



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Membership Year: April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Mail Check payable to SCCHA, 1145 Graham Hill Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

You can also join or renew online at www.sccha.wildapricot.org

You will need to Sign Liability Waiver & Club Rules (individually)

Name _____ New Renewal

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Cell (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Vehicle License #1 _____ #2 _____ Trailer License #1 _____ #2 _____

Emergency Contact _____ Cell (_____) _____

I can Volunteer!

Events Grounds & Trails Food/Clubhouse Fireworks Ride

	Membership Fees - select all that apply	Fee	Amt
Single renewal	1 adult member, 1 vote, 1 parking sticker, member uses current gate key card	\$150	
Single new	1 adult member, 1 vote, 1 parking sticker, 1 initial gate key card (\$25 for initial gate key card)	\$175	
Family renewal	2 adults and dependents under 18 living at address listed above; 1 vote per adult, 1 parking sticker, member uses current gate key card	\$225	
Family new	2 adults and dependents under 18 living at address listed above, 1 vote per adult, 1 parking sticker, 1 initial gate key card (\$25 for initial gate key card)	\$250	
Junior	1 youth 8 -17, not part of a family membership; no parking permit, no gate key card. Juniors may only use facilities when with an adult member	\$45	
Extras	2nd gate key card or replacement gate key card 2nd parking sticker	\$10 \$5	
Trainer	Must follow the Trainer Policy Guidelines	\$200	
Donation	Donations in any amount support SCCHA and local trails. Donations are gratefully accepted!		

Please list those in a Family Membership. All members must reside at the address above.			
2nd Adult		Cell:	email:
Dependent <18	DOB:	Cell:	email:
Dependent <18	DOB:	Cell:	email:
Dependent <18	DOB:	Cell:	email:



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Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

Liability Waiver must be signed by each adult. The parent or legal guardian must sign for each junior/minor/dependent.

The undersigned states as follows: I acknowledge and understand that competitive and pleasure horse riding contains inherent risks of injury or death to me personally, to my horse, and to others, and damage of any nature to equipment and facilities, in any way connected with the events, camping, riding, walking, boarding, instruction, use of or proximity to trail obstacles and all other activities at or involved with the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association (SCCHA). I acknowledge that there are other risks, hazards and dangers that are associated with horse related activities. I further acknowledge and recognize that the description of the risks in this document are not a complete list and that there are other risks, hazards and dangers associated with equestrian activities that may be unknown or unanticipated and that the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association, its board of directors, officers, and all individual members thereof, the County of Santa Cruz, its officers, agents, employees, and their representatives, and all other persons and organizations shall not be liable for any damage which may arise from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, state of health, injury to person, horse or property. Furthermore, should emergency medical or other treatment be required, I understand that I, and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all incurred expenses, including medical insurance deductibles.

Acknowledging these facts, I assume all risks, whether known or unknown in consideration of my agreement and signature below, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, agree to waive, release, indemnify, discharge and hold harmless the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association, its board of directors, officers, members and agents and the County of Santa Cruz, its officers, agents, employees, and their representatives. I hereby defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association, its owners, officers directors, members, and agents or any of them and the County of Santa Cruz, its officers, agents, employees, and their representatives against all claims, demands, and causes of action including any court costs and attorney fees, directly or indirectly arising from any action or other proceedings brought by or prosecuted for my benefit contrary to this release, extended to all claims of any kind and nature whatsoever whether known or unknown and expressly waive any benefits I may have under Section §1542 of the California Civil Code which states "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I acknowledge and agree that this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement is governed by laws of the State of California and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law, and that in the event any portion of this release is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, the balance thereof shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect. **I have read and agree to this Release of Liability in its entirety and know and understand its contents, including important limitations of legal liability.**

Sign (Adult 1) _____ **Date** _____

Print Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Sign (Adult 2) _____ **Date** _____

Print Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Legal Guardian Sign for Minor under 18 _____ **Date** _____

Print Minor Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Legal Guardian Sign for Minor under 18 _____ **Date** _____

