



Shenango

Chapter Of

NAVHDA



TRAINING GROUNDS POLICY

Effective July 2, 2024

1. Only Regular Active Shenango Chapter members and their guests are permitted to use the grounds.
2. While guests are always welcome, and any Shenango Chapter member in good standing is permitted to bring guests to the training grounds, the following rules apply:
 - a) Guests will be permitted to use the training grounds to train their dog(s) a total of two (2) times. After two times, it is mandated they join Shenango Chapter.
 - b) Guests not training a dog (i.e., planting birds for the member) are not limited to any number of visits.
 - c) Any NAVHDA member visiting from another chapter and in good standing with their home chapter is permitted to use the grounds on a non-limited basis as long as a Shenango Chapter member in good standing accompanies them. However, they are encouraged to join the Shenango Chapter where they will have unrestricted use. A session fee of \$25 / day will be assessed.
 - d) While on the grounds, all shooting will be limited to regular active members in good standing of the Shenango Chapter. Under no circumstances may a guest, visitor, or non-member shoot at any Shenango Chapter event. If you are not eligible to shoot, you must find an eligible shooter. Please contact the Training Director for assistance.
 - e) **All shooting must be conducted using factory ammunition. The use of handloads or re-manufactured ammunition is strictly prohibited.**
 - f) Shenango Chapter members are responsible for their guests' behavior and for any damages resulting from their guests' use of the grounds.
3. A Regular Active member must accompany Junior members at all times.
4. Membership cards must be carried and presented when asked. Any person not possessing a valid card will be asked to leave.
5. Hunting is not permitted on Chapter grounds. Wild birds may be pursued for the purpose of dog training only; pursuant to any Federal, State and Local Laws.
6. All dead birds, trash and debris must be removed from the grounds at the end of the day. Disciplinary action may be leveled on the member for violation.
7. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on the training grounds while there is training or testing being conducted, except in the camping area, this is regardless of whether you are a participant, a handler, a helper or an observer.
8. Anyone consuming alcohol is finished with all participation in training and/or testing for the day. No Exceptions. **There will be no alcohol consumption during Mock or Chapter tests until the scores are read.**
9. Any member or guest in a visibly intoxicated condition will be removed from the grounds immediately.
10. All participants and spectators in the field must wear, at a minimum, a *Hunter Orange* hat while in the field. Additional *Hunter Orange* in the form of a vest or a jacket is highly recommended.
11. Non-Toxic ammunition must be used for waterfowl (i.e., Steel Shot, Bismuth, etc.).

12. All Native Game Birds (Pheasants, Quail, Mallards, etc.) released for dog training, pursuant to any Federal, State, and Local Laws, must be handled with the PGC Bands supplied to the Chapter.
13. Releasing and shooting birds is permitted in the designated area: marked by the signs "*Special Retriever Training Area*" only.
14. Camping is permitted in designated area only.
15. ATV's are not permitted on Chapter grounds except during scheduled Chapter events.
16. No motorized vehicles may be driven on Chapter grounds, except on test days and work days. Campground excluded.
17. The Chapter is not responsible for any property or equipment left on the grounds.
18. Any member or guest damaging any property of the Chapter or its grounds, intentionally or unintentionally, must replace, or repair, or pay to repair the damage.
19. It is the obligation of every member of the Chapter to report any violation of these rules to a member of the Executive Council.
20. Please reference Bylaws Article II, Section 2: Disputes and Expulsion.