## **OLD PEARL GAME MANAGEMENT**

#### OPGM PO Box 804 FLORENCE, MS 39073

### OPGM Rules and Regulations 2024-2025

#### **OPGM MEMBERSHIP:**

-Membership Defined: Includes: Spouse and Children through graduation of high school. Children attending college full time (minimum of 12 semester hours) through 22 years of age, and Grandchildren through 16 years of age.

- 1. All OPGM Members and Guest must obey all game and fish laws set forth by Federal and MDWFP (Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks).
- 2. Camp dues are \$1,500.00 Dues can be paid all at once or on the payment plan. Dues are \$1,500.00 if paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Under the payment plan it is half (750.00) by March 1<sup>st</sup> and \$800.00 by May 1<sup>ST</sup>. A Fiftydollar (\$50.00) fee is included in the payment plan. All delinquent dues will accumulate an additional late fee of \$50.00 per month until August 1<sup>st</sup>. One final request will be made to collect dues on or by August 1<sup>st</sup> in which the prospective member will be given 14 days to complete the payment process of delinquent camp dues including penalties and late fees. Concluding by August 15<sup>th</sup> all members with unpaid dues, payment plan fee and late fees will fall into default and the membership be deleted and the partial paid dues will be forfeited to OPGM without refund.
- 3. Any member causing discord can be expelled by a majority vote of the membership present at a called Meeting with forfeiture of all dues.
- 4. Membership season runs from May 1 through April 30 of the following year. New members do not have access until their membership begins on May 1 of that year.
- 5. Committee leaders will be established each year to give everyone the opportunity to serve. All members must sign up for at least two committees. The Committees are Stands, leaders are Stands-Wil Farish, Campsite-Joe Harris, Roads-Rodney Sims, Planting-Bryhn Beck and Tommy Wetterich.

#### **GUEST:**

- 1. Guest fee is **\$25.00** per day.
- 2. Each guest fee covers "two" consecutive hunt (morning and evening of same day or evening and following morning) unless inclement weather prohibits hunt from happening.
- 3. Members Responsibilities for guest:
- -Guest is required to complete and sign all required documents before participating in any activity on the OPGM properties.
  - a Complete and sign the guest log.
  - b Complete and sign a waiver.
  - c Sponsoring members must witness, sign and date all required documents.
- 4. The sponsoring member must always be present while the guest is on property and is responsible for collecting **GUEST FEE** and/or paying all fees and/or fines.
- 5. Maximum of three days (includes member's family and non-family guest).

- 6. Maximum number of guests per "Family Membership" two guest per day in deer season and one per day in turkey seasons.
- 7. GUEST HARVEST: (Harvest <u>WILL</u> Count toward the sponsoring member's harvest quota / Youth or Adult) A guest is allowed to harvest one buck and/or doe under the harvest rules or one turkey within their appropriate seasons.
- 8. Guest during turkey season must be always accompanied by the member.
- 9. No Guest on These Days (Does not apply to immediate family members, Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, son, daughter, niece, or nephew).
  - Youth Week
  - Opening Weekend of Bow Season (Thursday-Monday)
  - Opening Weekend of Rifle Season (Thursday-Monday)
  - Thanksgiving Holiday (Except immediate family Member) (Thurs thru Sun) (Wed Wed)
  - Christmas Holiday (Except immediate family member) (24<sup>th</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup> Dec) (7 days prior and 7 days after the 25<sup>th</sup>)
  - First 3 Weeks of Turkey Season (Members only) (opening day through the first three weekends ending at sundown of the third Sunday of season)

