

General Rules and Regulations

Section 1 – DEFINITION

A full membership with current yearly dues paid, entitles the member, spouse, life partner, unmarried active duty military service personnel, active full-time college students, and all dependent children, to all privileges and rights of Club property and the clubhouse. The definition for dependent children will follow the criteria set by the IRS for claiming the child for tax purposes, any deviation will require approval by the Board of Directors. Married children shall be considered a new family and not entitled to use of the Club without the purchase of a new membership. Each member is responsible for all members of their family and guests.

Section 2 – CARDS

All members and spouses will be issued Tri-County identification cards with their membership number printed on each card.

Section 3 – KEYS

To enter the club property past the FRONT GATE for any reason i.e. CAMPING, FISHING, AND/OR SHOOTING RANGE USE i.e. (RIFLE or ARCHERY), each eligible member shall be required to possess an electronic key and to sign in at the range board or clubhouse with their full name and membership number. Member shall state activity and designate each range or lake to be used. The front gate is always to be locked except during scheduled events. Club members who are not involved in scheduled events must still sign in. Eligible members will be required to read and acknowledge (by signature) a set of written instructions and range rules approved by the Tri-County Rod and Gun Club Board of Directors, prior to receiving a gate key. The safety instructions, range rules, and gate key are available from the Member in Residence in the Clubhouse. The Board of Directors shall establish the fee for a replacement gate key.

Section 4 – GUESTS

Guests will be allowed on the following conditions only:

- A) Non-members will be allowed at scheduled Club events at fees set by the committee handling the events.
- B) Each member who has houseguests who live more than 100 miles from the Club will be allowed to bring them to the Club to use the facilities (excluding fishing) with no fees required. All guests shall sign an insurance waiver located at the clubhouse before using any of the ranges.
- C) A membership may bring no more than three (3) guests at a time who will be allowed to use the rifle range, pistol range, plinking range, trap range, black powder range, and archery range only. A guest fee accessed by the Board of

Directors shall apply. All guests shall sign an insurance waiver located at the clubhouse before using any of the ranges.

- D) Picnics – Members may have up to six guests for picnic purposes only. If the picnic shelter is desired for picnic guests, arrangements must be made beforehand, and \$1.00 (one dollar) reservation fee paid in advance to the Member in Residence. There is no fee for members use of the shelters. Members are to police the grounds before leaving the picnic area, putting all trash and rubbish in cans provided, and fully extinguishing all fires. **Fires may be made in authorized areas only and carefully attended, subject to any county issued burn bans**
- E) Youth groups and church outings will be encouraged and will always be permissible under direct supervision, and on prearranged approval of the Board of Directors. All facilities may be used with no fee required. Catch and release fishing is allowed for youth groups ONLY, with prior approval of the Board of Directors. A board member or responsible club member must always be present.
- F) Fishing for non-members shall be allowed only at scheduled Club fishing events as permitted in paragraph (G).
- G) Fishing privileges may be extended to family members under 13 years of age. Senior members 65 years and older can bring one (1) adult non-member to accompany them while fishing. Non-member can fish in the presence of their host.

Section 5 –FISHING

- A) All fishing regulations are the same as the State, as per license, season, size and methods; with these exceptions; no trot lines, jugging, or limb lines.
Creel Limits (mean fish in your possession).
Carp and Buffalo.....No limit
All species of Bass..... Five (5) per day
Channel Catfish.....Five (five) per day
Combination cat and bass.....Five (five) per day
Crappie.....Not to exceed 15lbs.
Bull Frogs.....Four (4) per day
Blue Gill, Perch, Bullheads and Sunfish.....No limit
- B) No fishing will be allowed in the feeding area on Lake #1 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Lake is to be posted when in effect.
- C) Shooting of Carp, Buffalo, and Gar will be allowed with bow and arrow at lake #4, if no pole fisherman is fishing or with their permission.
- D) Members will not throw bait cans, cartons, bottles, beer cans, rocks or any other debris into lakes or brood ponds on Club property.
- E) During an Archery Open, no fishing signs will be posted on Lake #1 and a restricted notice shall be published in the “Bullet-Tin” prior to the tournament.

Section 6 – WATERCRAFT

Human powered watercraft are permitted on lakes for fishing only, however, no motors of any kind are allowed. Members are responsible for providing all State required safety equipment. No unattended boats will be left at the lakes for any reason.

Section 7 –SWIMMING

No swimming will be allowed in any lake or brood pond.

