



Samford Equestrian Group

A safe, respectful, and enjoyable place to ride.

These Ground Rules apply to all members and visitors
using SEG facilities at Samford Showgrounds.

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Purpose

These rules support Samford Equestrian Group's duty of care to members, visitors, horses, and property. They also ensure compliance with the requirements of the Samford Show Society and Moreton Bay Regional Council. All members and users of the grounds are expected to follow these rules and act in a manner that promotes safety, respect, and responsible use of facilities.

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SEG responsibilities

SEG will make all reasonable efforts to maintain the grounds, facilities, and equipment in a safe and serviceable condition by:

- Coordinating maintenance activities such as mowing and arena preparation.
- Repairing or replacing damaged equipment within a reasonable timeframe.
- Advising members of identified hazards or broken equipment where possible.
- Clearly marking unsafe areas or equipment until repairs can be completed.
- Maintaining riding surfaces, including sand arenas, for member use.
- Maintaining grounds and facilities within the boundaries of the SEG lease area.
- Working collaboratively with neighbouring stakeholders regarding shared fencing and gates.

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Limitation of liability

Members acknowledge that unexpected issues may arise without prior warning, including:

- Ground subsidence or holes.
- Deterioration of timber structures.
- Fence damage or collapse.

SEG cannot be held responsible for such issues until they have been identified by the Committee or formally reported and brought to the Committee's attention.

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Ground access

Only current members may ride on the grounds or attend with a horse in hand on the grounds:

- Single Membership: Access for the named member only.
- Family Membership: Access for nominated family members.
- Non-Riding Membership: Does not include riding access.

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Membership obligations

Members must:

- Access the grounds only while their membership remains current.
- Not provide gate access codes to non-members.
- Not facilitate grounds access to non-members.

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Ground availability

The grounds may be closed in full or in part for reasons including:

- Maintenance works.
- Official events and competitions.
- Samford Show Society activities.
- Unsuitable weather or ground conditions.

Members must not enter closed areas until advised they have reopened.

No member may unreasonably prevent another current member from using the grounds.

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Competition days

Members who are not entered in a competition are not permitted to bring horses onto the grounds during that event.

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Conduct and behaviour

All persons using the grounds must:

- Follow reasonable directions issued by the SEG Committee.
- Treat others respectfully and refrain from abusive, threatening, or inappropriate behaviour.
- Avoid creating nuisance or disturbance to neighbouring residents.
- Use the grounds and facilities at their own risk.

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Coaching and instruction

Private coaching or lessons may only be conducted where:

- The instructor has provided evidence of qualifications and insurance to the SEG Executive.
- Written approval has been granted before coaching commences.
- Coaching is provided only to current SEG members.

Exceptions apply to SEG-approved clinics and events.

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Incident reporting

Rider falls

Any rider who experiences a fall and is not assessed by a qualified first-aid provider must not continue riding and must notify the Committee as soon as possible.

Horse injuries or falls

Any horse injury or fall occurring on the grounds must be reported promptly to the Committee.

Damage reporting

Members must immediately report:

- Any accidental damage they cause.
- Any pre-existing damage they observe.
- Broken or unsafe equipment.

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Rider responsibilities

Before using the grounds or equipment, riders must assess:

- Ground conditions.
- Arena surfaces.
- Equipment safety and suitability.

Unsafe or damaged equipment must not be used.

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Denis Goodwin Reserve access

Users must:

- Lock access gates when entering and leaving.
- Comply with all reserve access requirements.

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Equipment and ground usage

Equipment

Members must:

- Return equipment to its designated storage area after use.
- Keep arena, round yard, and jumping area gates closed when horses are present.
- Remove all movable equipment from sand arenas after use.

Lunging

- Lunging is permitted only in the designated round yard.
- Riders are responsible for assessing the safety of the round yard before use.
- Lunging is prohibited in sand arenas.

Horse management

- Horses must not be left unattended or allowed to roam freely.
- Liberty work is not permitted on SEG grounds.

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Safety requirements

Helmets

Approved helmets meeting current Australian Standards must be worn and correctly fastened whenever mounted anywhere on the grounds.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted but must remain on a leash at all times.

Alcohol and drugs

Alcohol and illicit substances must not be consumed on the grounds when horses are present.

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Grounds care and facilities

Manure disposal

All manure must be:

- Removed from the grounds; or
- Placed in the designated manure trailer or bags.

Manure must not be:

- Placed around timber fence posts.
- Put into rubbish bins.

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Wash bay use

Members may wash horses after riding or events but must:

- Turn water off when finished.
- Clean up manure from the wash area.

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Club property

Members must not remove SEG-owned hoses, fixtures, fittings, or equipment from the grounds.

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Stallions

Stallions are permitted only when managed in accordance with current Equestrian Australia Stallion Safe Practice requirements, including display of green identification discs on both sides of the horse float or vehicle. The current EA policy applies at all times.

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Show jumping rules

Members may use the designated grassed jumping area and equipment provided.

Equipment management

After use:

- All poles and wings must be packed away neatly along the designated fence line.
- Jump cups must be returned to the storage box and secured.

Safe jump construction

Members must:

- Build jumps in accordance with EA safe jumping standards.
- Ensure jumps are designed so poles fall safely if struck.
- Only jump at heights within their level of training and experience unless under qualified supervision.

Rider responsibility

Anyone using jumping equipment confirms they:

- Are riding within their capability.
- Understand safe jump construction.
- Accept all risks associated with their use of the equipment.

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Use of other SEG equipment

Equipment such as mowers, tractors, trailers, and working equitation equipment may only be used when:

- Authorised by a SEG Committee member.
- Used for its intended purpose.
- The operator is competent and understands safe operation procedures.

Users accept responsibility for their own safety and for properly storing equipment after use.

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Member acknowledgement

All members and visitors using SEG grounds acknowledge that they:

- Use the facilities and equipment at their own risk.
- Are responsible for their own safety assessments.
- Will comply with these Ground Rules and any reasonable directions of the SEG Committee.
- Will contribute to maintaining a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all users.

Failure to comply may result in membership suspension or cancellation.