#### **OPGM HUNTING PROPERTIES:**

- 1. NO TRESSPASSING!
- 2. No garbage dumped anytime, anywhere.
- 3. Gates must be closed at the end of each day. Nobody is allowed behind the gates except during legal hunting hours and/or recovering game. This regulation is in effect all year long.
- 4. 4-wheelers can be used for workdays, scouting, and hunting only. **No recreational riding at any time. No exceptions. This regulation is in effect all year long.**
- 5. Signing in and signing out
  - a) **Any time** you go behind the gates onto OPGM you must first sign in at the skinning shed and sign out upon departure.
  - b) Can only sign out for one destination at a time and place your blue flag in the area in which you will be hunting. You must return to the camp to relocate. Upon signing out please remove your flag from the board. A member is allowed to sign in a maximum of three (3) times per day after September 15th for hunting or hanging a stand **BUT NO SCOUTING.**
  - c) May sign into a location no earlier than 4:00 am the morning of the hunt.
  - d) You hunt an area in the morning and intend to return to the same area for the evening hunt sign in again for the same area, filling out all the information but DO NOT fill in the time, you will also insert a red flag on the board. You have until 3pm to re-enter that location. If you have not completed the sign in process by entering the time on the sign in sheet and replacing the red flag with a blue flag, the area becomes open to the membership. You cannot sign in for an evening hunt until 12pm. unless you have hunted the location for the morning hunt. You cannot reserve a location if there's still a hunter signed in at that location.
  - e) You roost a turkey for the next morning hunt you must write the word "roosted" in the time out column of the sign in sheet to reserve the area and sign in filling out the information for the next day hunt without the time filled out. You will have until 30 minutes prior to daylight to complete the sign in process or the area will become open.
- 6. Shooting range can only be used between 10am and 2pm during hunting season. No shooting in pit if hunters are in area.
- 7. Permanent stands are property of Old Pearl Game Management and can be used by an OPGM member through the signing in process.
- 8. Rogers Road will be walk in only during hunting season. An ATV can only be used to recover game.

- 9. Absolutely no scouting from March 1<sub>st</sub> through May 1<sub>st</sub> (Turkey Season) and after September 15<sub>th</sub> (for deer season). Unless actively hunting does not enter any of the OPGM hunting properties during turkey or deer season.
- 10. OPGM does not allow any baiting or feed based attractants of any kind during open deer or turkey season. Any baiting outside of these seasons have to be approved of by the board, I.E. baiting for hogs outside of deer or turkey season. Any violation of this rule could result in expulsion from OPGM without refund of membership fee.

#### **DMAP Information**:

1. Members may take 3 Mature Bucks meeting camp guidelines per membership and 3 Antlerless deer per person weighing over 70 pounds. Any deer harvested not weighing over 70 lbs. will result in a fine of \$250.00 (**Fine applies to guests**). Harvest limit for deer will include all seasons. (Archery, Primitive Weapon and Gun) All deer must be checked in at the camp-house and the jawbone removed, tagged, and placed in the wire basket before leaving the camp. ALL appropriate paperwork MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY before you leave. Please make sure this information is completed!

All horn measurements must be completed even on the spikes.

- 2. Fines due to harvest violations MUST be paid in full before you can return hunting (**including fines committed by your guest**). Two or more fines WILL be reviewed by the board. Excessive or flagrant fines could result in suspension, expulsion, or dismissal. Dues are non-refundable. All matters will be handled by the board in the best interest of OPGM membership and goals set forth by the membership.
- 3. The board reserves the right to limit or halt the number of does taken within a given area based on the recommendation of the game biologist.

#### HARVEST GUIDELINES FOR TURKEY:

State Law: \$50 fine for harvesting Jake turkey.

#### **CONDUCT:**

Unruly conduct and violations of the Rules and Regulations of both OPGM will be reported to any member of the OPGM Board of Directors. All violations will be reviewed by the OPGM Board of Directors and, if deemed necessary, disciplinary action will be taken. Disciplinary actions are at the sole discretion of the OPGM Board of Directors, up to and including dismissal from OPGM.

#### **Deer Harvest Guidelines:**

- -Membership will obey harvest guidelines set-forth under DMAP. All OPGM Members have agreed to follow the harvest guidelines set forth under DMAP (Deer Management Assistance Program) and agreed upon by a majority vote of the OPGM membership.
- -Membership allots for three mature bucks per family membership each season.
- -A youth's first buck can be a buck of choice each season that will count as a legal buck toward the memberships' buck bag limit, additional bucks must meet camp rules.
- -A "spouse" can take her FIRST buck by state regulations (10" inside spread or 13" main beam), additional bucks must meet camp rules.

#### **Buck Harvest Guidelines:**

- a. 15 inch inside spread or 20" Main Beam, or 4 ½ years old (Size restrictions may change based on vote or membership). If any questions come up about measurements or age, a board member will make the final decision. There will be a ½" grace on measurements for the 2024/2025 season only.
- **b.** A fine of \$250.00 will be assessed for any buck not meeting the guidelines.

- **c.** A second non- regulation buck will be fined \$250.00 and a two-week suspension from the date of infraction. Infractions as the end of the season will extend into the next gun season.
- **d.** A third non-criteria buck in the 3-year probation era will result in a \$250 fine and dismissal from OPGM.
- e. 1 Buck per day.
- **f.** No point restrictions.
- g. No "Cull Bucks".

