

RMPLC Training Best Practices

1. The club has gone to great lengths to locate properties to train on for our members, with particular emphasis on the new RMPLC lease in Adams County. To maintain good relations with the landowners, we ask our members to follow the guidelines listed below:

- Leave everything the way you found it.
- Pick up all litter.
- Leave no dead birds, bird parts or bumpers behind.
- Unless otherwise advised, leave a closed gate closed or an open gate open after going through it.
- If there is any possibility of fire hazard with dry grass or foliage, there is no smoking, no discharge of guns, pistols, launcher or blasters within 3 feet of dry material.
- Remove any markers, poles or ribbons placed during training.
- Drive only on obvious roads or those shown on a map allowed for travel. Never drive on grass, crops, or anything but an obvious and dry and easily passable road.

2. Expectations on Training Day – This is a mutual group effort. We are fortunate to have many knowledgeable, experienced members who are there to help and assist.

- Unless physically limited, we are all expected to throw birds or operate a winger, plant blinds, assist at the line or re-bird stations if necessary. These tasks need to be done on a trained basis first and then on a rotational basis so that duties are shared by all capable participants.
- In the upland field the following helps is also necessary: Gather spent birds in a single location to disperse to interested members or otherwise removed and disposed of; pick up empty shells,
- Bird planting is an extremely important skill which requires training for some time. No one wants their paid for bird to run or fly off before they can get to it in the field. Correct planting is very important and if you want to learn, plan on going along with an expert for some time.
- Due to a heavy emphasis on safety, gunning will be limited to trained, extremely experienced senior members. Shooting well is not enough for the shooting for young, often uncontrolled dogs.

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- Only birds provided by the club are allowed during club training days and events. Please do not bring live birds to club events as they create potential for cross contamination of equipment.

3. Please respect fellow members by engaging in the following:

- Do not turn your dog loose to air or interact with other dogs or interfere with the test setup
- Park your vehicle so your dog is not watching the test setup
- Air your dog prior to running your turn, behind the vehicles and away from other airing dogs.
- Do not bring your dog out until close to your time to run.
- Do not assume another dog is friendly, so control your dog at all times, including at the line, in the holding blinds and on the honor.
- It is the policy of this club that there will be no tolerance of excessive discipline, abuse of any sort, or screaming of handler or dog. People engaging in any behavior which interferes with the normal training process will be asked to stop. If repeated, membership may be revoked.

Please feel free to use this as a learning experience. Ask questions, observe, and participate. We all started from the beginning; it is a wonderful and rewarding process.