

## **MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS 2025 TRAIL RIDE RULES**

1. Riders on any and all rides will be riding with the Trail Boss who is the person in charge of the group. Trail Boss is responsible to the President during the ride.
2. The President, Drag Rider or persons selected by the Trail Boss are the only persons authorized to direct or correct errors or misconduct on any trail ride.
3. Unless permission is granted, no one will ride ahead of the Trail Boss.
4. No rider will leave the ride without first letting the Trail Boss know.
5. All Junior riders (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by an assigned adult. Said adult must ride in the close vicinity of Junior rider at all times and have an Authorization of Treatment form signed by the parents of the Junior rider.
6. Riders shall, on all trail rides, register with a delegated person at the beginning and the end of the ride.
7. Smoking will be permitted only at designated "smoke stops". No lighted cigarettes, cigars, pipes are allowed on the trail while horse is in motion.
8. Any rider who is, or becomes intoxicated, or appears under the influence of drugs, will be excused from the ride.
9. No "guest" will participate in more than one trail ride.
10. All non-members must sign a waiver of liability prior to start of ride.
11. All riders are responsible for their horses trail ride manners.
12. If a horse is a "kicker", its rider will so indicate by tying a ribbon on its tail prior to the start of the ride.
13. If any rider mistreats an animal, or creates an act that could cause bodily harm to others, they will be warned by the Trail Boss, Drag Rider or an appointed Marshall. If the warning is not heeded, the rider will be asked to leave the ride.
14. No rider will gallop a horse past or up behind other riders.
15. NO Stallions will be allowed on any trail ride!
16. All riders will maintain at least one horse length distance from the horse directly in front.
17. Rider will ride in a manner, and have his/her horse in a physical condition that will enable said rider to maintain constant visible contact with the rider preceding them on the trail.
18. Always notify a rider when you are going to pass before proceeding.
19. No rider will stop on either a decline or an incline without first making sure that those behind have ample warning that an emergency exists and a stop is necessary.
20. NO Dogs will be allowed on any trail ride!

**\*Photographs may be taken on any ride and used to promote the MMR Club on Facebook, in the MMR Newsletter and any other form of media.**