

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mangere Branch of the Auckland District Pony Club (**Club**) leases paddocks and yards at Wellesley Road, Mangere (**grounds**). The grounds are administered and operated by the Club through the elected Committee (**Committee**) of the Club.

All financial members of the Club who seek approval to graze their horse on the grounds must apply in writing.

All members approved for grazing (**member**) agree to be bound by these Bylaws.

## **APPLICATION**

1. All applications for grazing must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary using the Application Form supplied by the Club.
2. Only full paid financial members of the Club shall be permitted to graze horses.
3. Unless otherwise approved by the Committee approval for grazing will be limited to one (1) horse per member.
4. The Committee has absolute discretion in approving (on conditions or otherwise) or declining any application for grazing and shall not be required to provide any reasons or grounds for declining any application.
5. All members approved for grazing must execute an application form or such other form as the Committee may approve from time to time.

## **GRAZING MANAGER**

6. All members must comply with the reasonable direction of the Grazing Manager appointed by the Club.

## **GRAZING FEES**

7. All grazing fees will be paid without deduction or set off (unless otherwise directed by the Committee) by automatic payment to the Club's Bank account.
8. All grazing fees shall be paid monthly in advance on the 20th of the month commencing from the time approval to graze has been granted regardless of whether the member's horse is on grounds. The Committee shall not be bound to make an apportionment for any part of any given month.
9. The Committee shall have the right to vary the grazing fees from time to time provided that any such variation shall not be retrospective.
10. No member shall receive a credit for grazing fees for any absence or removal of their horse from the grounds whether such absence is temporary or permanent.
11. All members removing either his or her horse will notify the Grazing Manager and shall ensure that all payments for grazing are paid as provided herein.
12. The member shall be liable for grazing fees up to the month end following removal of their horse from the grounds.

## **DRENCHING**

13. All members' horses must at their own cost be regularly drenched at intervals determined by the Grazing Manager. Drenching is usually carried out at a 6-8 weekly basis and members must attend their horse at the advised time and place or arrange for another member to attend in their absence. Any horse not drenched will be penned until a veterinary has completed drenching and a certificate produced to that effect. **Individual members are responsible for obtaining a veterinary worm count, up to two weeks before the worming date, which may exclude their horse from worming, providing the Grazing Manager agrees the count is below the acceptable number, and it is not a mandatory drench.**

### **ABSENCE FROM GROUNDS / NEW HORSE**

14. Any member whose horse is absent from the grounds for a period more than 3 weeks may be required at his or her own cost to undertake such extra drenching as may be determined by the Grazing Manager.
15. Prior to any new horse's arrival on grounds the member must organise a **veterinary health certificate** stating the horse's age, health, and soundness. **The certificate shall be completed no more than two days before the horse is due to join the herd and be provided to the Grazing Manager.**
16. All new horses must be wormed either immediately prior to arrival or once on grounds. The worming may be completed by a vet and this must be recorded on the certificate stating the date and time completed. If the worming is completed once on grounds, then this can be administered by the owner but must be witnessed by either the Grazing Manager or a Committee Member. **A veterinary worm count may be obtained, up to two weeks before the horse is due to come onto grounds, which may exclude their horse from worming, providing the Grazing Manager agrees the count is below the acceptable number.**
17. The horse will be penned on arrival and the usual period of quarantine is 24 – 48 hours. The Grazing Manager shall determine when the horse is to be released into paddocks or herds.
18. Where any horse is required to be kept in quarantine the member shall ensure that the horse is attended to and tacked up only in the quarantined area.

### **NEGLECT**

19. If the Committee determines that a member's horse is neglected the member will be notified in writing by the Committee. However, where the health or safety of the horse is at risk the member will initially be notified by telephone. Such member shall have 48 hours to remedy any such neglect. Failing the remedying of any such neglect the Committee shall be permitted at the cost of the member to arrange such services as may be necessary to ensure the well-being of the horse.

### **URGENT TREATMENT**

20. The member shall be responsible at all times to ensure the well-being and health of their horse. Where two Committee members determine that the member's horse requires emergency, or urgent veterinary treatment or other services the member will, where possible, be urgently contacted and failing any immediate action by the member the member shall be liable for any costs which may be incurred by the Club in obtaining the supply of any urgent veterinary services to the member's horse.
21. The member hereby authorises the Committee to arrange at his or her cost the humane destruction of his or her horse where:
  22. The horse is injured.
  23. The member cannot be located or refuses to act after being notified by a Committee member; and
  24. A veterinary surgeon determines that the horse should be euthanized.
25. Where a member's horse dies or is destroyed and the member fails to remove the dead animal the horse may be disposed of by the Committee at the member's cost.