Print Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

JUNIOR/MINORS: Prior to Junior/Minor coming on the grounds, parent or legal guardian must sign the following liability release and club rules for each minor or Junior member or Junior participant, and Junior must sign, as well: I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of: **List full name(s), date of birth, and age(s)** _____

for and in consideration of our child's participation at Graham Hill Showgrounds state that I do hereby acknowledge and agree that I have read and understand the liability release and release and hold harmless according to the agreement written above and I expressly agree that the terms and conditions of said waiver, liability release and hold harmless shall apply to and be binding upon me, my insurer, and my minor child in so far as it pertains to his or her participation and to any injury, death or damage to said minor child, her/his horse, or equipment may sustain or cause as a result of said participation. I also read and will abide by the club rules. I further warrant and represent that I have current health and accident insurance on said minor child which shall remain in full force and effect while said minor child participate at the Showgrounds. Minors under 8 years old must be accompanied with their parent or legal guardian.

JUNIORS/MINORS must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets any time on a horse on the SCCHA grounds

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Print Name _____ Mother Father Legal Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Junior/Dependent (18 years old or older)

Signature _____ Date _____

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION CLUB & MEMBERSHIP RULES



The Showgrounds is intended for members' activities with horses. Members should have horses with them when using the facilities unless they are attending a club meeting, other event or volunteering. These exceptions apply: parents or others supervising juniors with horses; individuals in a family membership who accompany family members with horses; trainers or horse care professionals helping clients with their horses. Trainers, horse care professionals, and their clients must be members.

Camping is exclusively for members and guests who wish to remain overnight with their horses.

All members, guests, and group/event participants are to comply with SCCHA rules as stated in this document. Members are responsible to know existing rules and review any updated rules prior to going on the showgrounds. Members and group/event leaders are responsible for the actions of accompanying participants. Adult signature below acknowledges that they take responsibility to make sure the minor/s, that they are responsible for, understand and follow these rules. The SCCHA Board of Directors reserves the right to revoke membership (without refund) and/or deny entrance to Showgrounds if any person or group/event does not comply with these rules. In case of a dispute, members may contact the Board of Directors to interpret a rule or arbitrate a dispute. Rules will be enforced as follows:

1st offense: Board of Directors is notified; offender receives a copy of this document with precise rule circled

2nd offense: Offender must appear before the Board of Directors or lose all rights to use of Showgrounds & Facilities.

3rd offense: Offender loses all membership privileges and all rights to use of Showgrounds & Facilities.

These offenses are cause for immediate loss of membership and expulsion from grounds:

- ◆ ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE TOWARDS ANYONE
- ◆ INTOXICATION FROM ALCOHOL OR OTHER SUBSTANCE
- ◆ INHUMANE GEAR OR ACTIONS TOWARD ANIMALS ON THE GROUNDS
- ◆ NON-COMPLIANT BEHAVIOR DEEMED SEVERE BY A MAJORITY OF BOARD MEMBERS

SHOWGROUNDS ACCESS

1. **MEMBERSHIP** The membership year runs April 1 through March 31.

- ◆ **Single Membership** authorizes only the individual listed on his/her application to use the Showgrounds.
- ◆ **Family Membership** is limited to 2 adults and dependents under 21 residing in a same single household. Only those whose names are listed on the membership application are considered

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members. Children under 18 must be supervised at all times by an adult member.

- ♦ **Junior Membership** authorizes only the individual junior member (between the ages of 8 and under 18 years of age) listed on his/her application to use the Showgrounds when accompanied by an adult member.

2. CARDKEYS

Cardkeys are purchased by NEW Single & Family memberships and function as long as their membership is kept current. They provide access through the front gate, to bathrooms and showers. To open entry gate, put cardkey right up to scanner [to the left of the entry gate approach] to trigger the gate opener. Gate opens automatically upon exit. Do not loan cardkeys to anyone or leave cardkey by front gate for use by others.

3. PARKING PERMITS

MEMBERS: *Parking Permits/Stickers* are valid through the membership year and attached to the vehicle windshield.

GUESTS: All Guest vehicles must have a temporary *Guest Parking Permit* placed on their passenger side dashboard immediately after entering the Showgrounds. (See below.) Unidentified vehicles may be towed at owner's expense.

