



The Kimberley Equestrian Centre's first aim is "to encourage, promote and foster horse riding and other aspects of equitation and related activities for its members". In pursuance of this aim, this instruction policy aims to ensure that the maximum amount of qualified instruction is available to members, in the interests of the club as a whole.

Instruction at the club follows the principles of English riding, with the focus on fun and enjoyment while providing practical experience in a wide range of competitive disciplines. There are two main bands of instruction at the club, i.e. the weekend lesson programme, and private instruction by authorised instructors. There is also an equestrian vaulting club based at KEC which offers training in this discipline.

OFFICIAL WEEKEND LESSON PROGRAMME

Weekend lessons are free to all riders who stable full time at KEC. The aim of the weekend lesson programme is to develop competent, confident riders. A wide range of competitive disciplines and fun activities are included in the programme (such as dressage, jumping, equitation, cross country, gymkhana games, trec and outrides). The weekend lessons are designed to be varied, interesting and enjoyable, so as to provide each horse and rider with a solid foundation in riding and horsemastership.

All riders are encouraged to take part in the weekend lessons and to participate in all of the club's activities. Lessons are scheduled most Saturdays and Sundays and riders are placed in groups according to their level of skill and the horse's level of training.

All persons wishing to be included in the weekend lessons must notify the person responsible by the Wednesday before lessons. Lesson times are then allocated and emailed to members. As the instructors put considerable time and effort into planning their lessons in advance, if you have booked a lesson and cannot attend please excuse yourself from the instructor before the lesson.

Riders not taking part in the weekend activities are to note that the official weekend lessons and other activities organised by the club have preferential use of the club's facilities (arenas, equipment, etc.)

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

In-House Instructors

In addition to the weekend lesson programme, there are five in-house instructors who are based at KEC and who offer additional private lessons. These are tailored to your level of riding and/or competition and there is greater scope for individual attention.

In-house instructors are expected to assist at official club events, and to assist the committee in organising clinics etc. by specialist instructors in their disciplines.

The club currently has five in-house instructors:

1. Ricky Talbot, Pam Munro, Chrisna Jooste and Michelle Dobson may instruct riders on their own horses.
2. Chrisna Jooste and Michelle Dobson give lessons to riders using the club horses.
3. Ilse de Villiers instructs the members of the vaulting club.

Visiting instructors

Visiting instructors are based at another club or yard, but have committee authorisation to instruct riders on their own horses at KEC. Visiting instructors must abide by the club's rules, regulations and policies. Lessons by visiting instructors are subject to an instruction levy of R50 per lesson (60 minutes), and lunging sessions R25 (30 minutes).

Specialist outside instructors:

The committee may occasionally invite an outside instructor to give riding members additional instruction, or to host clinics and other special events. The cost of these events or courses will be borne by those taking part.

NOTE:

- All instructors must have a recognised coaching certificate and a valid First Aid Certificate (copies to be provided to the KEC Committee).
- All instructors are expected to promote the interests of the club and not engage in any conduct which is prejudicial to the club's interest.
- All instructors are required to book arenas for lessons in advance. One dressage arena, one jumping arena, the lunging arena and the Oval will be available for use by all instructors, the remaining arenas will remain open for general use by club members. The dressage arena may not be booked by instructors for lunging of horses.