



DURHAM KENNEL CLUB, INC.

RULES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING INFORMAL USE OF DURHAM KENNEL CLUB STELLA'S FIELD

PURPOSE: This policy defines the rules to be followed by Durham Kennel Club (DKC) members during informal use of Stella's Field outside of a class or event.

REFERENCES:

Durham Kennel Club Membership Policy ([link](#))
Stella's Field Access Application ([link](#))
Instructional Video - moving A Frame and Dog Walk ([link](#))

DEFINITIONS:

Informal access to Stella's Field, is access that is not in conjunction with an official DKC class, seminar, event, clinic, meeting, social event.

POLICY:

Informal access to Stella's Field is only granted to DKC members and life members who have met the following requirements

- Performed at least eight hours of verifiable service to DKC
- Attended two general club meeting during the past year from the date of application

Members must complete the Application for Informal Access to Stella's Field that is found in the Policy Section of the Members Only Section of the DKC website. The Application requests information regarding the member's previous experience including classes taken, seminars attended, and titles earned. The Application is submitted to the DKC Membership Chair and must be resubmitted on an annual basis by the Member. The list of approved members is maintained by the Agility Group Leader or their designee. A copy of the official Stella's Field access list will be sent to the DKC President and Recording Secondary

DKC members who are granted informal access to Stella's Field are subject to the following rules:

- Stella's Field may not be used when there is thunder and/or rain because the safety of members and their dogs is of paramount importance; Members should use good judgment using the field on days following rain.
- Before using the Field, members must first check the DKC Calendar for availability. Members must sign in using the notebook in the mailbox to the right of the front gate. During informal use, the field is to be shared with any member who has been granted access. No member may reserve the field for private use.
- If a course is marked "in use," it may be used but not changed.
- Members must always keep their dogs under control and not disrupt the work of others. Dogs are not to run loose unless being worked. Dogs may not be tied to the fence lines.
- Members must pick up after their dogs in and around the Field.
- The Field may not be used during any scheduled events and activities, including rental and cleaning, mowing or turf care. Informal use is limited to two (2) hours twice a week.
- A closed sign is placed on access gates when the field is closed for maintenance.

- Upon leaving the field, weave poles are to be flat or propped against the fence. Poles should avoid being placed on banners. Tunnels and bags should be placed against the fence with the ends of the tunnels turned under, bags velcroed together. Items removed from the trailer must be returned. Contact equipment should be left on the field
- .Members may work together but may not accept cash or cash equivalents for instruction or assistance
- The member who opened the Field, or an appointed substitute who also has been granted field access, must ensure that all gates and the trailer are properly locked
- Any maintenance issue, including broken equipment should be reported to the Agility Group Leader.

Infractions of these rules should be brought to the attention of the Agility Group Leader and the DKC Board of Directors