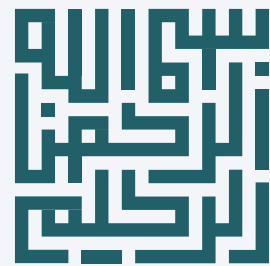




## Equestrian Tourism Technical Regulations for Private Clubs



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## A/ Technical Requirements



## 1. Instructors and Riders (1/3)

1.1 During trail rides, there must be one main group leader and an assistant for every 5 riders.

1.2 The group leader and the assistant must meet the requirements to execute trail rides.

1.3 Group leader and assistant leader requirements:

1.3	Requirements	Group Leader	Assistant Leader
1	Advanced horse riding skills (minimum 10 years experience for the group leader and 5 years for assistant leader)	✓	✓
2	Communication skills to manage groups and horses during rides	✓	✓
3	General veterinarian skills to provide the necessary care to horses when needed	✓	
4	Ability to provide first aid to riders when needed	✓	✓
5	Fluent in Arabic and English	✓	✓
6	Good Conduct and behavior	✓	✓
7	Tourist Guide License (Optional)	✓	

## 1. Instructors and Riders (2/3)

### 1.4 Group leader responsibilities:

1.4	Responsibilities	Group Leader
1	Develop the trail rides plan and the stopping points for rest, as well as places for watering the horses	✓
2	The group leader is fully responsible for all riders, as part of his job, and ensure all tack fits well and is in good condition.	✓
3	Distribute trip explanatory guide to the riders prior to the trip, especially on tourism trips to heritage places	✓
4	Monitor the movement of riders and horses during the trip to ensure safety	✓
5	Check up horseshoe at each rest point	✓
6	Cooperate with a certified veterinarian in the area where the trail rides are located for horse emergencies	✓
7	Providing first aid when needed and cooperating with a health center or emergency hospital in the region in case of emergencies	✓

## 1. Instructors and Riders (3/3)

**1.5** The club must provide a waiver form between the club and the riders to clarify the responsibilities and roles and it must be signed before starting the trip.

**1.6** All riders must provide their information and emergency contact numbers to the club before starting the trip.

**1.7** All riders must bring their mobiles and exchange their contact numbers with the group leader and the assistant leader before starting the trip.

**1.8 Riders:**

- **The rider must be at least 6 years old.**
- **Riders horseback riding skills can vary and the trips should be aligned with riders ability:**
  - ✓ Experienced Rider - Any type of trip can be undertaken, including very long rides or challenging rides.
  - ✓ Intermediate rider- Long rides of several days can be undertaken.
  - ✓ Beginner Rider - Short rides (for several hours) and medium full day rides can be taken.
  - ✓ Inexperienced Rider - An introductory course followed by easy and short rides (for one or several hours).

## 2. Trips & Facilities (1/4)

### 2.1 Horse crossing points:

- ✓ The path must be in a safe environment that is suitable for horses and riders (away from rough terrain – such as highways, railways and traffic).
- ✓ The starting point should be chosen carefully as it is important in defining the path characteristics to create a suitable itinerary for horse riding trips.
- ✓ The remaining points in the route must be identified to ensure the quality of the trip.
- ✓ The trail must be wide, with a sufficient distance from the sides of the horse (1.5 meters minimum).
- ✓ There should be a distance from the back between each horse (minimum 2 meters).
- ✓ The itinerary must be prepared at least a week in advance to ensure the quality of the trip. And provide an explanatory guide for all riders to show the route and the trip's terrain.
- ✓ All riders are required to adhere the planned route.
- ✓ All riders must avoid private properties and cultivated lands
- ✓ Solo horse riding trips are not permitted, as the minimum is two riders and two horses.
- ✓ The club must ensure that the horses and riders have are fit in terms of skills and experience for the planned itinerary.



## 2. Trips & Facilities (2/4)

2.2 Horseback riding trips is only preferred on known roads with signage, if a group ends up on an unplanned road for whatever reason, be sure to follow the following:

1. Ensure that you can control the horse. Always ride with other horses who are less nervous if you think your horse will be anxious on the roads.
2. Before turning, look behind you to make sure the road is safe, then give a clear signal with the arm.
3. Put both hands on the bridle unless you are pointing at something.
4. Put both feet in stirrups.
5. Do not carry anything that may affect your balance or become entangled with the bridle.
6. Move in the direction of the traffic flow on the roads.
7. Horses must never walk side by side on narrow pathways and trails and also crowded roads and roundabouts, one path must be adhered to.
8. Horses rides are not permitted on pedestrian sidewalk.
9. Horses are not allowed on the bike path and trails.
10. The group should only ride on side roads where possible. Equestrian pathways may be provided to cross the road and must be used if available.

