

Training and Testing Day Rules and Etiquette

General Rules

1. Safety First. You are responsible for knowing the rules and keeping our chapter safe for years to come.
2. No shooting of any firearms except for A and B fields while dog training.
3. All members and guests must wear hunter safety orange while in the training areas and adhere to all gun safety rules.
4. No cars or trucks are allowed in the fields except for necessary maintenance or test preparation. Speed limit is 10mph on lanes, 5mph if dogs and handlers are present in A field.
5. Parking for all fields except B field is at the clubhouse parking area. Parking for B field is at the warming house or immediately inside the B field gate. Parking for the small lake is permitted at the lake provided that the lane is not muddy and is passable for no more than two vehicles and is only permitted if live ammunition is not in use in A or B fields.
6. ATVs / UTVs should make every effort to drive only on the mowed paths or around the perimeter of the fields along the fence line. ATV / UTV use is for dog training, tests, or maintenance work only.
7. No firing of live loads allowed on the premises except in A and B fields on training and test days.

Dog Training Rules at Glens Valley Conservation Club

1. All birds released and harvested will be written down in the DNR bird log located in the mailbox by the dumpster.
2. All persons using the area for training that entails releasing live birds or shooting live birds must have in their possession a current Indiana hunting license or a special shooting preserve permit.
3. Only those birds as specified in the current shooting preserve rules shall be released for dog training or field events.
4. All birds killed in the training fields must be removed from the fields and disposed of by placing them in a plastic bag and putting the bag in the dumpster.

5. Only the number of birds released shall be harvested.
6. Shooting of birds will only be allowed in A and B fields.
7. Only blank guns with solid barrels will be permitted in other areas.
8. All members must wear hunter safety orange while in the training areas and adhere to all gun safety rules (this includes the ponds).

Etiquette

1. Please be mindful of the Glens Valley property - the grounds are to be treated with the utmost respect. Do your best to not leave ruts, stay on drives, and please pick up all trash. You are a representative of not only the Hoosier Hills Chapter but also NAVHDA.
2. While other members are working their dog(s), it is important to have your dog quiet and under control. When not training, please keep your dog on a leash, in their kennel, or a tie out stake.
3. Airing out dogs is both necessary and important. Please make sure you are airing out dogs in the designated area or away from the training field / test site. Typically, B and C fields are available to air out your dogs.
4. If you expect help, expect to give it. We help each other in making the best bird dogs and that sometimes comes with team effort on training days. This may be as simple as planting birds for the next handler.
5. Don't be overbearing when giving help. Ask the person what their training goals are. Ask what type of input they'd like to receive. No matter the level of knowledge you may have, be aware that too much help may be too much help. Each person learns differently, and each person may have an idea of how they want to train their dog based on a host of criteria. Ultimately, it's up to that person to accept your input.
6. Helping with set up and clean up and training days and test weekends. We are a volunteer-based organization and need everyone to pitch in to make the most of our training days. Test weekends run far more efficiently when we have volunteers available to assist throughout. While we understand you cannot be early or stay late every time, please note that it takes more than a few to make training and testing days possible.
7. While at tests (or training days), please remain respectful to handlers and judges. They have volunteered their time to be there. Listen to all field marshals and follow the daily instructions. This is true of training days. The chapter will try to establish a lead to facilitate the training day or the specific area of training.

8. Judges travel from near and far and are there on test day to assist you, the handler, during the test. Take the time after the test is over to utilize them and ask any questions that you have that may arise during the test.