

# NAGNAGNAG TRAIL RIDING INC

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## **“CONSTITUTION”**

NagNagNag Trail Riding Inc (“NNN”) has adopted the Department of Fair Trading’s ‘Model Rules’ and does not have its own Constitution.

## **“CLUB RULES”**

NNN adheres to the ATHRA Ride Rules as noted in the ATHRA Code of Conduct (downloadable from [www.athra.com.au](http://www.athra.com.au)) as well as the following:

- NagNagNag Trail Riding Inc regards ‘trail riding’ as predominantly walking.
- Ride Coordinator/Trail Boss to have a thorough knowledge of the Code of Conduct and ability to follow the rules/guidelines as set out.
- At all times horses are the responsibility of their riders and as such, it is NNN’s recommendation that horses be adequately conditioned, as well as barefoot or shod (or combined with boots where necessary), to ensure the soundness and safety of the horse. The health and welfare of the horse will be considered paramount on Club rides. If deemed unsound or unfit the horse will not be permitted to continue on the ride.
- All horse riding equipment should be regularly checked, well maintained and correctly fitted. This is the responsibility of the owner.
- Visitors are not permitted to ride using a halter. Members are only permitted to use a halter where horse and rider have demonstrated effective control.
- It is recommended that riders wear full length trousers and sleeved shirt. Suitable footwear must be worn (which prevents the foot sliding forward through the stirrup iron).
- Trail Boss/Ride Coordinator/Trail Ride Leader must ensure that all participants understand the commands that will be used throughout the ride.
- All attendees must obey reasonable instruction from the Trail Boss and designated Ride Stewards at all times.
- During a ride it is important to keep the rider in front of you and the rider behind you in sight at all times.
- Permission must be obtained to ride in front of the Lead Rider or behind the Drag Rider.
- Riders must be considerate of others on the trail and pass fellow riders at a slow and safe pace, communicating with the riders prior to passing, giving them notice of your intention to pass.
- Riders must not leave the ride without the knowledge and permission of the Trail Boss.
- When on roads, normal road rules apply. High visibility or reflective garments to be worn by selected members.
- All gates are to be left as they are found. Please respect private property.
- Juniors under 16 are to be supervised by a parent or nominated guardian and must remain with their parent or nominated guardian at all times during the ride.
- Riders under 18 must wear a regulation helmet that complies with AS/NZS 3838:1998 En 1384 or ASTM F 1163, and should be less than five years old. When buying a helmet check date of manufacture, as this is the date used to determine age of helmet.
- A state approved first aid kit and an effective communication link (eg, UHF and mobile) must be carried by a nominated person.
- No dogs allowed on rides.
- During a ride the blood alcohol level of a rider must not exceed .05 to comply with state road rules. No drinking of alcoholic beverages permitted whilst mounted.
- Changes to any riding conditions eg swapping of riders, horses, or tack, are not permitted during the ride unless deemed appropriate by the Trail Boss/Ride Coordinator.
- Horses which are known kickers must have a red ribbon prominently displayed in the tail. Riders must also move to the side of the trail to ensure others may pass safely.
- No smoking on Club rides is preferred however riders who choose to smoke must give careful consideration to the environment, and should also take cigarette butts home with them, ie carry a small container to deposit cigarette butts.
- Stallions are permitted on Club rides. Participants are requested to give notice of their intention to bring a stallion on a ride by contacting the Ride Co-ordinator seven (7) days prior to the commencement of that ride.
- If problems occur with a horse, no matter what the gender of that horse, the Trail Boss will separate the horse from other participants. The rider concerned will not be permitted to bring that particular horse on future Club outings until they can prove they have sufficient control of their horse.
- Riders are not to contact property owners after a Club ride requesting permission to return to the venue for private or non-NNN rides. If a member is found to have breached this rule they will receive an automatic six month suspension from the Club for the first offence, and expelled from the Club if the action is repeated.
- Member Only Rides (usually due to limited float parking at Ride Base): Full members of NNN get first allocation before Affiliate Members.