

Code of Ethics

1. I will follow all laws, regulations, codes and policies regarding falconry and hunting.
2. I will foster a relationship of mutual co-operation and trust with all government wildlife officials.
3. I will report any breach of any laws, regulations, codes and policies regarding falconry and hunting to the appropriate authority.
4. I will seek permission from landowners to hunt on their property.
5. I will keep my birds, mews, and equipment in top condition.
6. I will follow the “principle of five freedoms”
 - a) Freedom from hunger and thirst – ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor;
 - b) Freedom from discomfort – providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area;
 - c) Freedom from pain, injury or disease – by prevention, rapid diagnosis and treatment;
 - d) Freedom to express normal behavior – hunting
 - e) Freedom from fear and distress – ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering
7. I will not keep raptors unless I regularly fly them under safe gamehawking conditions during the hunting season.
8. I will transfer my bird or I will release it once it has proved itself to be a proficient gamehawk if I cannot regularly hunt with it.
9. I will not draw undue attention to my birds.
10. I will do everything in my power to recover a lost bird.
11. I will harvest only passage or eyas birds for falconry, and will leave at least one young in the eyrie/nest.
12. As an Apprentice, I understand that I must follow the code in order to advance to Regular status.