

TCPC Rules and Guidelines

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The Polo Season

The polo season will run from mid-April to mid-October depending on the weather. WBP will keep TCPC open as long as the weather and the demand allows.

The schedule will be practice games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and weekend days with varying times. Long slow chukkers for beginners and safe green horses will be scheduled for Wednesday nights. Start times will be announced via phone message, website and/or email as soon as the field conditions and weather allow.

Membership

A membership at TCPC provides access to the polo club property during the polo season. This includes as many chukkers as are available in practice games and the right to stick and ball and exercise horses at the club provided that the field is playable (safe). In the event the field is too wet, members will have to wait until it has dried enough.

A membership at TCPC does not guarantee members participation in a tournament. It is up to the individual member to arrange a team and enter a tournament by paying the tournament entry fee and adhering to the tournament handicap limits and tournament rules.

All TCPC members must be USPA members in good standing.

A membership at TCPC is a standing invitation for the member and their family and friends to TCPC events including Tournament parties and events. Please do not abuse this by bringing your entire family reunion to every party or costs will go up and then dues and fees will follow.

There are several levels of membership that are based on the member's age and experience.

Adult Member – A member over 26 years old *and* has possessed a USPA membership (or foreign equivalent) with handicap for more than two years.

Student Member – A member age 18-26 years old *or* has possessed a USPA membership (or foreign equivalent) with handicap for one year.

Beginner Member – A member that is 17 years and under *or* has never possessed a USPA membership (or foreign equivalent) with handicap.

A membership cannot be shared with the exception of a player's groom. In order for a player to be considered a groom they need to be employed (paid) by an active member. Only one person can play on a given membership per day meaning that either the member plays or the groom plays, not both. A groom should not play more often than the member who employs them. A groom will not

qualify for the groom exception if they play more often than the member and will need to purchase the appropriate membership.

A member must have paid in full their current and past membership dues before they or there groom are permitted to use the club.

Horses at TCPC

All horses that are boarded at the polo club will be charged for the board at a rate of \$5 per horse per day. This fee includes a paddock or stall and hay for one horse.

All horses from outside of MN brought to TCPC property must have a current negative coggins test. This is MN law regulating the importation of horses in to MN Ch. 1700, part 2100-2500. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=1700>)

No horses will be allowed to play in tournaments or practice games and may be asked to leave the property in the event that the club management deems them unfit to play for any reason including lameness, unhealthy weight, or exhaustion. This is for the protection of the horses and the reputation of all club members.

Practice

Practice games occur on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and weekend days with varying times. Long slow chukkers for beginner players and safe green horses will be scheduled for Wednesday nights. The Wednesday chukkers will not be timed and will be called by the players on the field. Start times will be announced via phone message, website and/or email as soon as the field conditions and weather allow.

Practice chukker reservations need to be made at least two hours before the scheduled start of practice. We will do our best to accommodate our members needs but the number of chukkers, when and where they be will ultimately be decided by the club manager or delegated representative. Practice chukker reservations can be maid via phone call, voicemail, email or text message as long as it occurs prior the two hour deadline. If you send an email or text message, your reservation is not completed until you get a response.

Members should bring a red, white and blue practice jersey or t-shirt to wear to each practice depending on what color they are assigned.

Tournaments

Throughout the season TCPC will host numerous polo tournaments for various levels of play. The dates and handicap limits will be decided by the club management and announced as early as possible and may be subject to change based on the number of teams entered and weather conditions. Management will make every effort to not change tournaments. The objective of club management will

be to set these parameters in such a way to maximize the amount and quality of polo for club members and guests.

Tournament fees will be charged on a per player basis, not a team basis. The reason for this is that the majority of the club costs for tournaments are incurred by all the family and friends that accompany the players. Tournament fees will be set as to budget enough for parties, awards, umpires and any other costs related to the tournament.

Participants in TCPC tournaments are expected to contribute to the tournament duties of flagging, timing, scorekeeping and umpiring. Duties will be assigned by the club management the day before the game. If given notice ahead of time the club management will do what it can to find a paid replacement for you.

Events

Throughout the polo season there will be some polo and non-polo related events. These include but are not limited to sponsored polo tournaments, ultimate Frisbee tournaments and even weddings. Club members will be asked to make reasonable accommodations for these activities to occur at Twin City Polo Club.

Boarders

Club boarders will be invoiced monthly for stall/paddock and hay. Boarders are expected to feed their own horses and clean their paddocks daily. Damage to any paddocks or stalls needs to be reported to the club management to arrange for repair.

Tournament Fees

The tournament fees will be assessed on a per player basis in order to align the tournament revenue with the tournament costs and the costs tend to accrue in a per player manner. The price of tournament fees may fluctuate depending on the tournament and from year to year. Tournament fees will be invoiced as soon as we have confirmation that an individual is playing in the tournament.

Rules and Guidelines

The rules and guidelines are an outline of what members can expect from TCPC. They are subject to change and frequent update so please refer to the most current version for the most accurate information.