PASC Trail Ride Rules

A copy of the following rules will be distributed at the beginning of each Club ride. The rules are offered to place an emphasis on the safety and enjoyment of each rider and mount, and the leaders of Club rides will expect each rider to adhere to the rules.

1. **Each rider MUST have a current (within 1 year) negative Coggins report in their possession.**
   Most public lands now require that riders have a current negative Coggins report in their possession.
2. **Stallions WILL NOT be permitted on Club rides due to concern for the safety of all riders.**
   By nature, when a stallion is present, the mare will attempt to go to the stallion whether the mare is in heat or not. By nature, the stallion will try to eliminate any perceived threat between him and the mare. Thus, the behavior of all horses is affected by the presence of a stallion.
3. **Unrestrained dogs WILL NOT be permitted on rides due to the concern for the safety of all riders.**
   Horses and riders representing all levels of training and experience participate in Club rides and each react differently to the presence of unrestrained dogs.
4. **Horses MUST NOT be tied to trees in the campsite.**
   Each rider should be prepared to secure their horse on the trail to prevent tree damage.
5. **Each rider is requested (and expected) to practice good trail stewardship rules:**
   - ★ *Do not cut switchbacks or make new trails. If faced with obstacles on the trail, the leaders will attempt to move the obstacle or change the route of the ride.*
   - ★ *Do not litter. It is suggested that each rider carry plastic bags in their saddle bag to "pack out" for themselves and others.*
   - ★ *Learn, observe, and obey regulations governing the area in which you are riding, such as grazing restraints, watering/feeding guidelines, and off-limit riding areas.*
6. **Each rider is requested (and expected) to practice good trail etiquette:**
   - ★ *Arrive early enough to be mounted and ready to ride at the departure time.*
   - ★ *Do not pass the leader of the ride, alter routing, or drop out of the ride without notifying the leader of your desire. Riders will be separated by rate of desired speed. Fast-paced riders will depart a short period prior to other riders. Each group will have a designated leader and a "drag rider." The leaders will have knowledge of the trail and will direct the rider behind him. Each rider should stay within sight of the horse in front of him/her but have at least one horse length between them.*
   - ★ *Warn the rider in front of you before attempting to pass.*
   - ★ *Observe trail courtesy to other individuals on the trails. It is better to yield than create an unpleasant or unsafe situation.*
7. **ENJOY YOUR RIDE! HAPPY TRAILS!**