Section 8 –RANGES RULES

- A) Any time there is an Open Shoot scheduled in trap, archery, rifle, pistol or black powder, the other ranges will be closed if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- B) During club sanctioned firearm events, loaded firearms will be allowed in authorized areas only; rifle range, pistol range, plinking range, black powder range, and trap range. The range master will be in complete charge.
- C) If deemed necessary by its committee, a list, approved by the Board of Directors, will be posted at each of the shooting ranges specifying what firearms may be used there.
- D) A permanent flagpole has been installed for all shooting ranges. A range flag is to be raised whenever anyone is shooting on any firearms range, excluding the trap range.
- E) Shooting of metallic Silhouette Targets with center fire rifles that cause damage (dimples – holes – or breakage) will be subject to a mandatory fine equal to the cost of replacement targets.
- F) Broadhead arrows will be permitted only on designated broadhead ranges.
- G) Only paper based targets are approved at this time for use on any firearm or black powder ranges excluding the Trap range, where clay pigeons are allowed and there is a shotgun patterning board next to the trap range.
- H) Paper based targets must be set in such a way that all rounds impact the berm safely behind the target as close to the vertical center as possible.
- I) A target stand is a piece of equipment that holds a target at a consistent height and angle for shooting practice. Tri-County Rod and Gun Club provides stands for use at the ranges, but you are allowed to bring your own as long as they do not violate any rules mentioned in this document.
 - a. The berm is defined as the raised earthen structures on the back and sides of the range. Their primary job is to keep all rounds fired within the range.
- J) Benches, tables, or other club property are not to be used as target stands in any capacity.
- K) Skipping bullets intentionally or unintentionally off of the ground or other objects is prohibited.
- L) Range specific rules

- a. Plinking Range rules:
 - i. The range is for rimfire and centerfire pistol ammunition only.
 - ii. Shotguns and centerfire rifles are prohibited.
 - iii. High power rifle ammunition adapted to be used in pistols is NOT authorized.
 - iv. All shooting must occur between the lateral berms of the range.
- b. Rifle Range rules:
 - i. Prior to going downrange, activate the warning system lights and buzzer. Located on the red painted post.
 - ii. The 25 and 75 yard berms are only to be used for sanctioned club events.
 - iii. Steel silhouettes are only to be used for club sanctioned events.
- c. Black Powder rules:
 - i. Set up target stands to ensure all projectiles impact the berm safely behind the target as close to the vertical center as possible.
 - ii. Clean area of ejected cartridges and shotgun hulls.

M) Club sanctioned events are allowed to use different target materials, positions, and firearms on all ranges.

Section 9 –DOGS

Training of bird dogs will be allowed according to State regulations. Field trials can be run on Club property as per State regulations. Dog owners who are members can utilize the Club property for exercising their dogs, providing that such activity be confined to areas that will not interfere with any other activity in progress. The safety of the dogs and trainers is to be the sole responsibility of the owners.

Section 10 –ALCOHOL

No **intoxicating beverages** will be tolerated on the rifle, pistol, plinking, black powder, trap, or archery ranges, **UNTIL ALL SHOOTING IS COMPLETE**, and firearms are cased and stowed.

Section 11 – CAMPING

Camping will be permitted in all picnic areas. Camp must be set up far enough from the lakes to enable all members' access to these facilities. Camp area shall be cleaned at the time camp is removed. **Fires may be made in authorized areas only and carefully attended, subject to any county issued burn bans.** Non-members camping at club events will be accessed a fee designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 12 –MOTOR VEHICLES

- A) The operation of any motor vehicle in such a manner that it is likely to damage Club property or interfere with use and enjoyment of the Club facilities by any other member is prohibited.
- B) Private reservation of the Clubhouse is prohibited unless approved by the Board of Directors.
- C) Driving and parking shall be restricted to designated areas only.

Section 13 – MEMBERSHIP

All memberships shall be held in joint ownership by the member and their spouse or life partner, except in the instance of a single member or at the specific request of a member, and the membership shall be deemed a family membership. Family memberships are limited to five per family. If a member requests single name ownership of shares, the spouse is prohibited from owning shares by the election of single main option. Families will be assessed annual dues on only one membership owned prior to April 1, 1988 regardless of the number of memberships owned. All memberships purchased or transferred after April 1, 1988 will be assessed annual dues.

