

**Safety Policy**  
**of**  
**Tri Valley Trailblazers Club, Inc.,**  
**A California Public Benefit Corporation**

*Amended June 12, 2017*

*The following Safety Policy is Article IX, extracted from TVT's Bylaws and provided here for easy reference. Rider and Trail Boss Rules support the Safety Policy.*

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Section I

The safety policy must be adhered to at all Club functions that involve horses including but not exclusive to: trail rides, parades, clinics, shows and "play days". Any negligence in complying with these regulations will constitute sufficient cause for immediate expulsion from the function and may be cause for expulsion from the Club.

Section II

The following regulations may be supplemented, but not deleted without an official Bylaws addendum:

1. Guests at designated horse-related and non-horse-related club functions\* must be invited and accompanied at all times by a member in good standing. This member is responsible for their guest in every way and shall not pass that responsibility onto other members. Furthermore, guests must be given the Club's list of safety rules and must sign a dated liability release form. These documents may be obtained from the Trail Boss, Membership Officer or Club president before the function. It is the responsibility of the host\*\* member to acquire the necessary signatures and return the documents to the Trail Boss.

\* Guest functions shall be those functions designated and announced to be open to guests in accordance with the Club's insurance policy.

\*\* A host member is the member who invited the guest.

1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

2. No riding under the influence of alcohol. No open containers while horses are being handled.
3. All riders shall be responsible for the behavior and condition of their horses. If the behavior or condition is objectionable the trail boss or chairman of the event has the authority to prohibit the horse from participating in the event.
4. Except under special circumstances and with the trail boss approval, no riding bareback or riding with halter as only control.
5. Riders agree to wear safe, close-toed shoes with a heel or riding boots and long pants while riding and understand that TVT highly recommends wearing an ASTM certified helmet while riding and are mandatory for riders under the age 18. If riders choose not to wear a helmet, they understand that it will increase the risk of serious injury or death inherent in horseback riding and that all release, indemnity and hold harmless language set forth herein applies.
6. Trail Bosses must have trail riding experience and should be familiar with trails to be ridden.
7. All riders in the Club riding functions, members and guests, must have some riding experience.
8. There will be no stallions at club events.
9. Members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a member in good standing.
10. No ponying of horses is allowed with the group of riders on any official trail ride.