

I. STANDARD OF CONDUCT
(revised December, 2017)

1. Participants in NEBCA events are expected to show a positive, polite, and respectful attitude for all people and animals involved. To behave otherwise undermines and diminishes the sport.
2. Therefore, NEBCA will not tolerate conduct that is detrimental to the organization, the competition, the dogs, the livestock, spectators, observers, or any participant in any NEBCA event. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:
 - a) the harassment or belittling of the judge, trial officials, participants, or spectators;
 - b) physical violence or the threat of physical violence toward any person or any animal, at any time ,at the site of the trial or at any event associated with NEBCA;
 - c) fighting;
 - d) verbal abuse directed toward anyone at any time at the site of the trial or at any event associated with the trial;
 - e) attempting to fix, bribe, influence, intimidate or argue with the judge, trial secretary, timekeeper, course director, or any other trial official;
 - f) tampering with competition livestock.
3. The NEBCA Standards of Conduct are generally consistent with those of the United States Border Collie Handlers Association (USBCHA). If misconduct is observed, a formal complaint may be filed with the USBCHA as documented in that organization's rules. If a complaint is deemed to be outside of the purview of the USBCHA, it may be submitted to the NEBCA President and the NEBCA Grievance Process will be followed.
4. Whether or not a formal complaint is filed, event hosts and/or trial judges may take immediate action for observed misconduct. These actions could include, but are not limited to: a verbal warning; immediate disqualification for one or more runs; or banning the participant from the property.