A) To secure a New Membership:

- 1) An individual must be of good character, good reputation and an American Citizen.
- 2) Application, either by the individual, or a member of their family on their behalf, shall be on the application form provided by the Club.
- 3) All new applicants will introduce themselves at the General Meeting prior to their orientation the following month.
- 4) At time of interview, applicant is responsible for first year's dues and all fees assessed by the Board of Directors.
- 5) Pass an appropriate background check, fees of which shall be paid in full by the applicant.

B) Transfers:

- 1) Application for a transfer must be accompanied by a letter requesting the transfer from the existing member to the new or current member and the payment of the first year's dues. New applicant must attend interview committee and pay fee's prior to being introduced to the membership. The transfer will not be accepted until a \$25.00 transfer fee has been paid to the club and all keys have been turned into the Club.
- 2) The Board of Directors must approve all transfers.

- 3) If transferred, Military Personnel selling their membership will be extended Club privileges for a period not to exceed 90 days.
- 4) Pass an appropriate background check, fees of which shall be paid in full by the applicant.

C) Interviews:

- 1) All prospective members will be interviewed by the Board or it's designee prior to the General meeting with their sponsor present and all fees paid, and then voted on in executive session at the following Board of Directors meeting. The approved new member shall be notified of the board's vote prior to the next General Meeting where they will go through orientation with their sponsor, introduce themselves to the general membership, and then receive their keys and membership cards at the conclusion of the regular meeting.
- 2) For new membership and transfers will be held by the Board of Directors at their discretion and/or when needed. The BOD shall within sixty (60) days after the interview submit it's finding to the Board of Directors.
- 3) The Board may accept or reject the application by majority vote of a quorum. If the application is rejected or applicant fails to meet requirements all money paid to the Club shall be returned within thirty (30) days.

D) Buy Backs:

The club may, by vote of the Board of Directors, purchase certificates from members if offered to the Club for sale, at such price and upon such terms as the Board and the certificate holder shall agree upon. The price may not exceed the current selling price

Section 14- ASSOCIATE FAMILY SPECIAL USE PASS (AFSUP)

Purpose: To sell the AFSUP to the list of prospective new individuals. The number of passes shall not exceed 50 excluding active duty military personnel. The cost of the AFSUP shall be \$240.00 per year.

- A) An annual use pass with fees and dues to be determined by the Board of Directors:
- B) To secure an AFSUP
 - 1) An individual must be of good character, good reputation, and an American Citizen.
 - 2) Application for AFSUP by an individual shall be sponsored by club member and shall be on the form provided by the club.

- 3) All new applicants must go through the interview, orientation and introduction process prior to receiving the AFSUP.
 - 4) The annual dues of \$240.00 must accompany the application.
 - 5) Pass an appropriate background check, fees of which shall be paid in full by the applicant.
- C) After application is accepted, dues are not refundable.
 - D) AFSUP dues are to be paid in full by the general meeting in the month the membership anniversary date occurs.
 - E) AFSUP can bring 1 guest who will be assessed a \$20.00 fee, except to meetings and club events open to the public.
 - F) All AFSUP are subject to the rules and regulations of the club, in addition to those specifically stated above.
 - G) AFSUP are allowed to fish.
 - H) AFSUP will be reviewed yearly or as necessary.

Section 15-DUES

- A) Dues are payable on January 1st of each year. Dues are considered delinquent on February 1st and shall be assessed a delinquent penalty of \$50.00 per month until dues are paid, or membership is repossessed. **Dues will not be assessed a penalty if paid by March 1st.** Member's who's dues are delinquent after March 1st, will receive a certified letter stating that their dues are delinquent, and their membership will be repossessed if dues and accrued penalties are not paid in full by May 1st. The delinquent member may appear before the Board of Directors for a hearing and show cause why membership should remain in force. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to hear any cause for delinquency and judge accordingly. If finding no cause for the dues to remain unpaid they shall declare the membership foreclosed. The certificate or certificates of such member shall then be repossessed at the April Board Meeting. Three (3) years of consecutive late dues will result in a loss of membership due to member no longer in good standing. **Repossession means loss of all Club privileges, dues and membership fees.**
- B) Exception – If circumstances dictate, any member's dues may be waived yearly with the approval of one Board Member and the President. After three (3) years of dues exemptions the membership waived will be reviewed annually by the Board. This in no way shall restrict a member's use of the Club facilities or privileges except for the right to hold office.

