

NAVHDA AIMS & RULES CLINIC

Hosted by the Cyclone NAVHDA Chapter

June 27-28, 2026 – 7:30 AM

The Aims & Rules Clinic is an educational tool developed by NAVHDA to help dog owners and handlers understand the NAVHDA testing system. The clinics are conducted by designated NAVHDA Senior Judges and Clinic Leaders. The Aims & Rules Clinic will cover a variety of topics over two days, including informal classroom style instruction on the NAVHDA philosophy, test mechanics and the scoring system for each test. Participants will also take to the field and water to judge and score dogs being run in a mock test setting. After each section the participants and the Clinic Leader will discuss the dog's performance, where the performance would fall in the NAVHDA scoring system, and any strengths or weaknesses in training and handling. Many Clinic Leaders also include helpful tips and tricks on handling dogs in NAVHDA tests.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND AND WHY?

- People with their first pup see how other dogs work and gain insight into what their pup is doing and why. This helps them to develop their pup's talents and improve performance in weak areas.
- Novice handlers learn how NAVHDA evaluates versatile dogs, and are better prepared to handle their dogs in a test.
- Experienced handlers gain a deeper, more technical knowledge, of how the team of dog and handler are judged.
- Breeders learn what to look for in their breeding stock and their progeny, and how to use NAVHDA records obtained through our Test Records for selective breeding.
- For aspiring NAVHDA Judges, attending an Aims & Rules Clinic is one of the first steps in our Apprentice Judge Program.

CLINIC INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$180 (includes lunch, refreshments and current copy of NAVHDA Aims, Programs & Test Rules book)

Clinic Leader: Karen Krautz

Location: Wirth Woods Preserve: 15733 560th Ave, Story City, IA 50248

Necessary Items to Bring:

- All-weather gear (Clinic will be held rain or shine)
- An article of solid blaze orange clothing (hat, jacket, vest or shirt)
- Appropriate footwear (field boots for field portion & rubber/muck boots for water portion)
- Clipboard, notebook & pens

DOG POLICY

During the Clinic, you will NOT be working with your own dog, and it is suggested to NOT bring your dog so you can focus on the clinic. If you must bring your dog, they must remain in or near your vehicle and be kenneled or staked out and must be quiet, good citizens.

COMPLETE FORM BELOW TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS

REGISTRATION IS FOR BOTH DAYS | THERE IS NO SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION OPTION

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NAVHDA AIMS & RULES CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$180.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CYCLONE NAVHDA

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME:

EMAIL: PHONE:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP:

NAVHDA MEMBER #:

MAIL COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO:

**Rachel Wirth
52692 120th St.
Story City, IA 50248**

PAYMENT POLICY

Due to the nature of this event and the limited availability of openings, reservations will be accepted on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Participants will be notified upon acceptance of the reservation AND payment. Any reservations submitted without full payment will be refused. Any reservation/payment received after the clinic is full will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which they were received. Openings occurring as a result of cancellations will be filled from the waiting list. Any reservations and payments on the waiting list will be held until June 26, 2026, and returned if not used.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations will receive a full refund prior to June 1, 2026. Cancellations on or after June 1, 2026, will only receive a refund if the vacancy created by the cancellation is filled.

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