



Dear Polo Player,

Here are six rules that will help us enjoy our games and grow the club.

1. Have fun, it's a game. We do it for fun, not to prove our bravery or vanquish our enemies. We enjoy the camaraderie, our horses, and green grass under blue skies. It's not for glory, Rolexes or money; on Monday nobody will care. Fun is the goal.
2. Be safe, it's a game, not a war; there's nothing worth dying for. When players get hurt, everyone is hurt; we are a small club and we need (and want) everybody to be safe. New players should remember their limits and not make the start of their polo career end. A safe game is the goal.
3. Remember your horses, they are your friends, and they are living things, not machines. Tired or unconditioned horses can fall, sustain serious injuries or run through the bit. Keep this in mind and don't be afraid to let some plays go by. Getting your horses home safely is a great goal.
4. Play a clean game. Committing a foul doesn't mean getting caught, it means doing something you know is wrong, whether the umpire sees it or not. Everyone makes mistakes, but knowingly breaking the rules is wrong. If you don't know the rules or you think you might be wrong, don't go into the play. Don't be a ball hunter trying to win at any cost. In casual games with no umpire this is doubly important. Playing a penalty free game is a great goal.
5. Be polite. Never argue with an umpire, another player, or use profanity on the field; never. If someone else yells, it's not okay to join in. If the umpire misses a call (in your opinion) or makes one you disagree with, get over it, quietly. A polite and friendly game is a great goal.
6. Look sharp. White pants are required for all games; do not ride on the field without them. Whites say you are part of a team, part of a club and part of a tradition. All players should have the 3 shirts in different colors provided by the management available for all scrimmages and games. Here again, you are part of a team and part of a club; looking presentable is not that big of a burden.

Looking sharp also means that horses are reasonably clean, manes are roached, and tails are tied. Tack should be in good order; don't keep everyone waiting because you are not organized.

Looking sharp also means acting sharp. Call in chukkers on time and show up on time.

Looking sharp is a reasonable and respectful goal.

Now the punch line – Scoring and winning is goal seven and it's the icing on the cake and, if you achieve goals one through six, you will feel good. If you don't, you will get angry, get hurt, hurt your



horses, piss off your fellow players, offend the spectators, and look bad the whole time. Work for the six, seven will come. We will have fun and build a club with people we like, respect, and trust.

PLAYER'S CONDUCT

- The Disciplinary Committee will enforce the rules of sportsmanship and conduct on the playing field.
- It is the intention of the Board of Directors that the Disciplinary Committee exercises broad discretion in fashioning appropriate adjudications under the rules of the U.S.P.A. and the Arizona Polo Club. It is recognized that each case brought before the Disciplinary Committee is unique. Arizona Polo Club hereby announces its intentions that the Disciplinary Committee will not be guided by disciplinary precedents that were set from past proceedings.
- Captains ONLY are permitted to communicate with the umpires during the game.
- Any arguing, profanity, disrespectful conduct, rough or dangerous plays, refusing to play, or any other lack of sportsmanship will not be tolerated. **VIOLATORS WILL BE SERIOUSLY PENALIZED.**
- Any fines levied by the Disciplinary Committee must be paid prior to further play by the violator.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct and profane language on or off the playing field will not be tolerated. Membership rights may be rescinded immediately for any player in violation of this provision.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, actions or words directed to any official, player, spectator, or other person or mount on Club grounds that is typically or verbally threatening, assaulting, abusive, demeaning, obscene, profane, belligerent, or dangerous, or that violates standards of fair play or common decency generally accepted in the polo community.
- The illegal use of drugs or the abuse of alcohol by players or their employees is strictly prohibited.
- It is strongly recommended that players bring and provide drinking water for their horses at all games and practices.

I, _____, have read and understand the Rules of Arizona Polo Club and the Player Conduct expected from all players. I will abide by these rules and encourage all other players to stand for these as well.

Signature: _____

Signed by: _____

Date: _____