



# SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

## POLO SECTION FAQ (Updated MAR 2016)

### **Polo**

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from 4.30PM

### **Riding**

Tuesday to Sunday (Stable-yard closed on Monday)

7.30am to 9.00am & 4.00pm 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 Captain/Polo instructor 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 your membership is 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 Captain/Polo instructor 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) Re-allocation of stable from another member (Allocated stable)

The Club's polo stables are only allocated to polo players. Polo players who intend to transfer their stable to another member will place an advertisement on the polo notice board. Interested polo players will have to contact the polo player on the transfer of the 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”**. Both of the forms must be submitted to the Polo Office for approval by the Polo Sub-Committee/Main 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). Only polo players of -2 and above are eligible for an allocated stable.

### 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 the Committee approval.

### c) 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 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. Members who would like to hire a horse for polo are asked to contact our Polo Administrative Manager, Sunny Oh at Tel: 92370872. The closing time for the reservation of a horse(s) for polo is **1.00pm** on every polo day.

### 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 50% of the 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. Members who would like to hire a horse for polo are asked to contact our Polo Administrative Manager, Sunny Oh at Tel: 92370872.

Please refer to the **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE HIRING OF CLUB HORSES** for more information on 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 **1.00pm** on every polo day. You can book your chukkas as follows:

- Send an e-mail to [polo@singaporepoloclub.org](mailto:polo@singaporepoloclub.org)
- Send an SMS to Sunny Oh, Polo Administrative Manager at 9237 0872
- Call the Front Reception at 6854 399
- Sign up on the signup list located at the Polo Notice Board

## Dress Code for Polo

Mid-week chukkas and General Riding: Polo helmet, boots or riding shoes, plus a white or red t-shirt with collar. Jeans and other forms of long trousers are permitted. Singlets are not permitted.

Weekends - all tournaments, Club Cups and chukkas. : Polo helmet, white breeches, brown boots, and white or red official Club Shirt of the current year or as specified by the Tournament Committee.

## **Polo lessons**

All lessons are of 30 minutes duration, with 30 minutes allotted for the lesson and an additional 10 minutes either for moving between the stable yard and lesson venue, warming up the pony, or cooling it down afterwards.

To book a lesson, members are asked to contact the Polo Administrative Manager at 68543970 unless he is unavailable (for example on annual or medical leave of absence) 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 managing the overall work done by individual Club polo ponies.

Members may book lessons starting 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 Administrative Manager at least 24 hours before the scheduled lesson, failing which, the lesson will still be charged to the member's account.

The following time slots are available **for polo lessons on the polo field**:

- 7.00am to 7.30am, 7.40am to 8.10am, 8.20am to 8.50am and 9.00am to 9.30am on Tuesday to Sunday mornings;
- 4.00pm to 4.30pm for members **WITHOUT** a SPC polo handicap, on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

And **for polo lessons off the polo field** ie in the stick & ball or other arena:

- 7.00am to 7.30am, 7.40am to 8.10am, 8.20am to 8.50am and 9.00am to 9.30am on Tuesday to Sunday mornings;
- 4.00pm to 4.30pm, 4.40pm to 5.10pm and 5.20pm to 5.50 pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

## **Horse hire for Riding**

You can lease a club horse for riding on Tuesday to Sunday (morning only; from 7.30am 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 Sanaullah Khan, at Tel: 98374929

## **Stick and Ball practice**

Stick and Ball practice is allowed on the polo field on Wednesday and Friday afternoon; from 4.30pm 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 Sanaullah Khan, at Tel: 98374929

## **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 Administrative Manager, Sunny Oh at Tel: 9237 0872 for approval from the Polo Captain prior to any movement.