

SOUTHERN TIER of NEW YORK CHAPTER 2024 FIELD WORK RULES

1. Everyone must wear blaze orange at all times you are in the bird field.
2. The bird field must be cleared of all dogs/handlers 15 minutes before the Chapter's scheduled start time for "Training Day".
3. You must use the sign-in sheet and use a separate line for each dog.
4. Handlers running more than one dog are to skip a spot in the running order for their next dog so we can keep things moving smoothly and efficiently. For example, if you are running your dog in the first spot skip to the third spot to run your second dog.
5. Handlers need to be sure that they have their birds "back-planted" while the handler/dog team preceding them on the sign-in sheet is finishing their run.
6. Handlers need to be sure that they have "gunners" lined up for their run. Gunners must be at least 18 years old and those born after 1975 must have obtained a Hunter Education Certificate. Gunners must use a break-open shotgun.
7. Chapter members who wish to join the gallery in the field need to ask permission from the handler. Keep movement and talking to a minimum so as to not interfere with the handler/dog team. Follow in close proximity to the handler and stay in a tight group to ensure safety. Be attentive to any and all directions from the handler and the gunners.
8. Bitches in heat will run last.
9. When not in the field, your dog(s) must be on a lead, stakeout, kenneled or otherwise controlled so as not to interfere with the dog(s) in the field.
10. Handlers are to remove all trash they generate. The training site is a "carry-in/carry out" facility and the intent is to leave the area as good or better than we found it.