

CDTC CODE OF ETHICS



PURPOSE:

This **CODE OF ETHICS** is set forth to protect and advance the interests of Charlotte Dog Training Club Members, Competitors, Exhibitors, Students and Visitors; to maintain sportsmanlike competition at training classes, seminars, dog shows and events; and to promote a respect for people and their dogs. Charlotte Dog Training Members are to adhere to these canons when training, competing with and exhibiting at all times.

All Charlotte Dog Training Club members are representatives of the club and our sport. Members of the Charlotte Dog Training Club will conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit to the sport of dogs, regardless of the location or circumstances.

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- Members shall at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct. Whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels, they will treat all present, including other members, volunteers, competitors, judges, officials, and spectators with respect and courtesy.
- Never use abusive or vulgar language, or make racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs or derogatory comments at club events;
- Never make unwanted sexual or physical contact with other members (Members found to be listed on a sex offender registry, convicted of a sex crime, or caught having, creating, or distributing child pornography will be immediately barred from membership and all participation in club activities.);
- Always abide by event/trial rules and engage in fair competition at any event/trial which includes any means of gaining a competitive advantage that is considered cheating when participating in club events/trials or other events/trials where you may represent the club by wearing a club-branded singlet, shirt, uniform, etc.
- Members will maintain high standards in the health and care of their dogs, always putting the welfare of their dogs above the goals of competition.