- (a) Anyone accompanying a Member to the Showgrounds who is not listed on the member's application form is a GUEST. An **adult member** may have up to 2 guests when at the showgrounds. Guest vehicles or motorhomes need a Guest Parking Permit placed in their windshield, available at kiosk. It is a member's responsibility to make sure their guest knows and follows all of SCCHA's Rules.
- Guests visiting for the day: each guest must sign a liability waiver and club rules upon entry to the grounds. Any guest involved in any hors activity or remains on the grounds for more than one hour must pay a **day use fee** of \$10, sign the waiver of liability and sign the club rules.
 - Guests staying overnight: each guest staying overnight must pay an **overnight horse camping fee** of \$10 per person and \$15 per horse per night, sign the waiver of liability and sign the club rules. (Overnight guests do not pay day use fee.)
 - Remit fees and waiver: make checks payable to SCCHA; cash is acceptable. Completed forms and fees must be deposited at the camping area bulletin board (kiosk) in the black mailbox immediately upon arrival at the showgrounds or provided by email prior to arrival.
- (b) **MEMBERS ARE 100% RESPONSIBLE FOR GUESTS** following rules, paying fees, signing waivers, and displaying Guest Parking Permits immediately after entering the showgrounds. Failure of guest to sign waiver & rules may result in revocation of HOST's membership privileges.

RULES GOVERNING GROUNDS USE

1. Inappropriate behavior including under the influence of drugs or alcohol is not permitted on the grounds and person may be expelled. INTOXICATION WHILE ON GROUNDS MAY CAUSE IMMEDIATE LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.
2. Any inhumane gear or actions toward animals on the grounds is cause for immediate dismissal.
3. Jumping requires approved helmet, with chin strap in place and appropriate saddle. It is mandatory to wear a helmet.
4. Junior/s & Minor/s must wear helmets when on or near a horse. Helmets are mandatory and must be ASTM/SEI approved.
5. For an adult, it is highly recommended to wear a helmet when on or near a horse. Be advised that wearing an ANSI/ASTM Certified (or equivalent) may reduce the severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences.
6. It is highly recommended to wear appropriate footwear when on or near a horse.
7. If there is no scheduled event in an arena, it may be used on first-come first-serve basis, with 30-minute limit if others are waiting.
8. Damage to SCCHA property or Showgrounds must be reported immediately to a Director or Caretaker. See website for contact information.
9. Dogs must be on leash at all times, no exceptions. A "dog on leash" is defined as a dog safely attached to a leash with a handler or
17. No off-highway motorized vehicles. Bicycles, motor bicycles, or any wheeled off-road vehicle except on the access roads or service roads are prohibited. Bicycles must be walked through the grounds (for access into the park) on paved road only, away from horses.
18. No Parking within 50 Feet of the Cowell Subdivision. No parking on the ADA pathways.
19. Park cars, rigs or RVs at least 15 feet from the base of any tree. Do not park inside of the tie-rail or in front of equipment obey signs.
20. Whisper quiet generators may operate in the area along Graham Hill Road between 6 am and 10 pm. Please minimize their use. No water or electrical hookups to RVs or other Vehicle.
21. Trash: NO MANURE, HAY, SHAVINGS OR BBQ COALS in trash.
22. Put cans and bottles in recycling bins or haul away. Pick up litter and deposit in trash container.
23. **Manure and bedding must be cleaned from all paddocks and areas used and must be taken to the manure bunker**; never scattered in the trees or elsewhere. Don't muck out trailers in parking areas. Wheelbarrows and rakes are provided for your convenience.
24. **Be extremely fire conscious. Wood-burning fires are not permitted.** Only Charcoal or propane grills may be used for cooking purposes. Use the large, outdoor propane grill; or the Weber BBQ near the clubhouse. All BBQ's/grills must be elevated off of the ground and need a minimum of 15 feet of clearance from all combustible material (including structures, dry grass, tree limbs and dry leaves on the ground). Portable Firepits are allowed and require an adult member present at all times

