



Hobart Dog Training Club

Member Code of conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines the behaviour standards expected of all club members, competitors, and visitors. This document operates in conjunction with the Hobart Dog Training Club Rules and relevant Tasmanian legislation.

Values:

- **Respect:** Treat all instructors, judges, committee members, fellow handlers, and visitors with courtesy and respect.
- **Inclusivity:** Support a welcoming environment free from harassment, bullying, discrimination, or abusive language.
- **Integrity:** Display good sportsmanship, accepting constructive feedback from instructors and decisions made by officiating judges.

Dog Welfare

- Commit to the humane treatment of all dogs, utilizing the positive reinforcement methods supported by the club.
- Refrain from any physical or verbal corrections that cause fear, pain, or distress to a dog.
- Prioritise the emotional and physical well-being of your dog above competition outcomes or training progress.

Club Representation

- **Public Image:** Act as a positive ambassador for the club and responsible dog ownership, both on the grounds and when attending external events.
- **Social Media:** Maintain a respectful tone online. Do not use social media to publicly criticise the club, its officials, judges, or other members.

Enforcement and Compliance

Breaching this Code of Conduct reflects on a member's suitability to remain part of the club. Reports of inappropriate behaviour will be investigated.