

# *Louisiana Capital City Obedience Club*

## **FIELD USE PROGRAM POLICIES**

Red Stick Agility, the agility arm of LCCOC, offers serious agility students and active competitors an incredible opportunity to practice on AKC regulation dog agility equipment, 24/7 (except during regularly scheduled classes and special events). We offer this at a nominal fee to promote our sport. Field Use Program privileges confer certain responsibilities upon all enrollees.

### **Here are the rules for use of our field.**

Enrollment may be extended only to LCCOC members in good standing. These privileges may be revoked by the Agility Director with sufficient cause and with approval by LCCOC's Board of Directors.

Only the Agility Director (or designee) may give out the combination to the gate lock, pending confirmation of proper qualifications and payment of the annual fee. The combination to the lock may be changed at the Agility Director's discretion. All enrollees will be notified via email if such a change occurs. Enrollees may not give out the combination to any other person or any other club member unless you know for sure they are enrolled in our Field Use Program for the current year.

You are not allowed to bring friends / neighbors with their dogs or private students and their dogs. Also, you may not meet at the field with other club members with their dog unless they are enrolled. Instructors are allowed to invite non-enrolled members out to help with course building activities between classes, with supervised time afterwards to run the courses they have built.

Please be aware that there is no running water, electricity, telephone, first aid or bathroom facilities on our field, so plan your visits accordingly. While Don's Seafood Restaurant is generally accommodating, we don't want to wear out our welcome. AND, we encourage members to patronize Don's for generously allowing us to use their field. Caution: Check all areas for safety before each use, particularly that the contact equipment is securely fastened, gate closed, tunnels clear, no stray animals on site or ant piles in your training area, etc. If other dogs are training on the field, it is your responsibility to see that your dog behaves around them.

Please DO NOT place any treats on the equipment for any reason, and make your best effort not to drop any treats on the ground. If you want to put a treat on a down contact, use a plastic or ceramic target or a piece of duck tape, and remove these when you finish. Do not scent our equipment or grounds with any type of treats.

Likewise, potty your dogs around the perimeter of the field, never in the practice areas.

Our field is a Non-Smoking area during classes and events. Place all of your trash in the trashcans provided, or better yet, haul it out, especially food bags or anything that might attract cats or wild animals.

If you are the last to leave the field, be sure

1. Tools are stored back in the shed.
2. The shed is closed and latched shut.
3. Do not move the equipment from the original configuration that you find it in (excepting bar height), especially on courses laid out for scheduled classes.
4. Chute fabric is stored in the shed, and if damp, is spread out so it can dry.
5. Tunnels are left in the position you found them in (ends open on dry days, turned down on rainy days)
6. The gate is locked behind the last person to leave.

Please be aware that, other than a paid crew to mow our grass, all other maintenance falls to those who use the field. To this end, you are expected to do your share to:

1. Pick up stray poop (your dog's and other piles you may find).
2. Pick up your fair share of sticks and either throw them over the fence or pile them up near a tree trunk.
3. Pick up your fair share of trash, broken glass, or other debris that mysteriously appears on the field.
4. Report any broken or damaged equipment or problematic situations to the Agility Director.
5. Report any field abuses you may notice to the Agility Director (gate left unlocked, shed doors open, etc.)
6. Answer the call for help, whenever you can, when situations arise that require a group effort, (such as course building, cleaning equipment, raking, spraying, clearing a fallen tree, fence repair, etc.)

Should you re-enroll in following years, this agreement will carry forward without need of further signature, unless deemed necessary by significant changes to the terms of the document.

Your signature on below signifies you have read, understand and agree to abide by these rules; that you understand you are responsible for your own dog's safety, you are aware that serious injuries can occur to dogs who are not adequately trained on dog agility equipment or adequately supervised on our field. Any injuries your dog may suffer, including death, from use of our field is your own responsibility.

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Signature

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Date

(You may type your name and date above and return this document via email from your email address of record with this club to [nedrahg@cox.net](mailto:nedrahg@cox.net) , or you may print, sign and mail this page to Nedra Guthans, 10115 Tams Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.)