



## Field Use Policy - 2010

This policy is meant to address quality of fields, consideration of the field and property owner's wishes, and distribution of tournament games per field. The goal of the 302 Polo Cooperative is to provide the best field conditions to those who play polo at 302, while providing the field owners with the fairest, most pleasurable and profitable experience in being a field provider to the 302 Polo Cooperative.

### FIELD CONDITIONS

Fields are expected to be provided for use in tournament quality. At the beginning of each season, the 302 Polo Cooperative - Polo Manager will assemble a three (3) member Field Evaluation Committee. The Committee will convene on one occasion prior to the start of the season either in person or by teleconference. The Committee will meet as necessary at specific fields during the season to review the quality of the fields for tournament play using the following criteria:

- Grass shall be well maintained; essentially weed and pest free, regularly mowed to tournament polo level, and sanded as necessary during off-season.
- It is recommended that fields be boarded, and those with boards should keep the boards trimmed on the inside of the field or otherwise free of tall grass/weeds along the edges. The boards themselves should be well maintained, without exposed nails, screws or large splinters, and without boards that have warped to the point of being mismatched with connecting boards.
- Fields are expected to have end-lines, penalty lines and mid-field clearly marked for each game. Fields should be marked as described in the Blue Book, page 90, rule 12.
- An ample number of polo balls, at least a dozen at each end, for each game is to be provided by the field. Each field should have a clearly visible scoreboard and a flag for each goal judge.
- It is recommended that fields used for tournament play be repaired after every tournament game or practice. This means the repairing of divots and filling of holes with sand by an adequate crew such that the quality of the surface can remain at the highest quality.
- If there is a complaint regarding the quality or usability of any field, the party with the complaint should submit their protest to polo manager, who will in turn call upon the Field Evaluation Committee to review the field and assess the issue.

It is the responsibility of the field owners/managers to manage their fields to the best of their ability, and to present them for tournament use. If the Committee determines a field to be below the quality level expected by the Cooperative, then the field owner will be notified in writing immediately with explanation of the problem(s). If requested by the field owner/manager, then a recommendation by the Committee to remedy problem(s) will be provided. The field will be removed from the field use distribution until the field has been brought back to standards. In order to reinstate the field into distribution, the field owner shall present the repaired field to the Field Evaluation Committee, and the Committee will then determine if the field has returned to quality expected by the Club.



## **FIELD OWNER'S CONSIDERATION**

Each field used in the 302 Polo Cooperative is privately owned property. If a field owner has any issues or desires with respect to hosting tournament polo games at their field, then they should make those wishes known to the polo manager. These issues might include, but are not limited to the following: admission process, spectator parking, trailer parking, location/permission for hanging sponsor banners, and location of port-o-let. The 302 Polo Cooperative is responsible for the use of the field before, during, and after a 302 sanctioned game to ensure the guests, which include polo players, spectators and staff, are respectful of the properties and the owner's wishes are upheld. Field Owners that have a specific protest with the use of their field can submit their complaint in writing to the polo manager. The issue will then be reviewed by the appropriate committee, the 302 Polo Cooperative Board, the Tournament Committee, or the Field Evaluation Committee. Upon reaching a finding with the appropriate committee, the polo manager will communicate the proposed resolution to the Field Owner in a timely manner.

## **FIELD USE DISTRIBUTION**

- The 302 Board determined that each farm is considered a single field provider, though some Field Owners have more than one field to contribute.
- The fields will be distributed as evenly as possible during the first round of each tournament. The polo manager and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to use or assign fields as needed.
- Field owners will be given an equal number of "home games" whenever possible as the schedule permits. Fields for the first round of tournaments will be assigned with the initial schedule.
- Field selection for quarter-final, semi-final and final games will be made by the polo manager and the Tournament Committee. Qualifying Teams will be given the opportunity to request fields. In the event teams cannot agree on a Field, then the decision will be made by the tournament committee. Field Owners and Teams accept in advance that certain events are scheduled on specific fields well in advance for publicity and corporate sponsorship consideration, and are not subject to change. Field assignments for all games, including quarter-final, semi-final and final games will be posted no less than 48 hours in advance of the game. In the event that weather necessitates a last minute field change, this change will be made at the discretion of management.
- Field use reconciliation and payment will be made to each field owner within one week of the completion of each tournament.

This Field Use Policy is in place as a guideline for both the Field Owners and the committees of the 302 Polo Cooperative to base field oriented decisions for fairness, equality of field use, and to ensure use of the best quality fields for tournament games.