

## RCC Saddle Club Member Information

Welcome to Rye/Colorado City Saddle Club and thank you for becoming a member! Below is information regarding the Club which we hope will answer any questions you may have:

Our website address is: [www.rccsaddleclub.com](http://www.rccsaddleclub.com) On the website you will find the current Club By-Laws, Board members and meeting schedule, Club sponsors, event schedules, and much more. Email “blasts” are used when sending out any Club news to members. And, you can also ‘like’ us on facebook at *Rye/Colorado City Saddle Club* where we do our best to post current news and events.

As we are a ‘member’ club, our survival is dependent on the volunteering of our members! There are many areas where you can help and we encourage ALL members to find a place to donate your time, talents, and energy. Every member must volunteer during at least 2 events in order to qualify for any end-of-year awards. Please reach out to a Committee Chairperson or Board Member/Officer, or find the sign up sheet when you are registering for an event.

Each year we hope to offer gymkhana/speed events, team sorting, several trail/obstacle events, parades, and 1 or 2 guided trail rides. Dates and time for activities are posted on our website as they become available. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in any other activities.

Riding boots and long pants/jeans are REQUIRED for all riders in the arena. Riding helmets are encouraged. Riders will not be allowed in the arena and their entry fees refunded if they are not in the proper attire.

Our annual awards banquet is held at the end of the season in the fall. The top speed placings, most improved rider, and other areas of excellence are recognized.

Club membership allows use of the arena at any time (unless a prior activity is scheduled) to all paid members. However, please note, use of the arena lights for personal use is prohibited. In accordance with our insurance carrier, our parking and arena gates are kept locked. To open, set the numbers and then “depress” the top of the lock to pop it open. To re-lock, press shut with the numbers set and then “scramble” the numbers. PLEASE LOCK ALL GATES WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED USING THE ARENA and remove any equipment you may have used.

Also to satisfy our insurance carrier, *Release of Liability* forms must be signed by any person(s) who enters the Club property, even if they are not a riding member of the Club. So... if Grandma wants to come watch the kids ride, she will need to sign a liability form stating she understands the risks of being around equine activities. The same goes for your kids’ friends – they must have or bring a signed liability form when on arena grounds – if you/your family invited them, they are your responsibility! These forms are available on our website (under Membership) and on the East side of the concession stand at the arena. Again, for insurance purposes, please note that ALL NON-MEMBER SPECTATORS **MUST** REMAIN IN THE BLEACHER AREA - Thank you for your cooperation with this!

“Guest” riders are considered guests of the Club, not of a member. Therefore, guests may ride **1** time at any Club event before becoming a member. *This applies to those who have never been a member of our Club before, not to past members*. Release of Liability forms **STILL MUST** be signed before entering the arena (a parent/legal guardian signature for those 17 and under, NOT the signature of the adult of whom they are a guest) and all entry fees still apply.