



# SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

## POLO SECTION FAQ (Updated July 2011)

### **Polo**

Tuesday & Thursday from 5.00PM

Saturday & Sunday from 4.30PM

### **Riding**

Tuesday to Sunday (Stable-yard closed on Monday)

7am to 9am & 4pm to 6.30pm

(Members may ride their own horses outside of these times, but will be responsible for tacking-up and washing of their horse(s)).

### **How to begin polo lessons**

- 1) You will need to purchase a Club membership by contacting our Membership Department at Tel: 6854 3956 or E-mail: [membership@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:membership@singaporepoloclub.org) . Kindly note that you will require a CHARTER membership if you intend to play polo in the future.
- 2) After securing the membership, please send a letter or email of request to [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org) stating your polo/riding experience.
- 3) Once approved, you will be scheduled for a riding assessment to determine your suitability to commence polo lessons. An assessment is a 30-minute session with our Polo Professional and costs \$90 inclusive of 7%GST (rates subject to change). The Club Polo Test (for issuance of a handicap) is held periodically; with the date for the test posted on the Polo Notice Board on the Verandah.
- 4) Members usually begin with Riding for Polo lessons followed by Stick & Ball lessons. You can register for the Polo Test after your polo instructor has determined that you are competent enough for this test. The Polo Test involves theoretical and practical components. Upon passing this examination, an N or Novice handicap is awarded and you can start playing polo on weekdays only. You will be eligible to play on weekends when you have achieved a handicap of N+ or above (or subject to the approval of the Polo Captain).

### **How to start playing polo**

- 1) Send in a letter or email of request to [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org) accompanied by a letter of introduction from your previous Club(s). Most importantly, this letter must state your approved polo handicap.
- 2) If you are not already a member, you will need to purchase a CHARTER membership by contacting our Membership Department at Tel: 6854 3956 or E-mail: [membership@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:membership@singaporepoloclub.org) .
- 3) Once approved, you will be scheduled for a polo assessment to determine your Club polo handicap. An assessment is a 30-minute session with our Polo Professional and cost \$90 inclusive of 7%GST (rates subject to change). Applicants may be requested to take the Club Polo Test (for issuance of a handicap) which is held periodically; with the date for the test posted on the Polo Notice Board on the Verandah.
- 4) Once you have been awarded a Club polo handicap, you may start playing polo at the Club.

## Playing polo

You will need horses to start playing polo at the Club; with the following available options:

**a) Purchase of stable from another member (Allocated stable)**

The Club polo stables are allocated to polo players. Members who would like to obtain a stable will have to negotiate with a member who wishes to transfer their allocated stable. Upon agreement, the member who wishes to transfer the stable must complete the **“REQUEST FOR STABLE REALLOCATION”** form and indicate that he would like to return the stable allocation to the Club. The member who wishes to apply for the stable allocation must complete the **“REQUEST FOR STABLE ALLOCATION FORM”** and submit this form to the Polo Office for approval by the Polo Sub-Committee. Upon approval, a letter will be forwarded to both parties; with the member being allocated the stable having to pay a \$5000 transfer fee and a refundable stable deposit of \$1000 (refundable at the time of transfer to another party).

**b) Application for a Club Stable**

You can apply for a Club stable by writing or e-mailing the Polo Captain at [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org). The Club stables are only available to polo players with a valid Club polo handicap of at least -2. The allocation will be subject to Committee approval.

**c) Hire a horse from the Club on a 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 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.

**d) Advance booking of Club horse for polo**

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.

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

## Booking of Polo Chukkas

Members who own a horse(s) or hire a Club horse will need to book their club chukkas on each occasion. The closing time for the booking of club chukkas is 2.30pm. You can book for club chukkas as follows:

- a) Register on the Chukka Sign-up List on the Polo Notice Board
- b) Call the Front Reception at Tel: 6854 3999 to book your chukkas
- c) SMS our Polo Executive, Sunny Oh at Tel: 9237 0872

## Dress Code for Polo

Weekdays: Polo helmet, brown polo boots, a red shirt and a white shirt

Weekends: Polo helmet, white breeches, brown polo boots, a red shirt and a white shirt

## Booking of Polo Riding or Stick & Ball lesson

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

Instructors are available to conduct Riding for Polo or Stick & Ball lessons;

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 polo lessons, members must contact our Polo Executive, Sunny Oh 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.

Polo lessons are 30 minutes in duration, with the following available time slots: 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 Club polo handicap) on Wednesday and Friday. You can book lessons on the Tuesday of each week for lessons up to the end of the following week. Any lesson cancellation(s) must be communicated to our Polo Executive, Sunny Oh at least 24 hours before the lesson. Failure to do so will result in full payment for the lesson. Failure to show up for a scheduled lesson will also result in full charge for that lesson. Members are not allowed to book double lessons (two simultaneous lessons) without the approval of the Polo Instructor.

Stick and ball lessons are only allowed on the polo field on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Stick and ball lessons can also be conducted on the polo field on Saturday morning if instructional chukkas are cancelled.

## Horse hire for Riding

You can lease a club horse for riding on Tuesday to Sunday (morning only; from 7.00am to 9.00am), and Wednesday and Friday (afternoon only; from 5.00pm to 6:30pm). Applicants must be assessed by a polo instructor to determine their suitability to ride unassisted. Members who would like to hire a horse for riding are asked to contact our Polo Professional, Sattar Khan at Tel: 9790 6722.

## Stick and Ball practice

Stick and Ball practice is allowed on the polo field on Wednesday and Friday afternoon; from 5.00pm to 6.30pm subject to weather and ground conditions.

Stick and Ball practice is restricted to members who have a valid Club polo handicap. Members who do not own a horse(s) can hire a horse for Stick & Ball practice by contacting our Polo Professional, Sattar Khan at Tel: 9790 6722.

## Movement of horses

Members who wish to move their horses 1) between stables 2) to the Club 3) from the Club must contact our Polo Executive, Sunny Oh at Tel: 9237 0872 for approval from the Polo Captain prior to any movement.