

Membership Pledge

Article XI – Code of Ethics

All members shall hold themselves to the highest level of ethical behavior. The President, members of the Board, and Association members are duty bound to hold themselves and others accountable.

These are our code of ethics:

Professional Guides

I will, to the best of my ability, assist, promote, educate and otherwise support the profession of New Hampshire's outdoor guides, clients and resources I serve.

Multiple Use

I will support equal access to land and waters of New Hampshire for all hunting, fishing, trapping, recreation, educational and sporting purposes for all. I will furthermore promote the conservation of these resources over and above their utilization for monetary gain.

Respect for the Law

I will fully cooperate with all wildlife officials, agencies, law enforcement officers, public and private landowners. I will abide by and advise my clients on all applicable conservation and recreation laws, regulations and statutes. I will not encourage nor condone their violation.

Services and Equipment

I will provide clean, well maintained, serviceable equipment and gear that is adequate and appropriate for all conditions likely to be encountered. I will employ only competent and courteous personnel in sufficient numbers to adequately care for the comfort and safety of my clients.

Accurate Information

I will accurately advise my clients on condition and factors involved in achieving their goals. This includes, but is not limited to, weather conditions, terrain, fish and game populations, past client successes and equipment. I will advise my clients accurately on the equipment needed, physical endurance, and skills needed to undertake guided activity.

Safety and Comfort

I will at all times provide for the safety of my clients. I will ensure to the best of my ability that the comfort needs of my client are met.

Trophies and Limits

I will never fill a client's game tag or limit of take of fish or game. Barring unforeseen conditions, I will attempt to protect the integrity of the fish or game taken by my client until being rendered to my client at the conclusion of the trip.

Discipline

The New Hampshire Guides' Association member failing to abide by this code of ethics will be subject to investigation by the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Guides' Association. Reprimand, fine, suspension, penalty and/or expulsion may result from this investigation. Furthermore, any and all illegal activities brought to the attention of the Board of Directors will be reported to the proper authorities at New Hampshire Fish & Game Department.

I, _____, on this _____ day of _____, _____
Name Day Month Year

do swear that I will abide by the rules of the New Hampshire Guides Association and conduct myself and my business in accordance with the established Code of Ethics. I am also aware that unethical practices, violation, or conviction of fish and wildlife laws may warrant suspension of my membership without review or any refund of dues. Any charges or complaints against members will be reviewed by the Board of Directors to determine appropriate action.

Signature: _____