



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Membership is subject to the approval of the Membership Committee.
- All players prior to playing must sign a membership agreement and an indemnification release. The membership agreement and the indemnification agreement must be signed annually. *All polo members of any category are responsible for the conduct of their employees, including, but not limited to, professional polo players, grooms and trainers, while on the Club grounds. For the purpose of these rules, “Club grounds” shall include all of the polo fields utilized by Spanish Pass Polo Club during the polo season.
- The Club has established a set of rules and code of ethics which members and players should acquaint themselves with, as set forth in this manual. It is also the responsibility for all members and players to be familiar with and adhere to the rules and regulations of the United States Polo Association.
- Any complaints, suggestions, or constructive criticism regarding the operation of the Club shall be submitted in writing to the Polo Manager or the Board of Directors.
- No member of the Club staff shall be reprimanded or subjected to verbal abuse by a member or visiting player. *In order to protect paying members, the Club does require that dues and fees be paid before playing. *Spanish Pass Polo Club will have certain committees to assist the polo manager. The Polo Manager has full authority to enforce all rules and regulations applicable hereto.
- The polo manager develops a season program of league and tournament games. These schedules will be distributed to all members in a timely fashion. *The Club sets dues for the Polo season. The dues are reviewed and adjusted annually. Proceeds are used to operate the club, maintain the fields and improve the facility.

POLO RULES

The Spanish Pass Polo Club is a private Club run for the members under the rules and guidelines of the U.S.P.A.

- Any violation of the Club rules and regulations or failure to comply with the decisions of the Polo Manager or the Disciplinary Committee may result in a warning, a fine, a suspension, expulsion, or any combination thereof. The type of action taken for a general rules violation is left to the sole discretion of the Polo Manager and the Disciplinary Committee.
- The Club shall not be responsible for any injury incurred by a member, a member's guest, or member's employee, likewise, the Club shall not be responsible for any injury incurred by a player, player's guest or player's employee while on the Club grounds.
- The Club shall not be responsible for the loss or damage of any property belonging to a member, a member's guest, or a member's employee. Likewise, the Club shall not be responsible for the loss or damage of any property belonging to a player, a player's guest or a player's employee.
- In the event that a sponsored professional player employed by a member is suspended from play, the Club specifically disavows any responsibility for any cost, direct or otherwise, incurred by the player or the member sponsoring or employing said player.

PLAYERS

- All players of the Spanish Pass Polo Club must be members in good standing with the United States Polo Association and must be rated prior to any league or tournament play. It is the responsibility of team captains or patrons to be sure that all team players are currently registered with the U.S.P.A.
- All players and officials for all league and tournament games must wear white pants and boots.
- Players shall not play in any event for more than one team.
- The aggregate handicap of a team must fall within the limits specified for an event. A team whose handicap is higher or lower than the specified limits shall not be permitted to participate.

PLAYER CONDUCT

*The Disciplinary Committee will enforce the rules of sportsmanship and conduct on the playing field.

- It is the intention of the Board of Directors that the Disciplinary Committee exercise broad discretion in fashioning appropriate adjudications under the rules of the U.S.P.A. and the Spanish Pass Polo Club. It is recognized that each case brought before the Disciplinary Committee is unique. Spanish Pass Polo Club hereby announces its intentions that the Disciplinary Committee will not be guided by disciplinary precedents that were set from past proceedings. *Captains ONLY are permitted to communicate with the umpires during the game.
- Any arguing, profanity, disrespectful conduct, rough or dangerous plays, refusing to play, or any other lack of sportsmanship will not be tolerated. VIOLATORS WILL BE SERIOUSLY PENALIZED.
- Any fines levied by the Disciplinary Committee must be paid prior to further play by the violator. *Unsportsmanlike conduct and profane language on or off the playing field will not be tolerated. Membership rights may be rescinded immediately for any player in violation of this provision.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, actions or words directed to any official, player, spectator, or other person or mount on Club grounds that is typically or verbally threatening, assaulting, abusive, demeaning, obscene, profane, belligerent, or dangerous, or that violates standards of fair play or common decency generally accepted in the polo community.
- The illegal use of drugs or the abuse of alcohol by players or their employees is strictly prohibited.
- It is strongly recommended that players bring and provide drinking water for their horses at all games and practices.

UMPIRES

*Umpires shall send off any horse found to be lame, out of control and/or dangerous. *It is the umpire's responsibility to report any unsportsmanlike conduct and the circumstances surrounding it to the Polo Manager as soon as possible. *Umpires have the exclusive authority over the entire game and are charged with the responsibility of executing their duties. *Umpires must be present 15 minutes prior to the game time and are responsible for having suitable mounts. *The final decision of canceling a game in progress, due to weather, shall be determined by the game officials and/or tournament officials. The team captains may be consulted, but the game and tournament officials shall make the official decision.

LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY

- The opening and closing dates of the polo season are subject to weather and field conditions and may be altered at the sole discretion of management.
- The Club schedules tournament and practice matches weekly for member participation throughout the course of the polo season.
- All play during the season is contingent upon weather and field conditions and access to the fields may be restricted at the sole discretion of management.
- U.S.P.A. Rules and Regulations will govern all tournaments and leagues, unless otherwise noted. All players are responsible for reading and understanding all U.S.P.A. and Club rules. The Tournament Committee has authority to revise and make rule decisions.
- The draw procedure and playing format will be decided by the Polo Manager and not by the captains of the teams entered. Entry forms must be complete and entry fees paid in full prior to the draw. Entry forms are considered complete only if they are signed by the Captain, and include outdates for consideration. A team that withdraws from an event after the draw shall forfeit all fees and be subject to additional fines and/or suspension from the next event.
- Leagues and tournaments must be completed by the scheduled dates, weather permitting.
- Teams must play all of their league and tournament games regardless