

Cave Creek Saddle Club
Membership Form – Release of All Claims – Trail Safety Guidelines

Membership Form and Release of All Claims

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless, the Cave Creek Saddle Club, its members and officers, their assigns and successors from any and all claims arising out of accidents, or incidents, during any trail ride or social function held by the Club.

Signature(s) _____

Member Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City/St/ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address (please print legibly!) _____

Periodic newsletters in PDF format will be sent to your email address, you can also view upcoming events and newsletters on our website <http://cavecreeksaddleclub.org>

Our membership list is not open to public access nor is it sold for outside use. Please help us retain our privacy.

Dues and Membership (Please check each of the following)

_____ I am enclosing my payment for the current ride year, September thru August.

_____ I understand that all guests must sign a 1-day trial membership form and pay the \$2.00 fee.

_____ I understand that all members (riders) must be 16 years of age or older.

_____ I agree to abide by all CCSC Guidelines for Safe Trail Riding

Membership fee:

Individual (\$15) _____ Family (\$25) _____ Life (age 70+) (\$0) _____ (please complete form and submit)

I would like to make an additional Contribution _____

Please return with check to:

Cave Creek Saddle Club
P.O. Box 381
Cave Creek, AZ 85327

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CAVE CREEK SADDLE CLUB GUIDELINES FOR SAFE TRAIL RIDING

1. Each ride will have a designated trail boss and one or more drag riders. These persons are responsible for everyone's safety and enjoyment on the ride. Stay with the group, behind the leader, and in front of the drag rider(s).
2. Proper equipment should be used on all trail rides for the safety of the horse and rider.
3. Stay on the trail. Do not cut corners. When the trail permits, side by side riding will provide an opportunity for conversation.
4. **ANY HORSE WILL KICK.** A red ribbon tied to a horse's tail lets others know it is a known kicker. Maintain a safe distance between horses. Stay at least one horse length between your horse and the horse in front, 2 - 3 horse lengths on hills.
5. Do not speed past or up behind another horse, and never pass in dangerous terrain. When necessary to pass the horse in front of you, call out your intentions.
6. Warn others of hazards on the trail. When stopping on the trail, stop clear of other horses and advise the trail boss and other riders why you need to stop. Do not stop on inclines or declines, or in thick cholla, with other horses behind you.
7. **NO--dogs, stallions, or alcohol are allowed on club rides.**
8. Only CCSC club members are allowed on club rides. However, we welcome and encourage guests. A one day trial "club membership" is available for a nominal fee to accommodate guests and prospective members. Riders will be 16 years of age or older.
9. Rides will be graded on a one to four basis to let the riders be prepared for safer trail riding and to determine if they or their horse is qualified. Each trail boss shall grade the ride and let the secretary know prior to sending out the newsletter.

CAVE CREEK SADDLE CLUB TRAIL RATING GUIDE

LEVEL 1

Easy, short ride, mostly level terrain, few climbs or hills, good footing. Usually follows roads or wide, well defined trails most of the way. 1 - 3 hours long.

LEVEL 2

Generally good footing. Some climbing and downhill, but not steep or difficult. Can go cross country on mostly level ground. 3 - 5 hours including lunch break.

LEVEL 3

Footing may be difficult in places, or rocky. May have steep climbs and down hills, and narrow or precipitous trails. Requires confidence in your horse. 4 - 6 hours including lunch break.

LEVEL 4:

Steep, rocky, may require horses to step up and down large rocks or negotiate narrow trails with steep drop-offs. Requires total confidence in your horse. 5 - 7 hours including lunch break.

SAFETY + TRAIL COURTESY = A GREAT TRAIL RIDE!