



## **ACHRA CODE OF CONDUCT**

***The intention of these guidelines is to set acceptable practice for ACHRA members, and to preserve the integrity of our organization and the sport of dogs.***

The health, welfare and safety of your dog(s) is paramount, at all times and in any circumstance.

Club members should act as good ambassadors for their breed and the club. All public interactions should be positive, fair and honest.

ACHRA members should be respectful of the environment, wildlife, and rules of use for any land used for training or events, including land that is not under club jurisdiction.

Members are expected to support the club by volunteering and to complete such commitment, with due diligence and to the best of their ability.

Members are expected to follow all guidelines or rules laid down by the Board of Directors, club officials and event committees.

Members are expected to follow the rules, regulations and policies governing ACHRA and the retriever sport.

A member shall exhibit respect for the officials of the sport and their decisions.

A member shall not intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate, or discriminate against any person while representing the club, or participating in club events.

A member shall not condone the use of violence or verbal abuse against any person while representing the club or participating in club events.

A member should commit to the value of honesty, courtesy, and fair play.

A member takes responsibility for their actions.

***A member with cause for complaint against another member should refer to the protocol in our By-laws, (Article VIII, Discipline).***