

# *Alexandria Equestrian Association*

## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

For purposes of this document, “member” refers to any person or family that is on the list of the Alexandria Equestrian Association as it is maintained by that organization. “Landowner” refers to any owner of land in Alexandria Township or in surrounding areas that has granted permission to the AEA for its members to ride or drive horses.

1. It is through the generosity of landowners that members have trails to ride, RESPECT THE LANDOWNER across whose property we are permitted to ride or drive horses. Remember that you are a guest on the land. When you meet landowners, introduce yourself, be courteous, and let them know how much you appreciate the pleasure they are providing you. One irresponsible person can cause a trail’s closing.
2. Horseback riding involves inherent risks. When riding on a landowner’s property, you assume all risk. Landowners are in no way responsible for your welfare.
3. Ride the AEA trails only. Do not deviate from designated trails. Stay close to the edge of farmers’ fields.
4. Obey all trail signs.
5. When you must open a gate to pass through, be sure to close it behind you.
6. Group riding is limited to 6 horses.
7. Keep your horse under control at all times.
8. Parents are responsible for deciding if their children are experienced enough to ride safely on the trails.
9. Parents are responsible for the behavior and actions of their children when the latter are riding on the trails.
10. AEA designated trails are for equestrian use only.
11. Dogs are not permitted to accompany riders.
12. Do not litter trails. If you rode in with it, ride out with it.
13. Have your membership identification tag visible to landowners at all times when riding the trails. If you are challenged, apologize and leave, then call your AEA president.
14. For safety’s sake, it is advisable to wear a helmet and proper riding shoes or boots when riding the trails.
15. Be considerate of landowners’ privacy. Keep your voice down. Walk your horse on any driveway or trail that passes close to a house or a pasture with livestock.
16. Participate actively in trail maintenance.