).
- Call out dangers for riders behind you (I.e., lift up branches/if you hold they will whip back).
- Always allow space between horses, ideally Ride with a horse length between horses. You should be able to see the riders heels, in front & in between your own horses ears. Try to avoid large gaps.
- If you have to turn around on a hillside, turn horse's head to the downhill side. Your horse can see his front feet better, than his hind feet and wants to keep his feet on the trail, as much as you do.
- Ride Stops: Activities might include, but not limited to, people walking, standing with card bags, clip boards, ruffling paper, handing rider refreshments, putting on rain slickers & card tallying, etc. Water trough activity. Your horse should be able to properly stand and wait.

BE COURTEOUS - WAIT FOR OTHERS

- At all stops be conscientious of your own horses & others horses behaviors (act accordingly).
- Gate opening & closing. Cowgirl Rule of the West: Always leave a gate, how you found it. (Go thru a Gate/Close a Gate), if a gate was open then leave it that way.
- Socializing, always pay attention & be aware to your gestures & tone, you, your horses & body language in the conversation. (I.e., waving your arms in a horse blind spot.)
- Allow all horses to drink safely, at designated watering stops, when necessary.
- Group stops – Keep your horse calm and prepare your horse at home.
- Communicate Rider off, wait & trail hazards, etc.
- Announce if your horse has to urinate, so others can stop and accompany you.
- When a rider has to get off for any reason, call it out, stop & wait for them.

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ENVIRONMENTALLY @ HOST STAGING, STABLES & CAMPING; AWAY FROM HOME

- When parking and/or camping be courteous to others with noise control, midnight quiet time. Practice the Host Ranch curfew.
- Avoid "campsite sprawl". Be a Good Neighbor. Crowding neighbors won't earn you goodwill.
- Follow - Ranch Host protocols for stabling, parking, portable corrals, horse manure disposal, Please always ASK if this information has not been readily provided.
- RV Campers: Always when host provided & paid for, hook up correctly.
- RV Generator Quiet Time - Generators off time is at 8:00 pm until/between 8 am
- Bring your own horse(s) water, water bucket, hose and manure muck rake, muck bucket/bag
- Practice a "Leave No Trace" Ethics
- Pack it in & pack it out
- Remove dropped hay & manure around your horse trailer
- Take manure home or put it in the nearby designate dumpster
- Always stay on the designated areas & trails

PORTIONS & OUR RIDE ALONG THE TRAIL – MAYBE MULTI USER TRAILS -

- Be polite, courteous and respectful (represent ALL equestrians).
- Boisterous, rowdy behavior, excessive drinking & excessive foul language, personal grievances & overstated opinions are not welcome, nor becoming of a Las Vaqueras member. This behavior takes away from ones quality time with horses, hearts & friends.
- Talk to other users on trails – Represent positivity, for all Horseback riders.
- Stay relaxed, be patient.
- Practice at home – (due diligence) desensitize in advance, hikers & bikers yield to horses - Ask them to stand on downhill side of trail, know your horses capability in a group setting and their condition to do so. Use of external tools (crop) should never be exposed to the group. A group ride is not to be used as your training tool.

Each rider is individually responsible for their own tail ribbon.

RIBBONS ON TAILS: *Red = Kicker *Green = Novice *Yellow = Stallion *White = For Sale

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

NO DOGS NO SMOKING

I acknowledge receiving, reading and knowing that the above etiquette guidelines, have been implemented for my own & for the safety of others. All are subject respected & could be grounds for dismissal, if not adhered to.

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Printed Name Signature