## 2. Trips & Facilities (3/4)

2.3 Avoid roundabout as much as possible. When using them, you must:

1. Stick to the right, and watch out for cars crossing your lane to exit or enter the roundabout.
2. Give a clear arm signal when crossing the exits to show that you are not exiting of the roundabout.
3. Give a clear arm signal when exiting the roundabout.

2.4 Evening trips:

**We recommend that you do not execute horseback riding trips at night or during poor visibility, but if you do, make sure of the following:**

1. Wear reflective clothing.
2. Reflective straps should be placed over the horse's knuckles. It is highly recommended that horses also wear a luminous/reflective shield.
3. Provide a belt with lights (shown white from the front and red from the back) on the rider's arm and/or rider's leg.

2.5 Riding on beaches:

- ✓ Must obtain permits to execute horse riding trips on beaches from municipalities / land owners or the administrative body.
- ✓ Check that riding on the beach is permitted. It may be limited to certain times, days or areas and there may be bylaws. Restrictions on time will often be to riders' benefit, as early morning and late evening when it is quieter and less crowded

## 2. Trips & Facilities (4/4)

- ✓ If there are areas where riding is not permitted, be sure you are clear about their extent and avoid them carefully as their boundaries may not be obvious because sometimes signs and fences tend not to last long on shores.
- ✓ Always avoid disturbing wildlife and plants, paying particular attention to dunes, salt marshes and estuaries.

### 2.6 Facilities

- ✓ Sitting Area
- ✓ Toilets and restrooms for both males and females.
- ✓ Kids Horseback riding arena (Ponies are preferable) (Optional)

## 3. Equipment (1/2)

### 3.1 Basic equipment:

**All equipment necessary for riding horses on excursions must be provided as follows:**

- ✓ Basic horse tack and equipment such as saddle / stirrup / head collar / bridle / main rope / whip (to be used when needed).
- ✓ Electric lamp.
- ✓ Reflective jackets/ vests
- ✓ Spare horseshoes.
- ✓ farrier tools (such as hammers, nippers, rasps, hoof knife, and hoof pick)
- ✓ Rider's Identity
- ✓ Horse's Identity
- ✓ First aid Kit
- ✓ First aid for horses, which consists of (sterilization tools, round shears, an elastic bandage about 10 cm wide, and an antiseptic solution).
- ✓ Walkie talkies and location tracking devices for all riders during long rides the last for several days and challenging rides to use in weak signal areas.

**\* Equipment must be checked before each trip according to safety standards.**

## 3. Equipment (2/2)

### 3.2 horseshoe:

**Horses must be wearing a horseshoe. And incase a horse loses its horseshoe during the trip, the appropriate spare shoe must be worn. When replacing the horseshoe, take into account:**

- ✓ Travel requirements across diverse terrains. The horseshoe shall be light and fitted with anti-slip screws.

### 3.3 Rider's Dress Code:

- ✓ Above ankle boots/shoes suitable for horse riding.
- ✓ Protective Horse riding helmet.
- ✓ Light-colored clothing in daylight
- ✓ Reflective clothing if riding at night or in poor visibility.
- ✓ Weather appropriate clothing.
- ✓ Protective jacket/vest such as Airbag Jackets (optional)

**\*Riders dress must comply with the culture, traditions and customs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.**

## 4. Safety(1/4)

### 4.1 Horses Requirements for Horseback riding trips:

- ✓ The horse must be at least 6 years old.
- ✓ Stallions or dangerous horses are not permitted to be used in any recreational or tourist activities.
- ✓ Horses must be suitable for riding on trips across different terrain, and it is preferable to evaluate horses and raise the evaluation mechanism applied to the Saudi Equestrian Federation.
- ✓ An appropriate identification document must be obtained - FEI or local passport with updated vaccination schedule and details as per the legislation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

### 4.2 Horse Welfare:

#### **The following horse welfare basics must be taken:**

- ✓ Must provide water and good nutrition
- ✓ Horses are not allowed to work for more than 6 hours a day.
- ✓ Horses should have one rest day a week.
- ✓ Horses are not allowed to work at temperatures above 37°C.
- ✓ Horses must be checked periodically and a veterinarian report must be available every three months with the stamp of the certified veterinarian.
- ✓ Horseshoes should be changed every 6 weeks.

## 4. Safety(2/4)

- ✓ Horses must be cleaned/washed daily to prevent skin diseases and allergies.
- ✓ An equine clinic should be available at the stable or provide a carriage transporting horses to the nearest veterinary clinic in case of emergency.
- ✓ Horses should be kept in well-ventilated room/box of at least 3m x 3m in size.

### 4.3 Horse vaccination:

**Horse vaccination procedures are mandatory, including all prescribed vaccinations required by the International Federation for Equestrian, the Saudi Equestrian Federation and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture. Influenza vaccination is required for horses over 6 months old.**

A- The approved mechanism for vaccination against horse influenza:

- ✓ A primary course of two vaccinations is given 4-6 weeks apart.
- ✓ Booster dose every 6 months (Do not exceed 12 months).
- ✓ If the period exceeds 12 months, the vaccination course must be taking from the beginning.

