

# Grazing Agreement 2023/24

BETWEEN

**WAITARA PONY CLUB (INC.)**

“WPC”

AND

.....

“Grazer”

## **HORSE GRAZING AGREEMENT**

Terms of Grazing: For Current and New Members

Before the 1st of August each year you will need to re-apply/apply for grazing on Waitara Pony Club grounds. You must submit this application for grazing in writing, to the committee, who will decide whether or not to accept or decline your application. Failure to renew the contract will automatically be considered a termination and the grazer will be given 28 days’ notice to remove the horse/pony.

Waitara Pony Club will allow you 28 days to find yourself alternative grazing should your application for renewal be declined. Within this time your horse/ponies must be removed.

Through accepting this grazing agreement you will be expected to assist in club tasks as outlined below.

Executive Committee Members for the 2023/2024 Season:

Emily Terrill - President, 027 609 4066

Keryn Roderick - 0278966546

Fay Neville - Secretary, 027 772 3160

Sonya Williams - Grazing Manager, 027 428 4430.

Grounds Manager - Sonya Williams .

Grazing members are not entitled to vote or hold office on the WPC committee, unless you are the Grazing Manager or you are the parent/caregiver of a Pony Club member grazing then you are entitled to vote and hold office.

New applicants please note: Before your application is approved by the WPC Committee you must meet with the Grazing Manager to see how communal grazing is run at WPC. This is to give you a full understanding of our grazing procedures and to ensure that all parties requirements can be met.

## **IMPORTANT**

### **Waitara Pony Club Commitment**

WPC can only function efficiently if it has the full support of all members and parents. The club offers many opportunities for riders to develop their riding abilities, including; instruction, theory and club representation at both local and national events. Maintenance and upgrades of the grounds and equipment is also part of being a member of the club. As with many clubs these opportunities are supported by a small number of parents, and as everyone leads busy lives these days it is becoming harder to get parental support.

Each grazing member must commit themselves to assist at a minimum of 3 major events, 1 PC closed event, and 1 working bee that the club organises or participates in. This includes taking on jobs (either to set up the day before or at the event) at the Open and Closed Gymkhanas, One Day Events, and the Area activities we are assigned. Also there will be at least one grazing working bee throughout the year for grazers to attend and help with. It will be noted who attends what events.

**Failure to meet your commitment may mean that your grazing membership will not be renewed for the following year and you may be charged the \$250 non-member key holder levy.**

**IT IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, TO GRAZE ON WPC CLUB GROUNDS. DO NOT ABUSE IT!**

### **A. GRAZING RULES**

1. Horses are to be grazed only in the areas and groups specified by the Grazing Manager at all times.
2. Horses may be penned in yards or paddocks during Pony Club events as directed by the Grazing Manager.

3. Hay will be provided during periods of little grass growth (June to August) which will be included in the weekly payments. The Grazing Manager will advise when hay feed out begins and the amount to be fed out. This hay is not to be removed from the grounds.
4. If extreme weather causes severe lack of grass, then grazers will be required to pay for additional hay not taken into account in this contract. WPC is not responsible for supplying this additional hay.
5. When feeding your horse extra feed ideally the horse should be removed from the paddock to a yard or area away from the other horses.
6. All manure around the yards and tie-up areas must be removed that day to the manure bins.
7. All grazers will treat the Grazing Manager, other grazers, all officers and members of WPC with respect and courtesy at all times. Disrespect for others will not be tolerated.

## **B. SAFETY RULES**

8. All grazers must obey the safety rules which are displayed on the noticeboard at the clubrooms at all times.

## **C. HORSE WELFARE**

9. All horses will be treated with respect and kindness at all times.
10. All grazers must meet at regular intervals, as determined by the WPC Committee in consultation with the Grazing Manager and a member of the Executive Committee, on a day/time set by the Grazing Manager to worm all horses and discuss grazing matters.
11. All horses will have their teeth attended to annually.
12. All horses are to have their feet cared for regularly by a farrier.
13. It is expected that horses will be kept in good condition by their owners at all times.
14. Where the Grazing Manager thinks a horse requires veterinary attention, a vet will be called in consultation with its owner, and to the cost of the grazer. In an emergency the Grazing Manager will contact a vet, at the grazer's expense.
15. Sick or lame horses must be rested.
16. Grazers will rug their horse in well-maintained covers over winter months.