### **SECOND HORSE / VACANCY**

26. The member acknowledges that the size of the herds, the size of the paddocks and the seasonal availability of feed limits grazing on grounds. A member may on not less than one (1) weeks' notice apply in writing to the Club Secretary for approved by the Committee:
  - (a) To permit an overlap of a further horse for any member for a period of one (1) month where such member is actively seeking to sell their horse (or waiting to return a lease horse) and has in writing requested to bring the second horse onto the Club grounds and further where that horse is approved pursuant to these provisions; or

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- (b) To permit a member to reserve his or her grazing space in absence of their horse for a period of up to six months where the member is actively seeking to purchase and bring on grounds a new horse.

Provided however that at all times the member must pay grazing fees for any such space used or allocated pursuant to these provisions and further the Committee reserves the right at any time to extend or cancel any such approval without providing reasons.

### DUTIES

- 27. The member will be required to undertake duties which include but are not limited to the following on a rostered basis:
  - (a) Trough cleaning duties.
  - (b) Dispensing of hay during Winter or as required.
  - (c) Cleaning locker rooms.
  - (d) Cleaning toilets.
  - (e) Collecting and disposing of rubbish.
  - (f) General paddock maintenance.
  - (g) Rotating herds for grazing.
  - (h) Any such other paddock maintenance duties that may be determined by the Committee from time to time.
- 28. All members are expected to attend both the duties above as well as working bees required by the Club. Failure to attend any such requirements shall be a breach of these Grazing Bylaws.

### HORSES / HERDS

- 29. The Committee shall have the right to determine that a member's horse does not herd appropriately and require the member's horse to be removed. This will only occur where reasonable endeavours have been made to assimilate the horse into the existing herds and every effort has been made to complete the same in consultation with the member, and further that the horse poses a risk to other horses in the herd.
- 30. The Grazing Manager shall determine herd size and make-up. All members' horses will be rotated from paddocks as determined by the Grazing Manger. No member shall leave any horse in a paddock on its own and shall ensure to abide by the Grazing Manager's requirement for rotation of their horse to alternate paddocks.
- 31. Although all care is made to place horses in the appropriate herds the Club and members shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by any member's horse.

The following horses are not permitted on grounds:

- (a) A horse less than four years of age.
  - (b) A stallion.
  - (c) A mare 5 months or more in foal.
  - (d) A horse that wind sucks (if the condition is well managed then the committee may allow the horse to be on grounds)
- 32. All members are required to attend to their horses and ensure they are, where practicable, exercised and will notify the Grazing Manager should someone else be attending to that care and exercise.
  - 33. Difficult to catch horses must not be rounded up on horseback or by using treats/food.
  - 34. The member shall in respect of their horse report any flu or cold-like symptoms to the Grazing Manager and shall immediately report any contagious infections as determined by any veterinary surgeon.
  - 35. Horses accidentally let out of their paddock must be returned. If the horse cannot be caught, the owner or Grazing Manager is to be contacted immediately.
  - 36. A halter must always be used to catch a horse.

## **DEFAULT**

37. If any member defaults in his or her obligations in respect to these Bylaws, then the following shall apply:

The Committee shall notify the member of the default and the member shall have 30 days in which to remedy any such default. Should the default not be remedied within the prescribed period of time then the member will be notified, and disciplinary action will be undertaken in accordance with the rules pertaining to disciplinary action under the rules of the Club. If after undertaking such disciplinary actions the breach complained of has been upheld and not been remedied, then the following shall apply:

- (a) The Committee shall be permitted to immediately revoke the grazing rights of the member.
- (b) The member shall be required to remove his or her horse within ten (10) days of such determination.
- (c) If the member's horse is not removed within the prescribed time the horse will, at the cost of the owner, be determined abandoned and the Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals or any such other humane society will be notified of the abandoned animal. Thereafter the horse will be made available for removal or removed by the Committee into the care of such organisation and the member will be notified in writing of such removal.
- (d) Any such removal will not relieve the member from paying any grazing fees up to the month end following removal of their horse from the grounds together with all costs of removal which shall become a debt due and owing to the Club.

## **GRAZING MANAGER DISPUTE**

38. Any dispute in respect to any determination, decision or actions of the Grazing Manager shall be submitted to the Committee for determination and the Committee's decision shall be final.

## **BINDING**

39. The member shall be bound by these Bylaws notwithstanding their failure to sign any contract or agreement referred to herein. The application for grazing signed by the member shall be deemed acceptance of these Bylaws immediately upon the granting of any grazing to the member's horse.

## **RALLIES**

40. All Riding Members as those terms are defined in the Club's Bylaws are required to attend 75% of their rallies between October and May in order to maintain their eligibility and right to graze their horse pursuant to these Grazing Bylaws.

## **TERM**

41. The permission for a member to graze a horse on Club grounds shall be revoked where:

- (a) The member defaults in respect to his/her obligations under these Bylaws.
- (b) The Committee determines to revoke a member's permission to graze and provides the member 30 days' written notice of cancellation.