

Massey Pony Club Grazing Terms and Conditions

General

1. Application for grazing must be on the official form and submitted before the deadline. The Grazing Terms and Conditions form must also be submitted and signed.
2. By signing and accepting the Grazing Terms and Conditions, the signature holder is also agreeing to and accepting **the Massey Pony Club Membership terms and conditions and the Massey Pony club Code of Conduct. All these documents are available on the Massey Pony Club website.**
3. Grazing spaces are appointed by the MPC Committee, and all decisions are final with no correspondence entered into.
4. The summer grazing season begins the weekend prior to the first mounted junior rally.
5. If your grazing application is accepted by the committee, you will have 2 weeks from the date of notification to accept the grazing spot. If you fail to do so or decline the grazing spot, your name will be put on the bottom of the grazing waiting list.
6. Decisions made by the committee on any grazing related matters are final with no correspondence to be entered into.

Financial

1. All grazers must be current financial members of Massey Pony Club. If the horse is already grazing at the club, membership must be renewed on the enrolment date prior to the start of the season rollover on September 1st. Members not returning for the oncoming season must move their horses off the grounds by 1st of September.
2. All membership fees for the upcoming season, and any outstanding fees and invoices must be paid in full to Massey Pony Club prior to any horses being moved onto club grounds.
3. Summer grazing Fees are **\$150** per month, covering from the first to the last of the month. Fees are due by the 5th day of that month. This includes the costs for FEC testing.
4. Winter grazing fees will be \$200 per month, from the start of the winter grazing season.
5. Payment of grazing fees must be made directly into the nominated Massey Pony Club account by automatic payment. Late payments of grazing fees by more than 7 days from the 5th of each month with no communication in advance, will incur one warning, if payment has not been made within the 7-day notice window Massey Pony Club has the right to terminate the grazing at the discretion of the committee. If there are any issues with grazing payments, grazers must immediately contact the Treasurer.

Risks and Safety

1. All horses/ponies that graze on the Massey Pony Club grounds are there at the risk of the owners/caretakers of each horse. Massey Pony Club accepts no responsibility or is liable for any costs/damages to horses/ponies or personal equipment including horse covers that may be associated with any paddock accidents or injuries.
2. By signing these conditions, the grazer accepts that Massey Pony Club is a flood risk and by choosing to graze on club grounds, grazers are aware of the risk of flooding and accepts the risk to their horses. All flood risks are taken very seriously by the committee and all possible actions are taken to maintain the safety of all horses/ponies on the club grounds but in the event of an incident occurring Massey Pony Club accepts no responsibility or is liable for any damages to any horses/ponies due to flooding.
3. The white house, nut tree and nappy paddock are designated as emergency evacuation paddocks in the case of flooding and as holding paddocks in the case of events/ illness/disease/injury and are only grazed at the discretion of the grazing manager.

Grazing Management

1. All grazing horses/ponies will be placed where the grazing manager deems fit.
2. The grazing manager makes all final decisions on herd allocation, paddock placement, paddock rotation, strip grazing, feed out rosters and hay allocation and may be required to make decisions at short notice for the health and wellbeing of people and/or horses/ponies. These decisions are final and must be respected by all grazers.
3. The grazing manager may allocate jobs including water trough cleaning and general paddock maintenance to the grazers.
4. All horses/ponies grazing on MPC grounds must participate in regular FEC Testing. If you do not participate you may be issued a warning by the grazing manager. If the test results are positive and your horse/pony needs to be wormed, a set date and time will be advised by the grazing manager. If you do not worm your horse/pony within this timeframe the club retains the right to issue a written warning. Grazers pay for their wormers if required after FEC.

Herd Management

1. All horses are grazed in herds and any horse grazing on the Massey Pony Club grounds must be able to safely graze in a herd environment. Horses with special requirements may not be suitable to graze at MPC, if a horse is deemed by the grazing manager and/or committee to have special requirements that cannot be accommodated at the club, the club retains the right to terminate that horses grazing with a 7-day notice.
2. All horses grazing at MPC must respect electric tape and must be able to be grazed behind electric tape. If a horse continually breaks out of the electric tape, it is that

horses owners' responsibility to fix the issue, if the issue cannot be resolved that horse may be deemed unsuitable to graze on the club grounds.

