

MEP Membership Terms & Conditions

Welcome to MEP. These Terms & Conditions help everyone use Marlborough Equestrian Park safely, respectfully and sustainably. By following them, members support the Park, our volunteers and the wider equestrian community.

Membership Basis & Definitions

Membership gives approved riders access to MEP, subject to these Terms & Conditions, MEP policies, safety requirements, availability, closures and bookings. By applying, renewing, paying or using MEP, members agree to follow these requirements, the Health & Safety Policy, signage and directions. MEP may update requirements as needed.

Individual Membership

- Individual membership covers the named rider only, it must not be shared, transferred or used for non-member access.

Family Membership

- Family membership is intended for a true family unit and covers up to two adults living in the same household, plus their children/dependents aged 18 and under.
- It is not a group, friends, flatmates, extended family or shared access membership; it applies only to the approved family members named on the membership.
- Named adults are responsible for supervising children/dependents and ensuring all family members use MEP safely, respectfully and in line with these Terms & Conditions.

Annual Yard Lease

- Only use the yard type you have leased.
- Covered yard leases do not include free covered yard use during the Premier League Dressage Show or the Show Jumping/Show Hunter Premier Weekends. During these events, annual covered yard lease holders will be allocated an open yard instead. Lease holders may request a covered yard for these competitions, but this must be booked and approved by the show organisers and will depend on available space and event eligibility criteria.
- If you have not leased a yard, book and pay for one via MEP Messenger or the online option when available.

What Membership Includes

- Access to open, safe MEP training facilities during member hours, subject to closures, bookings, ground conditions, maintenance and events.
- Gate access for the approved membership period.
- Yard use is included only where a yard has been booked, leased or otherwise approved, including for clinics and competitions.

What Membership Does Not Include

- Membership does not include access for non-members, visiting riders, coaches, bodyworkers, tack fitters or service providers.
- It does not include access to closed, booked, competition or maintenance areas, camping, overnight stays, power, unapproved yard use or events unless approved, booked and paid for.
- Facility availability is not guaranteed.
- Ground fees for clinics, competitions and training days.
- A non member riding your horse/pony at MEP.

Member Conduct

Members are expected to act respectfully, responsibly and safely when using MEP, attending events, communicating with others or representing MEP online.

- **Horse welfare is paramount;** all horses must be treated with care, respect and appropriate consideration at all times.
- Treat committee, volunteers, members, riders, visitors and service providers with courtesy.
- Raise concerns constructively through MEP channels.
- Avoid bullying, harassment, intimidation, abusive language or unsafe/unwelcome behaviour.
- Use social media responsibly and avoid content that could negatively affect MEP, its committee, members, volunteers, sponsors or users.
- Respect MEP decisions, policies, closures, bookings and safety requirements.

Safety Requirements

- Approved riding helmets must be worn when mounted.
- Riders under 18 must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Back protectors and a second person are required for cross-country jumps.
- An AED is at the clubroom entrance; members should know the Emergency Management Plan on the MEP website.

Access & Security

- Access is **6:00am to 8:30pm**, unless otherwise approved.
- Gate codes/PINs are individual and must not be shared.
- Close and lock the gate when entering or leaving.
- Camping, overnight stays or extended access require prior approval and any fee.

CCTV, Security Monitoring & ANPR

MEP may use CCTV and ANPR for site security, gate access, health and safety, incident/complaint/damage investigations, and enforcement. Information is managed under the Privacy Act 2020 and kept only as reasonably necessary. MEP records financial members and yard leases on the website for transparency.

Visitors & Non-Members

- Membership is for riders, not horses; non-member riders must be approved, booked and pay the applicable ground fee before riding at MEP.
- Anyone brought onsite, including visitors, spectators, support people, children and dogs, remains the member's responsibility.

Facility Use

Members must:

- Respect riders, events, lessons, clinics, maintenance and organised activities.
- Check the website, Facebook, signage and booking information before use.
- Do not use MEP during events or event setup; closures will be on Facebook and the website.
- Follow arena, ground, cross-country, weather and maintenance closures/directions.
- Be aware that machinery and irrigation may be operating at any time.
- Do not lunge in grass turf or sand arenas.
- Use cross-country only when open, with a back protector and second person.
- Report damage, hazards or unsafe behaviour immediately, and fill horse holes.

Lessons, Clinics & Competitions

Member Instructors, Bodyworkers & Tack Fitters

- Lessons/services for more than two riders consecutively on the same day require an arena booking via MEP Messenger or the booking system once available.
- MEP member instructor arena bookings are currently free.
- Non-MEP members attending lessons/sessions must pay a **\$25 ground fee per rider**. Instructors/organisers must collect applicable ground fees and pay MEP as one payment.
- Non-member instructors, bodyworkers or tack fitters need MEP approval before operating onsite; clinic conditions and fees apply.

Looking After the Park

Members must:

- Remove poo/manure from arenas and around floats, yards, parking and shared areas; use muck bins and leave facilities tidy.
- Do not leave muck or rubbish under trees.
- Park considerately and keep gateways, yards, arenas, truck/float and emergency access clear.
- Keep dogs leashed or secured in a ventilated vehicle and clean up after them.
- Follow MEP's smoke-free policy.
- Do not empty greywater or septic waste from horse trucks at MEP; nearest dump station: Spring Creek Holiday Park

Liability

All persons enter and use MEP at their own risk. MEP is not responsible for loss, damage or injury to people, horses, vehicles or property.

Payments, Refunds & Membership Changes

Membership, ground, yard, camping and other fees must be paid as required. Refunds, transfers and changes are at MEP's discretion unless required by law or stated by MEP.

Breaches of MEP Terms and Conditions

MEP aims to resolve concerns fairly. If these Terms & Conditions are not followed, MEP may restrict/decline access, require a person/horse/dog to leave, or suspend, cancel or terminate membership for deliberate, serious, repeated or ongoing breaches. This includes breaches of MEP requirements or policies, unsafe or inappropriate behaviour, property/reputational damage, conduct bringing MEP into disrepute, or behaviour affecting MEP's safe, respectful and effective operation, including online.