

Quail Hunter Code of Ethics

In order to preserve and protect the heritage of quail hunting and to ensure its enjoyment by future generations, quail hunters shall respect the following Code of Ethics.

1. We will respect the rights of landowners. We will ask permission to hunt, close gates, refrain from hunting near buildings or livestock, and we will not litter the environment with spent shells and bird offal.
2. We will shoot only at flying birds and discourage others from shooting at quail on the ground.
3. We will encourage the use of trained dogs and conduct a thorough search to recover all downed birds.
4. We will not shoot from public roads or from motor vehicles.
5. We will obey all game laws. Bag and possession limits, legal shooting hours, season dates etc. will be strictly observed. We will also help regulate our sport by reporting violations to Game and Fish personnel.
6. We will utilize good firearm safety practices, wear hunter orange, and never use alcohol before or during the hunt.
7. We will not interfere with other hunters during their hunt, and will move to other areas to avoid potential conflicts.
8. We will not knowingly shoot into coveys of less than 6-8 birds.
9. We will not hunt quail after 2 PM during prolonged periods of deep snow or below freezing temperatures.
10. We will encourage and support all efforts to improve quail habitat and to establish reasonable harvest regulations.