3. Each herd will have its own herd manager. The herd manager is the liaison between the grazers within that herd and the grazing manager and is responsible for carrying out the actions set by the grazing manager for each herd. These may include tape moves, paddock moves, feeding out hay or any other jobs as directed by the grazing manager.
4. Horses/Ponies under four years of age, stallions, rigs or mares with foals may not be grazed on Pony Club grounds. Windsuckers are not permitted to graze at the Club
5. Any horse/pony deemed to be extremely troublesome or a danger to other grazers, people, horses/ponies or club property will be removed with instant termination of the grazer's rights.
6. Troublesome behaviour includes but is not limited to, kicking and biting other horses in pens/paddocks, difficulty leading horses to and from the paddock, charging horses and people in the paddock, continuously breaking out of tape, excessive kicking/biting in the paddock, jumping fences, aggressive when catching, excessively damaging MPC property and equipment. Excessive occurrences of behaviour are considered where a behaviour occurs more than once per week or 5 times in a given month.
7. If a horse is causing concern or displays concerning behaviour but does not yet present an extreme danger, it is the owner's responsibility to address these issues and actively take steps to rectify the behaviour. Guidance can be provided to the owner to help correct the behaviour, but failure to do so will result in an official warning and the possible termination of grazing at the discretion of the committee.

Grazer Responsibilities and expectations

1. All grazers are responsible for the health and safety of their own horse at all times. This includes ensuring their horse has access to food and water, ensuring temporary fencing is set up correctly and connected to a power source (either the mains perimeter fence or a portable electric unit) and any hazards including holes/ditches/fallen branches/jumps are securely taped off. If there are any issues these must immediately be raised with the grazing manager.
2. Grazers must declare on their grazing application form any vices and/or behaviours that may cause concerns to the club, other members and/or horses.
3. Your horse/pony must be checked a minimum of four times per week by yourself and/or a nominated person.
4. Grazers must be available to move their horses/ponies as required or arrange for someone to move their horse/pony for them.
5. Grazers are not allowed to change paddocks, change herds or put-up pens at their own discretion, these must be discussed and approved by the grazing manager.
6. All grazers must pick up 4 wheelbarrows of poo per week per horse with barrows to be emptied in the allocated poo bins/areas in each paddock.

7. If a horse or pony is being removed from the pony club grounds overnight, the owner/ person responsible for that horse must give the grazing manager at least 48 hours' notice.
8. No horses are ever to be left alone in a paddock, if there are two horses left in the paddock and one is being taken to the club to be ridden/groomed/fed then both horses must be brought to the clubhouse and the other horse is to be placed in the yards. In the event of horses going off the grounds to shows/clinics/outings and one horse will be left alone; the owner of the horse being left alone must be given at least 2 days' notice by the owner/owners of the horse/horses going off the grounds.
9. No person may interfere with any other grazers' horse/pony at MPC except under the following conditions; during paddock moves, bringing a horse into the yards if it's the last one left in the paddock, if the horse has escaped its paddock and needs to be returned, during an emergency evacuation, if it is at risk of being injured (slipped cover) or poses a risk of injury to other horses/members/facilities, any instances where the health, safety and welfare of the horse or members is at risk, or with direct permission of the owner. Grazers must immediately contact the grazing manager **and** owner if a horse/pony is injured or distressed.
10. Grazers are responsible for checking and cleaning all water troughs. Additional jobs may be allocated to the grazers by the committee and/or grazing manager. Grazers must immediately report any damaged fences, troughs, leaks or other equipment to a committee member.
11. All grazers must attend 75% of available rallies mounted unless a vet or medical certificate is supplied. (If a horse/pony is going to be unfit for riding for more than 3 months the committee has the right to terminate grazing).
12. Horses/ponies must be penned or moved to the allocated paddock on Tuesday night before rallies, as directed by the grazing manager.
13. Grazers that help with loading and stacking the winter hay may get first consideration for winter grazing spots.
14. For horses that are difficult to catch and/or lead, it is the owner's responsibility to be there to move the horse or organise someone to assist.
15. No horse is ever to be hard fed in the paddock with any other horses. Horses being hard fed must be removed from the paddock and supervised by the owner/person responsible.
8. If a grazer is going away for more than 3 days it is that grazers responsibility to organise someone to look after their horse.
9. Any horses left in the yards for more than an hour must be provided with hay/food and water by the person who placed them in the yards.
10. Grazers that wish to discontinue grazing on the club grounds must give 2 weeks' notice in writing to masseyponyclub@gmail.com

