

**INDIAN HAMMOCK HUNT & RIDING CLUB INC.  
EQUESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN POSITION DESCRIPTION**

The Indian Hammock Equestrian & Trails Committee consists of a Chairman appointed by the president with no less than three members.

The committee is formed and the names are reported to the President of the Board of Directors at the March meeting. These Committee members are recognized as permanent members of the annual Committee. Any horse-owning member or LTG in good standing with the Club and in attendance of the monthly meeting shall be deemed a member of the Committee for the duration of said meeting and as such will have a recognized vote.

The Chairman represents the committee at the Board of Directors meetings concerning equestrian activities, projects or problems. The committee conducts periodic reviews of current Equestrian Rules and Procedures found in the SOP and annually recommends any changes.

The committee plans and conducts equestrian activities.

Copies of minutes of Equestrian & Trails Committee meetings are to be distributed to the President and Manager.

The Chairman works with The Board of Directors, Indian Hammock Manager, other committees and members to have a fun and safe equestrian community.

**EQUESTRIAN PROCEDURES**

The following procedures are to be followed by all members and guests engaging in equestrian activities on Indian Hammock property. Observance of these procedures will help to make our community a safe and fun place to ride.

No smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages while engaged in equestrian activities in Indian Hammock.

Properly fitted and secured equestrian helmets are mandatory for riders under 16 years of age and recommended for those 16 and older as per Florida Statute.

Children 16 years old and under must be accompanied and supervised by the adult horse owner and may not ride a horse whose owner is not present unless being supervised by an adult equestrian trainer.

Use of the arena requires signing a release form which is available at the office, front gate or in the Tack Room. Parent or Guardian must sign proper release forms. Children 16 years old and under may not trade horses except when under the supervision of parent, guardian or riding instructor.

Round Pen is to be used for lunging and may not be used for turn out.

**Horseback Riding Trail Etiquette:**

When approaching other riders from behind give a shout out so they know you are coming to avoid spooking the other rider's horses.

When you want to pass another horse and rider, bring your horse to a walk, ask permission to pass, pass at the walk and get sufficiently clear before going to a faster gait.

When approaching another horse and rider head on, slow to the walk, stay to the right and get sufficiently clear before going to a faster gait.

When encountering pedestrians slow to the walk and give them plenty of space.

**Riding Arena Etiquette:**

Before you enter the arena, if there is another rider already using it, practice ring etiquette.

When riding in the arena with others and approaching a rider from the front, pass each other left shoulder to left shoulder, unless otherwise specified.

Arena gate shall be closed at all times.

Make sure all equipment that is used in the arena is put up when finished. Horseback Riders, riding after dark must be wearing reflected material in Indian Hammock.

Children under the age of 16 are to be under adult supervision at all times. Children are not allowed to climb on the equipment, gates, or fences. No unattended children, running, yelling, or boisterous play shall be permitted in or around stables or tacking areas. To minimize the risk of an accident young children should remain within close supervision and under control of an adult at all times. No bicycle riding, ball playing or other sports activities within 50 feet of the track room and stable area.