

**EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
TRAIL SAFETY RULES**

- 1.** Neither horse stallions nor dogs are allowed to participate in this event, although some well-trained and/or well-mannered animals exist. It is impossible to predict how other animals will react to their presence; and, therefore, they must be excluded from this activity.
- 2.** While on the trail, maintain adequate distance from the livestock in front of you, to avoid injury-provoking reactions from that stock. If your horse is known to kick, please place an orange ribbon in its tail.
- 3.** Alcohol and drugs will not be used at any time while participating in this event. Social activities after the day's events are completed are at the discretion of the individual.
- 4.** If your physical condition requires eye, ear, face, head, hands, arms, or any other personal protective equipment, it must be used.
- 5.** Only one rider is permitted per horse and each rider, including youngsters, must be able to control his/her mount.
- 6.** Recklessness is prohibited while participating in this event.
- 7.** If what you are doing seems unsafe, stop and find out.
- 8.** If you see someone participating in unsafe practices, advise them about it.
- 9.** Know the location of both human and equine first aid equipment while participating in this or any other horse activity.
- 10.** All animals will be humanely treated, cared for, and prepared for the ride. East Slope Back Country Horsemen recommends vaccinating and worming livestock.
- 11.** East Slope Back Country Horsemen requires that all horses be shod unless otherwise specified.
- 12.** Report any unsafe conditions to the Trail Boss or ride leader. Complaints about other members shall be submitted in writing to the trail boss or a board member within 30 days.
- 13.** When a rider dismounts to open a gate, or for, another purpose, the ride participants will wait until he/she is remounted before continuing.
- 14.** When meeting other horse parties on the trail and where passage is not possible observe these practices: Generally, pack stock has preference over saddle stock. Generally, a pack string containing the greater number of livestock has preference for passage. Generally, pack strings going uphill have preference over downhill-bound strings.
- 15.** If it is necessary for you to turn around when meeting another string on a narrow trail, always turn the back end of the horse to the uphill side. The head of the horse then projects out over the open space. If the back end is turned outward, it may result in a dangerous situation as the horse scrambles to maintain footing on the trail.
- 16.** The trip leader or trail boss is responsible for determining that all riders are present before resuming the trip after a stop.
- 17.** Have Fun!

Exercising safe practices is a critical part of these equine activities.  
Failure to adhere to these rules will result in a request to terminate  
your participation.

Participant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_