## **D. RIDING RULES**

17. Safety is of paramount concern. The Safety Rules must be adhered to at all times.
18. The Rally and Banksia paddocks are the only paddocks which ponies/horses are to be ridden. You may use the all-weather arena.
19. The grounds may not be used when hired out exclusively to other groups for their events. Please contact Sonya Williams if you wish to confirm whether the grounds have a prior booking.
20. All riders under the age of 18, must be accompanied by another person 18 years or over while riding on the grounds.
21. All riders must wear back protectors when using the cross country course.

22. Grazers under 18 must at all times wear a riding helmet while handling a horse on the ground and when mounted.

## **E. REVIEW OF GRAZING AGREEMENT**

23. WPC reserves the right to amend this agreement at any time. An annual review will take place in July every year.

## **F. TERMINATION OF GRAZING AGREEMENT**

24. Either party may give the other one month's notice (28 days) to terminate this agreement for any reason whatsoever. Horses/ponies must be removed from WPC grounds by the end of the one month notice period. Keys must be returned to either the Secretary or the Grazing Manager before a horse/pony is removed.

25. If payment falls into arrears and all arrears are not paid within 10 days of WPC serving notice, this agreement will terminate at the end of the 10th day. Horses must be removed from the grounds within one month (28 days) of termination.

## **G. DISPUTES**

26. The Grazing Manager has delegated authority from the WPC Committee to manage the day to day grazing arrangements with grazers. Where the Grazing Manager considers a grazer not to be abiding by the rules of this agreement s/he will refer the matter to the WPC Committee. There is no right of appeal if the WPC Committee decides to terminate a Grazing Agreement under Clause 24 or 25 above.

27. Where a grazer has a dispute with another grazer, the grazer should submit a complaint in writing to the Grazing Manager which will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

28. The Executive Committee reserves the right to immediately terminate the grazing contract of any grazer who is threatening, or verbally or physically abusive to any other grazer, pony club member or casual ground user.

29. Where a grazer has a dispute with the Grazing Manager, the grazer should submit a complaint in writing to the Executive Committee.

## **H. GENERAL**

30. All grazing agreements will be held with a person over the age of 18. He/she will be responsible for any rider under the age of 18 years who manages the horse/pony in the agreement.

**31. Your horse/pony must be cared for on a daily basis. This will be strictly enforced.**

Where a grazer cannot attend his/her horse daily then that grazer needs to make arrangements with another grazer to share this responsibility to ensure that their horse is still checked every day. If this is not complied with then your agreement will be terminated.

32. Horses are grazed in groups depending on the makeup of the horses on site at any one time. Each of these groups may be divided into smaller groups. The makeup of these groups is at the Grazing Managers discretion in consultation with the Executive Committee. There is no provision to graze individual horses or an owner's horse(s) separately. Owners must not shift horses without permission of the Grazing Manager unless in emergency situations.

33. All herds are to be strip grazed and back taped.

34. Small Ponies or Mini's will be grazed in the Pony Paddocks if possible. If there is an issue with ponies or horses, escaping/ causing repeated damage to the fencing or any WPC property, it will be the grazers' responsibility to replace or pay for damages.. The pony paddock is required to have manure cleaned out daily or every second day. Other arrangements may be considered with a written application to the Grazing Manager.

35. During the wet months (approx June-September) there is to be no vehicles driven through any paddock to tend to horses. Parking by the wooden yards only.

## **I. PAYMENTS FOR GRAZING**

36. Upon acceptance for new grazers, four weeks' payment in advance must be paid by the day the horse/pony is brought down to the grounds. THIS IS NOT A BOND.

