



# SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE HIRING OF CLUB HORSES & MONTHLY LEASE (EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2011)**

- 1) The monthly hiring of polo ponies, when available, is available to charter members, their spouses and children only. Ad-hoc hire is subject to availability and approval of the Polo Captain for members and their guests, visiting polo players and teams; with all players to hold a recognised polo handicap.
- 2) The charges for the leasing /advance booking/ ad hoc hire of polo ponies is as follows: -
  - S\$70 for ad-hoc riding - 30 minutes of riding (30 minutes including not more than 20 minutes maximum of exercise).
  - S\$90 for ad-hoc stick & ball - 20 minutes of stick and ball (20 minutes including not more than 10 minutes maximum at pace).
  - S\$95 per weekday chukka; S\$150 per weekend chukka (GRADE B horses)  
S\$120 per weekday chukka; S\$170 per weekend chukka (GRADE A horses)
  - S\$80 per arena chukka (not inclusive of \$10 arena entrance fee for use of arena)
  - S\$10 arena entrance fee whenever arena polo is played.
  - S\$800 per month for a riding lease – when available.
  - S\$1290 (GRADE A horses) or \$960 (GRADE B horses) per month for a weekday lease: Polo on Tuesday and Thursday plus one (1) session of riding or stick and ball per week on either Tuesday or Thursday morning.
  - S\$1700 (GRADE A horses) or \$1175 (GRADE B horses) per month for a weekend lease - Polo on Saturday and Sunday plus one (1) session of riding or stick and ball per week on Saturday morning.
  - S\$2150 (GRADE A horses) or \$1600 (GRADE B horses) per month for a full lease - Polo on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday plus a total of two (2) sessions per week of either stick and ball or riding on specified mornings.All quoted charges listed above are inclusive of 7% GST. Non-members will be charge 50% above the indicated rates.
- 3) In the case of monthly or longer term leases, should the horse become lame or otherwise unplayable, the lessee is obliged to continue to pay the full cost of the lease (and any additional vet charges) until the horse has fully recovered or is once again playable unless - in the opinion of the Polo Captain/Polo Sub-committee - the condition or cause was completely unrelated to the lessee's normal use of the horse in question. This obligation will continue until the end of the original term of the lease. No replacement horse will be provided during the absence of the leased horse.
- 4) Ad-hoc hiring of Club horses refers to the booking of a horse(s) on the day of polo on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a horse has been allocated, it will be deemed to be a confirmed booking and, in the event of cancellation of polo due to unsuitable ground and/or weather conditions, the lessee will nonetheless be obliged to pay 25% of the chukka hire charges. The closing time for the reservation of a horse(s) for polo is two (2) hours before the start of polo for adequate time for all horse allocations.
- 5) Advance booking of Club horses is available up to three (3) days before the day of polo. Once a horse has been allocated, it will be deemed to be a confirmed booking and in the event of cancellation of polo due to unsuitable ground and/or weather conditions, the lessee will be obliged to pay the full chukka hire charges. Advance booking of horses is limited to two (2) horses maximum. The Club reserves the right to discontinue or reject advance bookings on specified horses without prior notice.
- 6) For tournaments, once a player has requested a Club horse and the horse has been allocated, he or she will still be obliged to pay 50% of the chukka hire charge in the event that polo is cancelled on the day of the tournament due to unsuitable ground and/or weather conditions.
- 7) The Polo Captain has the ultimate discretion to decide whether a horse is fit to play and his decision will be final.
- 8) A leased horse will be for the sole use of the member leasing the horse. No assignment or transfer is allowed (including to a spouse or child). Members are expected to sign the lease chit before leaving the Club. The chit only serves as a reference for the member; with all applicable charges to be reflected on the member's club account.
- 9) If the lessee is considered by the Polo Captain (in his sole discretion) to be causing either injury or harm to the horse, the lessee will be responsible for all resulting costs and the lease terminated forthwith.
- 10) The lessee must ensure proper care and handling of the horse during the period of lease. Proper attire/equipment is to be worn when riding Club horses at all times.
- 11) The Club reserves the right to void a lease at anytime during the period of a lease.
- 12) While the Club will endeavour to allow the lessee to continue to use the allocated horse during tournaments in which the lessee wishes to participate, the club reserves the right to use the horse as it deems most appropriate for the tournament. If the club exercises this right, the lessee is relieved of responsibility for the welfare of the horse and payment for the period of the tournament; charges to be pro-rated accordingly.
- 13) If the lessee is not using the leased horse on the days/times stipulated in the lease, the horse may be used at the discretion of the Club.
- 14) If polo is cancelled on the day/time of the lease, the lessee may use the horse for riding.
- 15) No spurs are allowed at any time when either riding or playing polo on Club horses without the express permission of the Polo Captain. During stick and ball, all horses must have either boots or bandages the forelegs (at least).
- 16) Stick and ball practice on a leased horse must not be for more than 20 minutes (including a maximum of 10 minutes at pace). Riding should not be for more than 30 minutes (including a maximum of 20 minutes of exercise other than walking). Warming up of a leased horse by the lessee before polo is restricted to a maximum of five (5) minutes.