



Prairie View Trailride Association

Code of Conduct

Preamble

The Prairie View Trail Ride Association (PVTRA) is committed to upholding the values of the Cowboy Way—integrity, respect, community, and perseverance. All members, whether engaging in person or online, are expected to act as ambassadors of our Western heritage, ensuring their behavior reflects positively on PVTRA, its mission, and its community.

General Expectations

1. Respect for Others

- Treat all individuals with dignity and respect, regardless of race, gender, religion, or background.
- Maintain a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters camaraderie and collaboration by actively listening to others, offering help when needed, and celebrating shared successes. Encourage open communication, show appreciation for team efforts, and create opportunities for members to connect and build trust.

2. Commitment to Tradition

- Uphold the values of the Cowboy Way, including honesty, fairness, and hard work.
- Preserve and celebrate the heritage of the Black Western experience and its traditions.

3. Personal Accountability

- Take responsibility for your actions, both in person and online, and demonstrate exemplary behavior at all times.
- Actively support PVTRA's mission and adhere to all organizational rules and guidelines.

On the Trail

1. Follow all trail ride and safety guidelines as set forth by PVTRA and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR). Detailed safety guidelines can be found on the PVTRA website or obtained from PVTRA officials. Members are encouraged to review these guidelines before participating in any activities. This includes proper formation, attire, and equipment requirements.
2. Refrain from displaying or consuming alcohol, drugs, or engaging in disruptive behavior during trail rides or PVTRA events.
3. Show respect to PVTRA officials, scouts, and safety bosses by adhering to their instructions for the safety and smooth running of events.
4. Maintain the cleanliness and integrity of campsites, trails, and facilities.
5. Adhere to PVTRA's & HLSR's dress code guidelines:
 - Approved Western attire (cowboy hats, boots, jeans, collared shirts).
 - Avoid commercial advertisements on clothing, unless explicitly authorized by PVTRA.

Online Conduct

1. Respect and Civility

- Engage respectfully in all online interactions, whether on social media, forums, or communication platforms.
- Avoid inflammatory or disrespectful language, personal attacks, or inappropriate content.

2. Representation of PVTRA

- Recognize that online activities reflect on PVTRA. Avoid posts, comments, or behavior that could harm the association's reputation.
- Use official PVTRA logos, names, or symbols online only with prior approval.

3. Content and Privacy

- Refrain from sharing confidential or sensitive information related to PVTRA operations, events, or members.
- Respect the privacy of others and avoid posting photos, videos, or information without consent.

Prohibited Activities

1. Harassment, bullying, or discrimination of any kind.
2. Fighting, disorderly conduct, or use of profanity in any PVTRA-related setting, including online platforms.

3. Participation in activities or behaviors that contradict PVTRA's mission, values, or rules, such as:
 - Reckless or unsafe behavior on the trail.
 - Online behaviors that promote contemporary norms counter to PVTRA's traditional values.

Enforcement

1. **Reporting Violations**
 - Members are encouraged to report conduct violations to PVTRA officials in a timely and respectful manner.
 - Violations may be reviewed by the Executive Committee or designated body.
2. **Consequences**
 - Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in penalties, including suspension or expulsion from PVTRA events and activities. The PVTRA Executive Committee will review violations and determine appropriate consequences based on the severity and circumstances of the offense.
 - Repeated violations or severe misconduct will result in permanent removal from the association.