37. All grazing members are required to hire a key irrespective of any position held within the club. A key is needed to gain access to their horse/pony. You are required to complete the key hire form and produce your key at each contract renewal.

## **J. KEYS**

**Security-** Any key holder using the grounds must ensure that the rally paddock gate and the parking paddock gate CLOSED AT ALL TIMES. All gates are to be closed and locked when leaving the grounds. Be aware also that members of the public may be walking across the grounds, and that sometimes there are cattle or dogs in the grounds also. Please do not identify your key with the club name or as giving access to our grounds. Put your contact details on a tag attached to the key. Then if the key is lost, a finder will be able to notify the hirer without knowing what the key is for.

**Loss of key-** Report the loss of your key immediately to Rebecca McBrearty (06 281 1837 or 021 132 4283). Please make every effort to find it. Replacement keys will only be issued after 1 month has passed since the loss was reported, and on payment of a replacement fee. There will be no replacement for a second lost key. Any key holder found to be in blatant disregard of any of these conditions will forfeit the right to continue to have a key in their possession. If a key is lost or misplaced, a fee of \$50 is payable to the Club.

## Application for Grazing from 1st August 2023- 31st July 2024

If you are a grazing member and a Pony Club member you must also complete the WPC membership application on Nominate.

This application entitles only the listed grazing member to ride this horse/pony on the WPC grounds. Any other person riding the horse/pony is subject to grounds fees.

If you are applying for grazing for more than one horse/pony, please complete a separate application for each.

1. To apply for grazing please complete this form and email to: Fay Neville @ [waitaraponyclubsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:waitaraponyclubsecretary@gmail.com) before 1st August.
2. Submission of this application is not an automatic renewal. Your application will be forwarded to the Committee who will consider all applications for grazing at its monthly meeting.
3. The Committee reserves the right to approve/decline applications without reasons.
4. Preference will be given to those who are active riding members of WPC.
5. Grazing is on a week by week basis payable weekly or fortnightly. Payable 4 weekly in advance by automatic payment **WPC Bank account number: 15-3953-0023846-00**.  
When making payments please include your name and grazing in the description. **Current charges are \$35.00 per week per horse/pony for grazing.**

### Waitara Pony Club Grazing Rules Agreement 2023/2024

I acknowledge that I have read through the Grazing agreement rules and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set out herein.

I agree to follow all instructions of the Grazing Manager, the WPC Executive Committee and the WPC Committee.

This is to confirm that as a grazing member of Waitara Pony Club I have read and fully understand the rules of the Waitara Pony Club Grazing and Grounds usage.

Please Note: this must be signed or will not be accepted.

SIGNED by \_\_\_\_\_ "Grazer"

SIGNED by \_\_\_\_\_ (On behalf of the  
WAITARA PONY CLUB)

This agreement has been executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

## Applicant's Details

Name: (Rider):

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Name: (Parent/guardian if under 18 years):

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Address:

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Postal Address (if different):

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Phone:

(mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions we need to be aware of:

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## Horse/Ponies Details

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ HH Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Farrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mare / Gelding (circle)

Vaccinations \_\_\_\_\_

Is your horse a windsucker? \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions we need to be aware of:

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Describe your horse's paddock manners:

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Type of riding activity you are involved in \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of Referee:

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Do you own or lease this horse/pony? (Please provide owners details):

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**Fees:**

Grazing member: \$ 80.00 (not required if WPC Member 2023/24)

Key Hire: \$ 50.00

Key Bond: \$ 50.00 (if new member)

Total Annual Fees Due: \$180.00 new member or (\$130.00 returning member)

Total Weekly Cost per horse/pony for 2022/2023: \$35.00. Please Note: For new grazers on commencement date you are also required to pay your 4 weeks in advance  $\$35 \times 4 = \$140$ .

Key Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fee included: Yes/No (circle)    Bond Paid: Yes/No (circle)

Returned: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_    Signed: \_\_\_\_\_