



# SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

## POLO SECTION FAQ (Updated October 2009)

### Time & days of Polo Play

Tuesday & Thursday : 5.00PM starts

Saturday : 4.00PM starts

Sunday : 4.30PM starts

### Riding timing

Tuesday to Sunday (Stable yard closed on Monday)

7 am to 9am and 4pm to 6.30pm

(Members may ride their own horses outside these times but would be responsible to tacking-up and washing of horses themselves.)

### How to start playing polo or start having polo riding lesson

If you already have a polo handicap

- 1) Send in a letter or email of request to start playing polo to [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org) and address it to the Polo Captain, accompanied by a letter of introduction from the Club where you are currently playing polo. Most importantly the letter must state your polo handicap.
- 2) Once the Polo Captain approved your request, you will need to undergo a polo assessment to determine if you are suitable to start playing polo. The assessment usually last for half an hour and cost \$90 inclusive of 7%GST (rates subject to change). There will be an additional 50% charge for non-member.
- 3) Upon passing the assessment, you will need to purchase a Chartered Individual or Chartered Corporate membership to start playing polo.

If you do not have a polo handicap or would like to have polo lessons

- 1) Send in a letter or email of request for polo lesson to [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org) and address it to the Polo Captain stating your experience in polo/ riding.
- 2) Once approved there will be a polo/riding assessment to determine the eligibility to start having lessons. Assessment will usually last for half an hour and will cost \$90 inclusive of 7%GST (rates subject to change). There will be an additional 50% charge for non-member.
- 3) For lessons, you can start with polo riding lesson and subsequently stick & ball lesson. Thereafter, when your instructor has assessed that you are competent enough for the polo test, you can sign up for the polo test which will be held periodically. The polo test involves a polo theory and practical test and upon passing a (N)ovice handicap will be granted which enable you to play polo on weekdays. You can only play polo in the weekends when you have obtained a handicap of N+ or above or subject to the Polo Captain approval.

If you do not wish to purchase a membership, as you will be in Singapore for a short-term period, you will need to send in a letter or email to [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org) and address it to the Polo Captain stating your requests and explaining your situation. Upon approval by the Polo Captain, you can start playing polo or have polo lesson but there is an additional 50% charge on top of the prevailing members' rates.

## Start playing polo

You will need horses to start playing polo. You can follow either of the ways below:

### a) **Transfer of allocated stable from another member**

The Club's polo stables are only allocated to polo players. You can check the Polo notice board located at the Club house on notices for stable transfer. Then you will need to negotiate with the members who are transferring their stable on the terms of the transfer. Upon agreement, the member who is transferring the stable must fill in the **"REQUEST FOR STABLE REALLOCATION"** indicating who he would like to transfer the stable to. As for the member who would be taking over the stable allocation, he must fill in the **"REQUEST FOR STABLE ALLOCATION FORM"**. If a transfer of horse is also involved, both parties must fill in the **"SALES CONTRACT FORM"**. All these forms must then be submitted to the polo office for the approval by the Polo Sub-Committee. Upon approval, a letter will be sent to both parties and the member being allocated the stable will have to pay \$5000 transfer fee and a stable deposit of \$1000 (stable deposit refundable on transfer of stable to another party). All the forms indicated can be obtained from the office or you can request for them by e-mailing [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org)

### b) **Application for a Leased Club stable**

You can apply for a Leased Club stable by writing in or e-mailing the Polo Captain at [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org). The polo Club stables are only available to polo players with a valid SPC polo handicap. The allocation will be subject to the approval and applicant will be informed on the status of their application.

### c) **Hire a horse from the Club on a monthly basis**

Members can lease a Club horse from the Club by filling in the **"HIRING OF CLUB POLO HORSES FORM"** and submit it to the Polo Executive before the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Members will be notified on their allocation subsequently.

### d) **Hire a horse from the Club on an ad-hoc basis**

Members can hire a horse for polo on an ad-hoc basis. Ad-hoc hiring of Club horses refers to the booking of horses on the day of polo and it will be based 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 booking of horses for polo will be 2 hours before the start of polo to enable adequate time for horse allocations.

### e) **Advance booking of Club horse for polo**

Members can also advance book a horse for polo. Advance booking of Club horses is available up to 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 hire charges. The Club reserves the right to discontinue or reject advance booking on selected horses as it deems fit.

Please refer to the **"HIRING OF CLUB HORSES RULES & REGULATIONS"** for more information on the rates, rules & regulation on the hiring of Club horses.

## Booking of Polo Chukkas

Members who own horses or hire a Club horse will need to book their polo chukkas. The closing time for booking of chukkas is 1 hour before polo. You can book for chukkas through the ways shown below:

- a) Sign up on the chukka sign up list on the polo notice board
- b) Call the reception at 6854399 to book your chukkas

## Dress Code for Polo

Weekdays: Polo helmet, boots or riding shoes plus a red or white t-shirt

Weekends: Polo helmet, white breeches, brown boots plus a red or white collared t-shirt

## Booking of Polo Riding or Stick & Ball lesson

Polo Riding and Stick & Ball lessons are available from Tuesday to Sunday (except Public holidays)

Instructors shown below are available to conduct Polo Riding or Stick & Ball lessons.

Their rates are shown below:

Instructors	Individual lesson	2 persons sharing	3 to 6 persons sharing
Sattar Khan	\$130	\$105 per person	\$85 per person
Sanaullah Khan	\$95	\$75 per person	\$65 per person

To book for lesson, members must contact the Polo Office at 68543970 or e-mail [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org) at least 24 hours in advance. Members are NOT permitted to book lessons with individual instructors directly. Please adhere to this rule as it enables proper scheduling of lessons and exercise for the Club ponies.

Individual lessons last half an hour and the time slots are 7.30am, 8.00am, and 8.30am on Tuesday to Sunday mornings and 4.30pm (Non polo handicap member), 5.00pm and 5.30pm (Member with a SPC polo handicap) on Wednesday and Friday. You can start booking on the Tuesday of each week for lessons up to the end of the following week. Any cancellation of lesson(s) must be communicated to the Polo Executive at least 24 hours before the lesson. Failing that, the lesson is still chargeable. Failure to show up for the lesson will result in the lesson being charged anyway. Members are not allowed to book double lessons on any one morning / evening except with approval from the polo instructors.

Stick and ball lessons are only allowed on the polo field on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. Members can still use the indoor arena or the stick and ball arena on these days.

## Hiring of horse for Riding

You can lease a club horse for riding in the morning of Tuesday to Sunday and the afternoon of Wednesday and Friday. Applicants must be assessed by the instructors to determine that they are capable of riding the horse by themselves.

Riding is allowed from 7.00am to 9.00am in the morning and 5.00pm to 6.30pm in the afternoon. Members whom like to hire a horse for riding can call Sattar Khan at 97906722 .

## Stick & Ball practice

Stick and Ball practice are usually allowed on the field either on Wednesday or Friday afternoon subject to the discretion of the Polo Captain and weather and ground conditions. Stick & Ball practice is restricted to members who have a valid SPC polo handicap. The timing for Stick and Ball practice is between 5.00pm to 6.30pm (time may varies). Members whom do not have a horse can hire a horse for Stick & Ball practice by calling Sattar Khan at 97906722 .

## Movement of horses

Members who wish to move their horses 1) between stables 2) into the Club 3) out of the Club must fill in the **“ HORSE MOVMENT FORM”** and submit it the Polo Executive. Members must obtain the approval from the Polo Captain prior to the movement. The form is available at the Polo office.