

## 2025 Aims and Rules Clinic (2 Day Clinic)

**Where:** Rusty Guns Kennel Lodge  
345 L J Ellis Lane, Lillington, NC 27546  
**When:** Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th, 2025  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$130.00 (members and non-members)



The Aims & Rules Clinic is an educational tool developed by NAVHDA to help dog owners and handlers understand the testing system. The clinics are conducted by designated NAVHDA Senior Judges and Clinic Leaders. Aims & Rules Clinics cover a variety of topics over two days, including informal classroom style instruction on the NAVHDA philosophy, test mechanics, and the scoring system for each test.

Participants will also take to the field and water to judge and score dogs being run in a mock test setting. After each section the participants and the Clinic Leader will discuss the dog's performance, where the performance would fall in the NAVHDA scoring system, and any strengths or weaknesses in training and handling. Many clinic leaders also include helpful tips and tricks on handling dogs in NAVHDA tests.

### Who Should Attend?

- People with their first dog will see how other dogs work and gain insight into what their dog is doing and why. This will help to develop their pup's talents and improve performance.
- Novice handlers will learn how NAVHDA evaluates versatile dogs, and thus will be better prepared to handle their dogs in a test.
- Experienced handlers will gain a deeper, more technical knowledge of how the team of dog and handler are judged.
- Breeders will learn what to look for in their breeding stock and their progeny, and how to use NAVHDA records obtained through our Search Test Records service for selective breeding.
- Aspiring NAVHDA Judges are required to attend an Aims & Rules Clinic and is one of the first steps in our Apprentice Judge Program.

### What you need to know:

- Prepare by reading [NAVHDA Aims, Programs and Tests](#) rule book
- Bring all-weather gear, an article of **blaze orange clothing**, field boots/shoes.
- Non-Vegetarian lunch and bottled water will be provided each day.
- There will be a no-host group dinner Saturday night. All attendees are welcome.
- YOUTH (18 and under) Handlers can apply for the [Kristin Rieser Scholarship Fund](#) to cover their entry fee.
- **\*\*NOTE\*\*** You may bring your dog, but they must remain in or near your vehicle kenneled or staked out, and must be QUIET, good citizens! Unless directly asked beforehand you will not be working with your dog at this event.
- **\*\*NO** alcohol allowed on grounds during the event.

### NAVHDA Aims and Rules Clinic - LIMITED to 20 Participants

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME/CELL): \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

To attend, complete and e-mail this form to Mike Darrow (Mdarrow30107@yahoo.com) and send your entry fee to @Tarheel-NAVHDA on Venmo or mail a check payable to Tarheel NAVHDA to:

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