

CCDTC RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TURF FLOORING

As we think about how to treat the new turf flooring, it may be easier to imagine how we might treat new expensive carpet in our own homes, or if we were a guest in someone else's home, on their new carpet.

A. Shoes and Paws

1. Only relatively clean shoes and paws are permitted on the turf.
 - a. Try not to track mud (and debris) onto the turf. If you do, please clean it up. Rule of thumb: if you can pick it up with your fingers, please do. Use cleaning equipment if necessary.
 - b. To aid in reducing tracking issues, mats will be placed inside and outside the doors. Please wipe feet to ensure most of the mud, grass, and snow stay outside.
 - c. Wiping muddy paws with a rag is recommended. The occasional light paw print is not the concern, if it will sweep up (when dry).
 - d. Consider bringing a change of shoes for walking your dog outside on a muddy day.
2. No cleats are allowed.

B. Food and Drink/ Liquids

1. Dog Food, Water and Treats
 - a. Dog food and water bowls must be used
 - (1) in the crate and
 - (2) not put directly on the turf.
 - b. Treats are allowed while training
 - (1) They must be non-crumbly and non-staining.
 - (2) They may be commercially made or human food.

(3) If a treat is placed, dropped or thrown on the floor, and your dog doesn't clean it up, the owner / handler must clean it up.

2. Human food and beverages:

- a. Care must be taken when handling / eating human food on the turf. If you drop food on the turf, you are responsible for cleaning it up.
- b. Other than water, human beverages must be in a spill proof container with a lid (preferably screw on) that will not pop off if dropped.

C. General Care

1. No crates are allowed directly on the turf.

- a. Determining the most effective method for protecting the turf will require both experience and flexibility with the placement of plastic and tarps.
- b. The guidelines below may need to be modified as we evaluate which methods prove most effective in practice.
- c. All crates and setups must have personal waterproof mat/tarp/plastic under their crate.
- d. The club, or event chair, may choose to use a plastic protection barrier layer over some/all of the crating area.

2. Do not place a chair (or any heavy objects) with sharp feet or base directly on the turf. Continue to use rubber strips at each end of the A-Frame.

3. Do not drag push or slide heavy equipment or crates on the turf. Please lift and set items to avoid damage. Be especially mindful of heavy agility equipment.

4. No bitches in season are permitted on the turf except when permitted in events by the sanctioning organization.

D. Potty Accidents

1. To avoid accidents, all dogs are required to have outside potty breaks, recommended before and after each time they are in the training ring. Class instructors may choose to remind their class to go outside more often.

2. If members can adhere to a strict clean-up policy, **the club initially will not impose a fine for accidents.**

- a. If multiple accidents are with the same dog owner, an officer of the club will discuss and advise the person. Dogs that soil the turf frequently may be required to wear a diaper or belly band or not be allowed on the turf.
- b. If, in the future, the club elects to impose a fine for accidents, a more detailed policy will be needed

E. Cleaning and Maintenance

1. Handheld turf cleaners will be provided by the club for accidents.
2. Instructions will be posted about cleaning accidents.

If anyone fails to follow these rules, the Board has the authority to take appropriate action.