

SGT 2023 Rules & Regulations

HARRIS COUNTY (HOUSTON FARM & RANCH CLUB)

Only vehicles with appropriate stickers may enter the area reserved for the Salt Grass Trail.

All fires must be contained and not on the ground.

TRAIL ROUTE

All campers, trucks, etc. are requested to take alternate roads to ALL CAMPSITES and NOT use the trail route.

MEMORIAL PARK

No glass containers. No vehicles other than wagons and horses can leave roadbed and/or paved surfaces. Do not cross ditches or curbs. Do not unload on Memorial Drive. **DO NOT BLOCK ANY DRIVEWAYS OR WATER TROUGHS. ALL WAGONS WILL CAMP IN PARK – ANY ONE LEAVING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED THE NEXT YEAR. ALL FIRES MUST BE CONTAINED AND NOT ON THE GROUND.**

Memorial Park passes will be issued Thursday night during the ride by your Wagon Boss and Trail Boss.

VET ON DUTY: At Main Gate

RIDERS

1. Every rider must be assigned to a wagon
2. Every rider (horseback or wagon) must wear 2023 Buttons. **BUTTONS MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES. BUTTONS AND/OR PATCHES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AND OTHER TRAIL RIDES ARE NOT TO BE WORN.**
3. Each rider is entitled to one vehicle hang tag for use at campsites other than Memorial Park
4. Riders are expected to have their 2023 membership card on their persons at all times.
5. Each rider must furnish his own bedroll, horse, tie rope, stake, and halter unless you have made other arrangements with your wagon boss.

DOGS

NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE TRAIL RIDE...NO EXCEPTIONS.
Dogs in camp must be on leashes

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Dues are \$50.00 for all riders thirteen years of age or over. Dues are \$25.00 for all riders twelve years of age and under. A charge of \$25.00 will be collected for all checks returned to our bank.

2. Deadline for membership with no penalty is January 19, 2023. Memberships will be accepted January 20 – Feb. 2 **WITH A \$100.00 LATE FEE. NO MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SOLD AFTER February 2, 2023!**

3. No membership application will be accepted without signature of applicant & signature of wagon boss with which you will be riding unless approved prior by wagon boss.

4. Persons under 18 years of age must have signed parental or guardian approval before being issued a membership. They must also have a sponsor who will be responsible for them the entire ride.

5. No refunds will be made after receipt and approval of application.

GENERAL RULES FOR EVERY RIDER & WAGON

1. Advertising is not permitted on any wagon, horse, rider or equipment vehicle. Ranch brands and group names are permitted but you are required to make them look "western".

2. Western type clothes-cowboy hats, boots, jeans, etc., **MUST** be worn on all the trail rides. The idea is to look like cowboys going to a rodeo. **NO BALL CAPS, T-SHIRTS, OR TENNIS SHOES.**

3. Every rider is responsible for his or her behavior and conduct for the duration of the entire ride.

4. Every Wagon Boss is responsible for his or her group.

5. No **"DOUBLE RIDING"** on horseback by anyone at any time--on the trail or in the parade.

6. No public drinking or other visible alcoholic items are allowed at any time trail is moving. **NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IS ALLOWED DURING THE PARADE.** Riders not complying with this will be asked to leave the ride.

7. Riders must ride behind their assigned wagons at all times when the trail is moving.

8. No stallions or bulls are permitted.

9. No horses or mules measuring under 48 inches are permitted.

10. No firearms may be carried by any member of this association.

11. Riders must **NOT** throw cans, bottles, cups, papers, wrappers, or any other litter or debris into ditches, roads or pastures. Your wagon boss will furnish a garbage bag inside the rear of his wagon. You are to use this, and only this for throw aways.

12. Riders must have a health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian within the last 30 days and a negative coggins within the last 12 months. This includes

2. Each wagon must carry receptacles for trash on the trail. Garbage must be placed in plastic bags and securely tied. Loose garbage or paper sacks will not be picked up. Trash is to be placed in dumpsters prior to leaving in the morning.

3. Visitors are asked to leave night camps by 10:00PM

4. Camp curfew is 10:30PM. No loud music, talking, etc. will be allowed after that time.

5. NO HORSES MAY BE RIDDEN WITHIN THE CAMPSITE AREA LATER THAN 15 MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL AT EACH NIGHT CAMP

6. Horses or mules may NOT be tied to fence posts, trees or other objects on camp land or park property. It is each rider's responsibility to have his own stake. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

7. Vehicles (trucks, campers, etc.) accompanying each wagon should be parked in position before the wagons and riders arrive at each campsite. Vehicle traffic will be at an absolute minimum at each campsite. Wagon numbers must be displayed to insure proper camp assignment.

8. There will be no panels or electric fences allowed.

In addition to all the Rules & Regulations stated above, the following rules are from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

PARADE

1. Riders will be instructed of line up procedures prior to the parade.

2. No Double riding at any time.

3. Do not throw objects from wagon or horseback during parade.

4. No rider is to have in his possession or display any alcoholic beverage, bottles or cans **OF ANY KIND** during the parade.

5. No riding on grassy areas or yards coming out of Memorial Park or on your way to or from the parade.

6. ANY PERSON BRINGING A STALLION OR BULL INTO THE PARK WILL BE ORDERED TO LEAVE AND DENIED THE PRIVILEGE TO COME BACK

7. Each person riding in a parade wagon must wear his or her buttons.

ANY RIDER VIOLATING THESE RULES WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE PARADE AND ALL TRAIL OFFICIALS NOTIFIED TO PROHIBIT THAT RIDER FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY FUTURE PARADES SPONSORED BY THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO.

all rental horses. All riders will need to turn in 2 copies of both their coggins papers and health certificates to their wagon boss upon arrival.

STATE LAW REQUIRES HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND NEGATIVE COGGINS. FAILURE TO PRODUCE BOTH WILL SEND YOUR ANIMAL HOME.

13. No horseplay with ropes, whips, or any other type of equipment, which might be hazardous or cause injury to others or to livestock, will be tolerated.

14. There shall be no public use of indecent language either spoken or written.

15. For safety sake, use of nonskid shoes is recommended on riding stock.

Any infraction of any one of the above rules will be considered sufficient cause to cancel the membership of the offending person.

WAGON RULES

1. Wagons must be fully registered and wagon fee of \$100.00 paid by December 15, 2022. **The fee will double between December 16th and December 29th. Wagons not paid by December 29th 2022 will not roll for the 2023 year.**

2. Wagons must have a minimum of ten (10) and not more than fifty-five (55) riders unless cleared by the Executive Committee and Trail Boss.

3. Every wagon must have a Wagon Boss and Assistant Wagon Boss. (One must be with the wagon at all times, day and night, on the trail and in camp).

4. No rubber-tired wagons are allowed

5. Wagons must stay in line and in numerical order at all times.

6. Each wagon **MUST** carry its own firewood, food and drinking water at all times.

7. Each wagon unit must be equipped with **BREECHING HARNESS AND BRAKES.**

8. Each wagon will provide their own water trough. SGT will provide the water.

9. Any new wagon or new wagon group making application for the upcoming ride must be approved by the Executive Committee.

10. No wagon or wagon group shall be allowed to transfer, sell or assign its spot, line-up or numerical place or order in the wagon train, without prior approval by the Executive Committee.

CAMP RULES

1. Each wagon group is responsible for a thorough cleanup of its campsite. Campsites will be inspected daily following each departure. Wagon bosses will have to send someone back to clean up any camp left untidy or not sufficiently cleaned.