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- securely tied and supervised by a person. Please keep dogs out of arenas. And, at all times, pick up after your dog.
10. No cutting of any trees or wood on the grounds.
 11. No smoking.
 12. No locking or reserving paddocks without scheduling and paying for paddocks with the Calendar Secretary.
 13. Horses may not be left loose on the grounds. Turnout in large arena or round pen (if not in use). No turnout in small arena.
 14. Horses must have full time, adult supervision. This includes horses that are left behind when others go on trail rides.
 15. Don't run or trot horses in parking areas, campground, or around people on foot.
 16. Tie horses to hitching racks or trailers ONLY: DO NOT TIE to fences, arena panels or directly to trees.

who assumes the responsibility associated with a potential fire in addition to the same requirements as above. The Adult Member ensures a Portable Fire Extinguisher (minimum 2A10BC), bucket of water, hose, or bucket of dirt or sand is readily available. SCCHA reserves the right to restrict propane fire pits during specific events or certain times of the year. Members will follow Fire Marshal precautions and extinguish the firepit immediately if asked by a Scotts Valley Fireperson, a SCCHA Board of Director or the SCCHA caretaker. Members must use their own propane tanks.

25. **Prior to coming on the grounds, the latest rules published on the website must be reviewed, understood and abided by. Bring appropriate gear/supplies to the grounds.**
26. Members and guests must be in accordance with any COVID State & County mandates, should they exist.

ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING HORSECAMPING

1. Members coming to camp overnight MUST register themselves and guest(s) at <https://sccha.wildapricot.org/Camping-Reservations>. Members camp free when they use paddocks on a first-come first-serve basis. Guests pay horse camping and/or day use fees.
2. Camping is confined to the area north of the paved road (Cowell side) only, unless approved by SCCHA Board for large events.
3. No overnight camping **within 100 feet of the fence** along the adjacent subdivision.
4. No noise or lights after 10:00 p.m.
5. Camping is limited to a maximum of **4 consecutive days**.
6. Paddock use is on a first-come first-serve basis. If you plan on camping, check the current newsletter events calendar or website (www.SCCHA.wildapricot.org) to see if the grounds or any of the paddocks have been reserved for an event.

RULES GOVERNING TRAINERS & HORSE CARE PROFESSIONALS

1. Trainers & Horse Care Professionals must be SCCHA members in order to use the grounds to work with clients unless a clinic is scheduled and fees are paid. Horse Care Professionals include (but are not limited to) hoof care practitioners, chiropractors, acupuncturists, and masseurs.
2. Trainers & Horse Care Professionals may NOT work with NON-MEMBERS or guests at the showgrounds. Those found working with non- member clients risk immediate loss of membership privileges.
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5. Trainers & Horse Care Professionals must follow each of the rules herein and trainers must also abide by rules in the SCCHA Trainer Policy (separate document). To comply with the club's insurance mandates, trainers must submit a precisely worded certificate of insurance and must wait for confirmation of receipt and accuracy of certificate from the board of directors prior to training at the showgrounds.
6. Veterinarians have access to grounds to deliver care to a member's horse, or to administer urgent care to any horse.

RULES GOVERNING GROUPS OR EVENTS AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

Any group activity held on the grounds must be scheduled through the SCCHA calendar secretary. See website or current newsletter for contact information. All participants of meetings, workdays, groups and events must comply with all current SCCHA rules. Group/event leaders are responsible for the actions of their participants. The grounds must be picked up during the event and thoroughly cleaned within 48 hours of the event.

PLEASE NOTE: There are only a few events each year that may interfere with an individual member's use of the showgrounds. If such an event is taking place when you arrive, you may not be able to use the grounds. Check ahead! Check the SCCHA website (www.SCCHA.wildapricot.org) and click on Events.

The undersigned states as follows: ***I understand and will abide by all SCCHA Club Membership Rules. Rules may be added and I agree to review the current rules posted on the website prior to going on the showgrounds.***

Sign (Adult 1) _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Sign (Adult 2) _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Sign (Junior/Dependent) _____ Date _____

Print Name _____