B- It is preferable for the horse to be vaccinated annually against each of (rabies / tetanus / herpes).

## 4. Safety(3/4)

### 4.4 Safety and risk management measures during the trip:

- ✓ The club administration must be aware of the destination, timing and duration of the trip.
- ✓ The group leader must make decisions in a crisis situation, after consulting the group.
- ✓ Horses are not allowed to stop under trees, hills or peaks during bad weather conditions as it's prone to lightning.
- ✓ Reflective equipment should be used such as the reflective horse boots/laces and reflective vest during bad weather conditions.
- ✓ Walkie talkies and location tracking devices must be provided for use in weak signal areas.
- ✓ Electric lights must be provided to be used when needed.
- ✓ The horseback riding trips must be in groups, and the rider must wait if they can no longer see the rider behind them.



## 4. Safety(4/4)

4.5 Upon acceptance of the rider to participate in horseback riding trips, the club is required to ensure that the rider is medically fit and the club is held the full responsibility for that.

4.6 Having a certified medical specialist for the club or a valid contract with a clinic from the Saudi Federation for Health Specialties. In the event that a specialist is available but not accredited, one can apply for accreditation by filling out the following form by the Saudi Federation for Sports Medicine (SFSM) <http://sfsm.org.sa/mos30>

\*\* If needed, SFSM provides a list of medical specialists. To request, please click on: <http://sfsm.org.sa/mos40>

4.7 **First Aid** - Provide first aid kit with adequate equipment as it's stipulated here <http://sfsm.org.sa/mos70> as per SFSM's minimum standards, and to have an ambulance car during trips (if available/needed).

\*\* For your convenience, we have prepared a ready-made first aid kit, to obtain it please click on the below: <http://sfsm.org.sa/nafes/>

✓ **Small Bag:** SAR 12,650 (up to 50 persons)

✓ **Large bag:** SAR 14,375 (up to 100 persons)

4.8 **Fire alarm system according to the requirements of the Civil Defense**

## B/ Administrative Requirements



## 6. Affiliation

- 6.1** The facility is operated as a Equestrian Tourism Club by obtaining a commercial register, a municipal permit and a license from the Ministry of Sports.
- 6.2** It is prohibited to start the trip until all the technical requirements mentioned in these regulations are completed.
- 6.3** All horses must be in good condition as per the safety standards as stated in 4.1,4.2 and 4.3, to ride on excursions.
- 6.4** The club must provide qualified guides and assistants according to the requirements as mentioned in 1.3.
- 6.5** The club must provide all the tools mentioned in (3.1) and the first aid supplies as mentioned in (4.7).
- 6.6** The club shall provide stables suitable in terms of space and ventilation for the horses as mentioned in (4.2).
- 6.7** Comply with all the technical and administrative requirements written in this regulation for the Equestrian Tourism Clubs.
- 6.8** Requirements and supporting documents:
  - Ownership deed or lease agreement for horse stables and other facilities.
  - Owner's national ID or the ID of the authorized person.
  - A sketch of the club site.
  - Pictures of the facilities on the site.
  - Authorization (if any).

## 7. Fees

**7.1** All horse riding activities including trips must be registered with the Saudi Equestrian Federation by obtaining a license from the Ministry of Sports (Obtaining affiliation with the federation service under the Nafes platform (<https://mos.gov.sa/ar/nafes/Pages/clubs.html>))

**7.2** Equestrian Tourism Clubs Categorization:

Category	Description	Fees
Category A	40 horses or more (or/and) 10 or more guides (or/and) luxury services and side services – (Appendix A)	3,500 SAR
Category B	20 - 39 Horses (or/and) 5 - 9 guides	3,000 SAR
Category C	19 Horses or less (or/and) 4 guides or less	2,500 SAR
Any equestrian club that offers horse riding trips		2,000 SAR

## Appendix A

Category	Category A Details
Category A	<p>40 horses or more (or/and) 10 or more guides (or/and) luxury services in terms of quality of horses, horse kits and side services such as hospitality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Luxury accommodation</li><li>• Transportation/Chauffeur service</li><li>• Customer Service Staff</li><li>• An expert staff for barn and horse management for a luxurious care of horses, barn and horse kits</li></ul>

## 8. Violations & Penalties

**8.1** Not complying with the conditions and requirements mentioned in this regulation such as the following will result in penalties:

- Practicing the activity without a license or affiliation by the Saudi Equestrian Federation.
- Mismanagement of the group of rider and horses during the trips.
- Defects related to the health and welfare of horses.

Violation		Penalties			
		1 <sup>st</sup> Violation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Violation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Violation	4 <sup>th</sup> Violation
1	Non-compliance with the regulation and its conditions	10,000 SAR	20,000 SAR	To be determined by the Federation's Disciplinary Committee	license/affiliation Suspension

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