Medical

1. If a horse/pony is unwell and potentially contagious the grazing manager must immediately be contacted. The MPC committee will then be notified, and it may be decided that the horse/pony will need to be quarantined and/or removed from the

club grounds if they are deemed to be a serious risk to the health of the other horses. Club members will be notified on methods to reduce the risk of illness to the other horses.

2. In cases of an emergency the owner of the horse/pony and the grazing manager must immediately be contacted. A vet may be summoned at the discretion of the grazing manager and/or the owner of the injured horse. These costs are the sole responsibility of the owner of the injured/affected horse. A list of grazers' contact details will be supplied to all grazers and posted in the tack shed.

Working Bees

1. In addition to club working bees, the club may hold up to four grazers working bees during the season. Grazers must attend at least three of these working bees.

Facilities

1. Facilities for the specific use of grazers such as tack and feed sheds have separate Terms and Conditions forms associated with them. Grazers must sign and abide by these agreements in order to use these facilities.
2. Massey Pony Club accepts no liability or responsibility for any loss or damages to floats, or any equipment stored in floats, when floats are parked on the club grounds. It is recommended to provide the club with a set of keys so floats can be moved in an emergency but if the owner chooses not to, they accept that their float will not be moved in the case of an emergency.
3. Float parking locations are set at the discretion of the committee and must be respected by all float owners.

Memorandum

1. Adult members (21 years and over) will have access to grazing if available or as the MPC committee sees fit. If a child requires grazing the adult grazer will be given 14 days' notice unless otherwise agreed by the committee.
2. Children under the age of 17 are not to ride on club grounds without the supervision of a parent or an adult responsible for their care.
3. There is a maximum of one horse or pony allowed per riding member. Any variance to this may be at the discretion of the committee and the grazing manager.
4. The minimum age for a grazer is seven years.

Feedback

1. Grazing related constructive feedback is welcome, all queries should initially be liaised with the grazing manager and then followed up with the committee as required.
2. All other issues must be raised in writing via email to the committee.

Covid

1. If Auckland is put under any further COVID lockdowns there will be rules in place for grazers including safety guidelines and a roster for visiting the club, these rules must be followed and respected by all grazers.

Winter Grazing specific conditions

1. The winter grazing fees includes a one-off bulk purchase of hay by the club. The costs of additional hay that may need to be purchased is shared by all grazers. If your horse requires more hay than what is allocated from the club supplies by the grazing manager, then it is the owners responsibly to provide the extra hay themselves and feed it separately to their horse (i.e. in the yards).
2. Club hay is only to be fed out at the discretion of the grazing manager.
3. Winter Grazing spaces are appointed by the committee and are final. Factors such as the grazers commitment to the club during the season are taken into consideration during the appointment of winter grazing spots.
4. By accepting a winter grazing space, the applicant is committing to joining MPC as a riding member for the following season. If this is in doubt, please let the club know immediately.
5. Grazers without their own land and/or a horse float may get higher consideration than those who have land and a float, at the discretion of the committee.
6. Winter grazers are required to help prep the grounds for the coming season at the end of winter.

The breach of any of these Grazing Terms and Conditions may result in a written warning. Massey Pony Club reserves the right to terminate a grazing contract after one written warning. Any future applications submitted for grazing at Massey Pony Club will be reconsidered. A serious breach of the Grazing Terms and Conditions and/or Massey Pony Club Rules may lead to instant termination of the grazing contract at the discretion of the Committee. Termination of grazing rights on the Massey Pony Club grounds will result in a 7 day notice period to remove your horse and this decision will be final with no correspondence to be entered into.

Signed (Name) _____

Signed (Signature) _____

Date _____