

Blackbutt Pony Express Inc

Club rules and protocols for new and present members.

Blackbutt Pony Express (B.P.E.) conduct trail-riding at various areas from Linville to Nanango.

The club holds a 2 day camp each month at Blackbutt Showgrounds and 1 day rides every 2nd week.

The club's management committee, being executive and ride committee, can change ride venue, distance or cancel any ride without notice. All members will be notified by email, facebook, text or mobile call if a change or cancellation happens.

B.P.E. is an ATHRA affiliated club and all members are insured through ATHRA with third party and personal insurance.

B.P.E. conduct all rides to the ATHRA code of conduct and club rules.

The code of conduct can be viewed on the ATHRA web site.

Club rides are conducted with accredited trail-boss's, qualified medic and carry people/horse medical kits on all rides.

All club rides carry 2way radios and emergency satellite locator [EPerp] and at times a GPS.

Helmets are not compulsory except for juniors under 18 years of age

1.. All club rides have a \$5 ride fee for 1 or 2 day rides. Juniors pay no ride fee.

2.. Club membership PA. is \$125, breakdown being \$100 ATHRA insurance, \$15 Blackbutt Showgrounds membership, \$10 club fee.

Junior membership is \$40 PA, pay no club fee or showground membership.

3., Guest riders [being non ATHRA member] can only ride with B.P.E. twice per year, then must be a financial club member to ride on future rides.

4.. Guest rider fee is \$30 insurance plus \$5 club ride fee including junior riders, but juniors pay no ride fee

- 5.. If a guest rider chose's to join B.P.E. with-in 48 hours of their ride, the \$30 is included in the join-up fee.
- 6.. Club shirts are available to members with club logo embroidered on shirt for \$50, the purchase of a club shirt is not compulsory, however members may have logo embroidered on their own shirt at a cost of \$10
- 7.. Horses that may kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail, green horses a green ribbon, stallions blue ribbon, Stallions are permitted on a "one day trial" the management committee will evaluate if the stallion can join future club rides
- 8.. All rides are listed on the B.P.E. facebook page 1 week prior to ride, and have accurate description and distance of rides
- 9.. A club ride calendar is sent to all members via email/post, at the beginning of the ride season being from the 2nd week of February to the 2nd week of December, calendar is listed on the club page on the ATHRA web site, but not published on club Facebook page
- 10.. Minutes of club meetings are sent via email/post to all members, club meetings are held every 2nd month or at the discretion of the club executive. Most club meetings take place after a Saturday ride at two day camps
- 11.. Members not on facebook or have no email address will be sent all relevant club correspondence via post to address supplied on membership form.
- 12.. All club rides are planned by the ride committee and approved by the club executive.
- 13.. Morning, lunch breaks and times and areas are pre-planned, any alteration o this will be announced prior to the ride or during the ride by the lead rider or trail-boss.
- 14.. Any unscheduled stop will be at the call of the trail-boss/lead rider, these decisions can be forced either by weather, horse problems or sick rider.
- 15.. Club riders are expected to complete the ride as planned. Un-fit horses or riders are not catered for when planning rides.
- 16.. Short distance rides between 12 to 15km are planned on most Sunday rides at camps, Saturday rides are between 20 to 30km.

17.. Sunday one day rides usually between 17 to 25km

18.. Turn back rides happen on selected rides by the ride committee, however turn back rides cannot be planned for any club ride at Linville, or short 12-15km ride.

19.. The trail-boss can on any ride, shorten the ride, change ride plan or turn back if weather conditions, accident, sick rider, injured horse and return to camp is warranted. The trail-boss will confer with all ride officials and inform the riders as to the decision made, that decision is final.

20.. Passing another horse at a canter or trot strictly forbidden unless approved by the rider being passed. The club has a policy of no galloping your horse at any club ride, and all canters and trotting only when the trail-boss gives approval. All canter and trotting at pre-designated tracks only, riders on a canter/trot must ride at least 5 meters from the horse in front, racing or passing the lead rider is not permitted.

21.. Ann Rabbe is the clubs liaison officer and members should approach Ann with any concerns or complaints, or alternately any club executive member.

22.. No dispute between members will be aired in public and all complaints and concerns will be settled privately and not made available to other members who are not involved. However all disputes and concerns will be documented by the club executive.

Regards

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President

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