



2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST

Member Name: _____ **New** ___ **Returning** ___

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Home Phone:** (____) ____ - ____ **Cell Phone:** (____) ____ - ____

E-Mail: _____

Membership Terms and Conditions can be found at <https://www.bentonretrievergrounds.org/membership>

Training Memberships (has volunteer expectation) Individual \$50 per year.... Family \$75 per year
Training Memberships are available for individuals and families. A Training Membership allows the individual or family members to train retrieving dogs at **Benton Retriever Grounds** (grounds) during the current training year. *Note that the AKC does not allow training on the grounds during AKC sponsored events.* Training membership holders are expected to volunteer to help at club events or **BRG** sponsored workdays during the current training year. The volunteer expectation is 24 hours for individuals and 48 hours for families where both adults are involved in training/running dogs.

Training Member Work Deposit..... \$250
Training members are required to pay a \$250 deposit. The deposit will be used to offset the costs associated with putting on an event should the Training Member/s be unable to put in some or all volunteer hours. The members' deposit and volunteer hours will be tracked by the club treasurer. Training Members have two reimbursement options: a) have the deposit rolled over to the next training year or b) have the deposit reimbursed after completion of volunteer hours. It is preferred that you select which option you prefer at signup. If you previously rolled over your deposit, circle "Rollover" and pay \$50 or \$75 as applicable.

A Training Member may elect to forfeit their Work Deposit at signup in lieu of volunteering their time.

Club Membership (no volunteer expectation) \$50 per year

A Club Membership allows the member to:

- Show support for the club and receive the club new letter and all correspondence
- Assist a Training Member in training of the Training Member's dog/s. *example – The Club Member can throw birds for the Training Member, but it does not allow the Club Member to train a dog at **BRG**.*
- Complete their volunteer hours for HCARC or MFTA if they have a Training Membership at HCARC.

NEW MEMBERS:

*All new members require sponsorship by a 2025 MFTA member who is returning for the 2026 season **and board approval**. Don't have a sponsor? No Problem, just let us know and we will find one for you. Sponsors will help familiarize you with the grounds, club requirements, club history, and introduce you to other members.*

Goals: _____

How did you hear about MFTA? _____

Do you have a Sponsor? Yes/No

Sponsor's Name: _____

Tell us about your dog(s): Name/Age: _____ / _____

Breed: _____

Here are the dates for MFTA's 2026 season – If you have a specific event you want/need to work to fulfill your volunteer hours, please contact the event chairman sooner rather than later. We will do our best to accommodate you.

2026 Field Trials – Spring Event May 14-17 Fall Event Sept 3-6. - Field Trial Chairman – TBD

Signature _____

My signature on this application for membership in Minnesota Field Trial Association verifies that I subscribe to the purposes of this club; that I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Minnesota Field Trial Association and the rules of the American Kennel Club. MFTA assumes no liability for the injuries that may occur to dogs during training and events. Owners and handlers train their dog(s) and enter/participate in all events at their own risk.

If you elect to use the paper option, please return your membership application and dues payable to MFTA to Linda Twiss, 18231 Swallow St NW, Cedar MN 55011.

Individual Membership	\$50	\$
Family Membership	\$75	\$
Training Member Work Deposit	\$250	\$
Work Deposit Options (circle one below)		
Reimburse - Rollover - Forfeit		
Club Membership	\$50	\$
Total Enclosed		\$