



United States Helice Association (www.USHelice.com)
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UNITED STATES HELICE ASSOCIATION *CODE OF CONDUCT*

Section 1.0 General Code of Conduct

- 1.1 This Code of Conduct has been developed by the United States Helice Association to maintain the honor and integrity of our sport. Members who have questions concerning this Code of Conduct should contact the USHA Board of Directors.
- 1.2 As a precondition of participation in any USHA event, participants must agree to uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct.
 - a) Act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible personal conduct. Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Respect for competition officials, coaches, staff and the public
 - ii. Respect for facilities, privileges and operating procedures
 - iii. The use of courtesy and good manners
 - iv. Acting responsibly and maturely
 - v. Refraining from the use of profane or abusive language
 - vi. Abstinence from illegal or immoderate use of alcohol and the use of illegal or banned drugs
 - b) Abstain from conduct that is criminal under any applicable laws, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol.
 - c) Refrain from conduct that detracts from other USHA event participant's ability to attain peak performance.
 - d) Respect the property of others, whether personal or public.
 - e) Respect other members of USHA, spectators and officials, and refrain from any form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical, or sexual harassment or abuse.

Section 2.0 Administering Code of Conduct

- 2.1 Misconduct of any person subject to the Code of Conduct may be reported by anyone, by any means, to the Board of Directors of USHA. Offenses will be promptly reported either verbally or in writing. Verbal reports must be followed up with a written statement within 72 hours (along with appropriate witness statements) to a Board Member of USHA. The written statement must include the identity of the person filing out the report, the identity of the person(s) in violation of the Code, a clear and concise statement of the facts involved, and the signature and date of the person filing the report.
- 2.2 Upon receipt of a report concerning violation of the Code of Conduct, the USHA Board of Directors will convene as quickly as practical, conduct any appropriate follow up investigation, and render a decision regarding disposition of the situation. This decision will be recorded and shared with any/all involved parties.
- 2.3 Consequences of Code of Conduct violations may range from:
- a) A disciplinary letter
 - b) Suspension of membership
 - c) Revocation of membership and a total ban on participating in any further USHA events

Section 3.0 Firearms Safety

3.1 Shooting sports are inherently dangerous and it is incumbent on all participants in USHA events to strictly adhere to accepted safe gun handling practices. Adherence to these practices is part of our Code of Conduct.

- a) Actions on all firearms must be open when the firearms are being carried or handled
- b) Muzzles of firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times
- c) There shall be no pointing of firearms indoors at any time nor behind the shooting rings
- d) Firearms shall remain open on the field and must not be loaded until ready for use in a given ring, they must be unloaded before the shooter leaves the shooting station
- e) All shooters, referees, trap personnel and spectators shall wear safety glasses and hearing protection while on or near the shooting ranges
- f) Only approved targets thrown from Club equipment may be shot on Club property
- g) No one under 18 years of age may shoot on the shotgun fields or shooting range unless accompanied by a parent or other adult USHA member expressly approved by the competitor's family

3.2 Since USHA events are conducted at a number of gun clubs around the Country, USHA will defer to the rules of the host gun club in the event of any conflict or difference in Safety Protocol.