



#### GROUNDS USE GUIDELINES (Revised 3/04/2020)

The North Dakota Retriever Club owns and maintains more than 110 acres of property near Glyndon, MN. Club Members have the privilege to use the grounds for dog training and testing. This privilege comes with some responsibilities. In order to keep the grounds in good condition and prevent conflicts among members the NDRC Board has developed the following general GUIDELINES for use of the club grounds.

1. Respect for the dogs and respect for fellow Club Members is the basis for all activities on NDRC grounds. Unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary force of any manner is not acceptable Conduct on NDRC grounds.
2. Grounds are to be used on a first come, first serve basis. If another group or person is using the area, please respect their choice.
3. Training in groups is encouraged. Asking a fellow member to join your training group or requesting to join a training group is an accepted practice and members are encouraged to do so.
4. Be courteous and respect of fellow club members. Members doing advanced work may set-up training scenarios in excess of 400 yards. Before setting up in an adjacent area look for signs indicating where a fellow club members is working; vehicles parked in an area, gunshots, persons working an area in a hunting like manner, blind stakes or ribbons, stickmen, chairs, wingers and similar items. If a conflict does occur, proceed on the assumption your fellow club member did not realize the problem. Approach them in a friendly, positive manner and resolve any conflicts respectfully.
5. Check with fellow club members working in an adjacent area to make sure you know where their dogs are running to minimize the potential for conflicting training to occur. Remember when approaching them do so slowly and avoid driving through their set up while a dog is running. Keep in mind while in some instances a trainer will welcome fellow members working nearby as a useful distraction, at other times it may interfere with the teaching/training process. The only way to know is to ask.
6. Respect the grounds. Do not create ruts on the roads or grounds; be especially vigilant during wet conditions. Fill in any ruts you make and note any other unsafe or potentially dangerous conditions you encounter.

7. Do not leave birds, live or dead, on the grounds. Birds that are useful for future training activities should be returned to the correct bird pen or the block house freezer as appropriate. Birds which are no longer useful for training should be **disposed offsite and not on club grounds.**
8. Pick up all training aids when you are finished with your training session including birds (live and dead), stakes, ribbons, stickmen, mats and other training items.
9. Registered Pros may be using the grounds on a seasonal or temporary basis. Amateur Members may request to join the Pros while they are training. Amateur Members have preference for set-up locations after 5 PM.
10. If you set up to train in an area, please maintain adequate separation from other training groups to prevent noise, movement, vehicle parking and similar activities from interfering with other Members training on the grounds. (if you do not find adequate area for separation, refer to guideline #3)