SHENANGO
Chapter of
NAVHDA

Training Ground Policy

1) Only 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 Guidelines (rules) apply:
   a) Guests will be permitted to use the training grounds to train their dog(s) a total of three (3) times per calendar year. After three times, they are encouraged to join the chapter.
   b) Guests not training a dog, (i.e. the guest is gunning or 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.
   d) Chapter members are responsible for their guests’ behavior and for any damages resulting from their guests’ use of the grounds.
3) A senior 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) All Gates must be closed and locked upon exiting the grounds.
6) Hunting is not permitted on Chapter grounds- Wild birds may be ‘hunted’ for purposes of dog training only.
7) All dead birds, trash and debris must be removed from the grounds at the end of the day.
8) Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on the training grounds while there is training or testing being done, except in the camping area, this is regardless of whether you are a participant, a handler, a helper or an observer.
9) Anyone consuming any alcohol is finished with all participation in training and/or testing for the day. No Exceptions.
10) Any member or guest in a visibly intoxicated condition will be asked to leave the grounds immediately.
11) All participants and spectators in the field must wear Hunter orange hats or clothing.
12) Steel shot must be used for waterfowl.
13) All native game birds (pheasants, quail, mallards, etc) released for dog training must be banded with the PGC bands supplied to the Chapter.
14) Releasing and shooting birds is permitted in the designated area: marked by the signs ‘Special Retriever Training Area” only.
15) Camping is permitted in designated area only.
16) Vehicles may not be driven on fields except where definite roads exist and conditions permit, meaning when they are dry & solid and using will not cause damage/create ruts.
17) ATV’s are not permitted on Chapter grounds except:
   a) During scheduled chapter events when designated and authorized by the Chapter, or
   b) When used for bird planting on area marked “Special Retriever Training Area”
18) The chapter is not responsible for any property or equipment left on the grounds.
19) 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.
20) It is the obligation of every member of the chapter to report any violation of these rules to a member of the Executive Council, who shall immediately notify the offending member that their club privileges are temporarily suspended until an Executive Council meeting can be held. If found guilty, the Executive Council shall determine the penalty and their decision shall be final.