

Wild West Dogsport Standing Rules for Visitors

The following standing rules have been established for all attendees at any training session at Wild West Dogsport (WWDS). Each attendee must observe all the rules shown below and sign the WWDS visitor log to show their agreement of these rules before working their dog.

WWDS aims to be a competitive Schutzhund dog-training club that produces impressive dog-handler teams, exhibited with exemplary sportsmanship and proudly supported by other members during event participation in all three phases. WWDS is open to all working breeds of dogs that show an aptitude for the rigors of the sport.

Advantages of WWDS Membership

We encourage you to consider membership in WWDS to show your support for our club, our training program and our mother organization DVG. Active and Associate WWDS Members enjoy special privileges, such as:

- Reduced drop-in fees for associate members
- Sharply reduced training fees for active members
- DVG membership and scorebooks
- Internationally recognized Schutzhund titles
- Voting rights for active members

For more information or an application, please ask a WWDS member or officer.

Training-Saturdays

Each Training-Saturdays (TS) consists of one open-field obedience session and two protection run-throughs for our active members. Visitors may be asked to come at a specific time during the training day, based on training slot availability. Let us know if you would like to participate in obedience and protection.

General Conduct

Conduct of visitors during Training-Saturdays (TS) should be conducive to continued learning, improvement and understanding of the sport of Schutzhund and the training of dogs in the sport. The use of profanity is not appropriate in this setting.

Photos & Video Recordings

Photos and video may be recorded for personal use only. Neither may be published publically, online or emailed without the express permission of every person, helper, handler and dog featured.

Obedience & Training Etiquette

Dogs must be kept under strict control and must be kept on leash at all times (except during off-leash heeling) on the field, on deck, in the parking lot and around the school buildings.

Visitors with aggressive dogs must always keep the safety of others and their dogs as their highest priority. Visitors with such dogs are expected to keep their dogs controlled, prevent them from initiating any attack and

advising others of these facts. Visitors may not use the presence of other dogs or handlers as training opportunities without their ex-pressed consent. Any such incident may result in restricted training access.

It is generally frowned upon to allow your dog to engage in staring at or barking at other trainers' dogs.

Visitors wishing to practice gunshots must first check with all other trainers on the field.

In the one-month period before a trial, use of the field & equipment may be prioritized to trial teams.

Training Order

Training drop-ins will be worked near the end of the training list. After paying your training fees, the sergeant-at-arms will assign you a spot in the training line-up. We ask that you have your dog ready and on deck when it is your turn.

Training Field & Adjacent Grounds

WWDS considers it a great privilege to be able to use Columbine School for training. All WWDS visitors are expected to treat the grounds, buildings and surrounding areas with utmost respect, consideration and cleanliness. All trash/dog waste must be removed.

The area at the NW of the school grounds has been designated as the dog 'potty' area. As such, visitors may walk their dogs here, but must always remove any waste left behind. Visitors may also walk their dogs in the fields adjacent to the school grounds.

The actual training field is the grass area south of the playground and continuing to the south side fence, and between the utility shed and the basketball court. The perimeter of the field is the "on-deck" area.

Smoking, Drinking, Drugs

WWDS has a "Zero-Tolerance" policy for smoking, drinking or the use of drugs on any portion of the school grounds including the parking lot, since such usage may cause the club's dismissal from the school. Pick up any cigarette butts in the parking lot.

Anyone found to be under the influence of or impaired by legal or illegal substances may be expelled from training without refund.

Parking & Dog Confinement

Regular parking is not restricted and visitors may park where it is safe and practical to do so.

All dogs must be securely kept in crates when not worked. Dogs confined loosely in motorhomes or cars

must be prevented from accidental escape. Visitors are responsible for their dog's wellbeing and safety, and must ensure there is adequate ventilation, shade, shelter and water available to their dog/s at all times.

Crates may be moved to shade areas on the school grounds away from the training area for added cooling and ventilation.

Visitors bringing bitches in season should be sensitive to parking near others with male dogs and are encouraged to check if other dogs would be bothered by a bitch in season parked nearby.

Equipment

Visitors are responsible for obtaining the necessary equipment to maximize their dog's training in all three phases of the sport.

Visitors must maintain their equipment to highest standards, keeping in mind first & foremost the safety of the training decoy, other trainers and their dogs and their own.

Visitors must give great care to equipment belonging to the club (i.e. jumps, blinds, etc.), the training decoy (i.e. sleeves, long lines), or other trainers.

Helper equipment, i.e. sleeves, sticks, whips, may not be picked up, tried out or used except with permission and under supervision of a helper or club officer.

Ice Chest

The club's ice chest is for our helpers' comfort and care. Beverages may be purchased for \$1 each, payable to a club officer.

Fees

Drop-in fees must be paid before you can be added to the training line-up.

Associate Member Drop-In Fees:

- Adult dog in obedience & 2 x protection - \$50 per dog per TS.
- Adult dog in obedience & 1 x protection - \$30 per dog per TS.
- Obedience only (no instruction) - \$10 per dog per TS.
- Puppy ≤ 6 months of age 1 x protection - \$20.
- One-time evaluation fee - \$20 per dog (no repeats).

Visitor Drop-In Fees (Effective 9/1/2016):

- Adult dog in obedience & 2 x protection - \$75 per dog per TS.
- Adult dog in obedience & 1 x protection - \$40 per dog per TS.
- Obedience only (no instruction) - \$10 per dog per TS.
- Puppy ≤ 6 months of age 1 x protection - \$30.
- One-time evaluation fee - \$30 per dog (no repeats).

NOTE: Training fees are NON-refundable and missed sessions cannot be made up at a later date or traded.

Club Trials

WWDS typically hosts two club trials per year, held in the spring and fall. You are encouraged to submit your email address, so we can contact you with future trial announcements.

Conditions of Participation

By participating, I agree that every dog I bring to any function of Wild West Dogsport will at all times be in the care and control of its handler. I further understand that by participating I agree to be fully responsible for the actions of my dog(s) while on the training grounds. I agree to hold Wild West Dogsport, its members, decoys and trial judges, and all property owners harmless for loss and injury allegedly caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my dog while on the site. I hereby assume all responsibility for such claims. I further relinquish all claims and agree to hold Wild West Dogsport, its members, decoys and trial judges, and all property owners harmless for loss or injury that may have been caused directly or indirectly to myself or my dog during participation in Wild West Dogsport activities. I agree to conduct myself with good sportsmanship and in a way that reflects well on myself and the sport of Schutzhund. I understand that abusive training or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in dismissal from the club event and ejection from the grounds with no refund of fees.

Acceptance of Standing Rules

By signing the visitor log, I certify that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the official Wild West Dogsport Visitor Standing Rules, as approved by the Wild West Dogsport membership.

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