Section 16 – VIOLATIONS

- A) The willful destruction of club property or grounds will not be tolerated, and a violation of any of the listed items could result in the loss of your membership. Examples of prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:
 - unauthorized ground fires,

- harvesting of trees whether dead or alive, except with the approval of the Board of Directors,
 - driving off the roads, except during club sanctioned events or work details,
 - shooting of silhouette targets with center-fire rifles,
 - use of improper targets (anything other than paper based targets properly affixed to a target stand),
 - targets of any kind placed on the ground,
 - swimming,
 - wild game hunting,
 - discharge of any class of fireworks,
 - theft of any kind.
- B) Charges of violations of any of the Club rules and/or safety regulations shall be made in writing by the accuser, and the accused may appear before the Board for a hearing. A conviction of an offense could result in termination and repossession of the membership, if recommended by the Board, without a refund of membership fees.

Section 17 –TRAINING

All training courses shall be taught by qualified instructors who have been certified within that specific discipline, and proof of certification will be provided to the Board of Directors prior to the course being given.

Section 18 –CLUB PROPERTY—

- A) Specific Club property that may not be loaned out to leave the Club property at any time include: **Tractors, Mowers, Generators, Log-splitter, Chainsaw, Weed Eater, all hand tools, and other implements.** Club property that may be loaned out for off property use include tables, chairs, electric cookers etc. Loaned property **must be signed for and checked in upon return. A security deposit of \$50.00 will be collected by the member in residence and will be refunded upon return of club property.**
- B) Anything pertaining to use of property and Clubhouse, not covered by these rules, shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors for a decision and handling.
- C) A legible, well-constructed sign will be maintained at the entrance with words, “Private Property”.

Section 19 –MISCELLANEOUS

- A) A list will be posted in the clubhouse that shows currently elected board members, with phone numbers and email addresses of each, in the event members have questions regarding special events or activities. The club secretary is tasked with keeping the list up to date.
- B) The Member in Residence’s lease and responsibilities will be reviewed at least every three (3) years by the Board of Directors.

Section 20 – CAMERA USE POLICY

Tri-County Rod and Gun Club reserves the right to place surveillance cameras on club property where necessary and appropriate in a manner consistent with applicable local, state and federal laws. Tri-County Rod and Gun Club respects the privacy of club members and strives to balance that privacy against the safety needs of the club as a whole. Tri-County Rod and Gun Club employs multiple cameras to deter rule violation, identify any potential violations, investigate violations of applicable policies, procedures, rules, regulations and other oversight requirements applicable to Tri-County Rod and Gun Club

A. Intended/Authorized Use

- a. Investigations – To assist in the investigation of potential violations and enforcement of rules, policies, and by laws.
- b. Property protection – To aid in prevention of misuse of club property that may result in damage or unsafe conditions for other members of the club.

B. Prohibited Use

- a. Profiling – The practice of targeting individuals based on characteristics including, but not limited to: race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion or other protected classifications is prohibited.
- b. Personal interest – Tri-County Rod and Gun Club cameras shall not be used to serve private interests, nor to satisfy personal curiosity.
- c. Privacy – Tri-County Rod and Gun Club cameras shall not be used to interfere with an individual’s reasonable expectation of privacy without legitimate cause and appropriate authorization as required by law.

C. Installation and Placement of Cameras

- a. Tri-County Rod and Gun Club reserves the right to place cameras on its grounds in public areas where necessary and appropriate for the purposes outlined in Section A. Intended/Authorized Use.

D. Camera System Access

- a. Only members of the Board of Directors shall have access to the cameras for use consistent with Section A. Intended/Authorized Use.
- b. Any person(s) attempting to remove, disable, manipulate, or cover cameras without explicit permission from the Board of Directors will be considered in violation of Tri-County Rod and Gun Club’s rules and subject to punishment up to and including loss of membership and all accesses to club properties.

E. Security Camera Material

- a. The security camera material produced by the cameras are records of Tri-County Rod and Gun Club.
- b. The Board of Directors shall oversee the storage and maintenance of all security camera material, making all reasonable efforts to ensure the integrity of the material obtained through the cameras. All reasonable

efforts will be made to maintain security camera material for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

- c. Any activity observed by a person reviewing security camera material that is, or may reasonably be, a violation shall be immediately reported to the Board of Directors.
- d. No alterations of any recorded material by the Tri-County Rod and Gun Club camera system shall be made, with the exception of those permitted in the procedures in this policy.

F. Violations

- a. Anyone who is found to have violated the rules, policies or by laws of Tri-County Rod and Gun Club via the cameras will be notified by the Board of Directors and face disciplinary action in accordance with **Section 16 – VIOLATIONS** above.