#### **Doe Harvest Guidelines:**

- **a.** Must be over 70 lbs. or \$250.00 fine. (Weight limit applies to youth.)
- **b.** Buck fawns under 70 lbs. will be fined \$250.
- c. Buck Fawns\* WILL count toward your buck harvest.
- **d.** 1 Doe per day per member
- e. 3 per membership

#### **YOUTH HUNTNG GUIDELINES:**

- -Must be 15 years old to hunt alone. Anyone under 15 years old must have immediate adult supervision.
- -Weight limits apply to youth.
- -A youth's first buck can be a buck of choice each season that will count as a legal buck toward the memberships' buck bag limit, additional bucks must meet camp rules.

#### **WORKDAY REQUIREMENTS:**

- -Members will be responsible for attending four workdays per membership season. Two workdays need to be for planting in the fall. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fine for each unattended day or days. Members must complete workdays or pay fines **PRIOR** to hunting at OPGM. Exceptions can be made by OPGM board for uncontrollable circumstances such as weather. All workdays must be reported for credit. All workdays must be approved by the committee leader. The committee leader will determine if it was a half day or full day work for each task. A workday consists of 6 or more hours worked that day.
- New members will be required to make 2 workdays for their first season and then 4 days for the season after first.

#### **Tractors:**

Tractor credits are available to those that bring tractors to workdays. Current credits are \$75 per workday with a max of \$250.00 credit towards your dues the following year. Tractor workdays consist of 6 operating hours or more that day.

#### **CAMPER PERMIT & REGULATIONS:**

Limited number of RV hookups are available on the camp house grounds. Availability and expulsion there from, will be at the sole discretion of the OPGM Board of Directors. Utilization of these facilities will require an initial fee of \$250 which is due and payable prior to parking the RV on the camp house grounds. Campers must be removed for the months of June and July unless otherwise paying a separate \$250 fee. This fee is to cover added taxes imposed on the camp.

<sup>\*</sup>Note Antlerless deer of male gender, horns breaking or not breaking the skin.

#### **READ CAREFULLY:**

# THE ACTIVITIES COVERED HEREIN ARE VERY DANGEROUS AND INVOLVE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. allowing me to participate in, compete in, or observe hunting, sporting, and/or outdoor recreational activities, including but not limited to the use of firearms or recreational motor vehicles, and/or being permitted to enter for any purpose (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "participate" or any form thereof) the property located at 125 Blackhawk Drive, Florence, Mississippi 39073 and all those properties owned, leased, or under the control of Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. (OPGM) (hereinafter, "the Property"), I agree as follows: I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and next of kin, hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. and each of its predecessors, successors, divisions, subsidiaries, agencies, and affiliates, each other person directly or indirectly, wholly or in part, owned or controlled by it, and each joint venture to which any of them is a party, and all present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants, attorneys, accountants, investigators, representatives, or other persons acting for or on behalf of any of them, directly or indirectly (hereinafter and heretofore, collectively referred to as "Old Pearl Game Management, Inc."), each of its predecessors, successors, divisions, subsidiaries, agencies, and affiliates, each other person directly or indirectly, wholly or in part, owned or controlled by it, and each joint venture to which any of them is a party, and all present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants, attorneys, accountants, investigators, representatives, or other persons acting for or on behalf of any of them, directly or indirectly, from any and all claims, actions, demands, losses, or damages for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, or otherwise which may occur on the Property or arise out of my participation in any activities on the Property, specifically including but not limited to any injury or damages that may result from my participation in hunting, sporting, and/or outdoor recreational activities on or at the Property. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging, and waiving any claims or actions that I now or in the future may have against Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. from any injury on the Property, whether caused by my own negligent acts or omissions, the negligent acts or omissions of Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. and/or or the negligent acts or omissions of others, or from any condition of the Property.

I fully understand and acknowledge that: (a) risks and dangers exist in my participation in hunting, sporting, and/or outdoor recreational activities; (b) my participating in such activities may result in my injury or illness including but not limited to bodily injury, disease strains, fractures, partial, and/or total paralysis, eye injury, blindness, heat stroke, heart attack, death, or other ailments that could cause serious disability; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused or compounded by the negligence of Old Pearl Game Management, Inc.; my own negligence; the negligence of other participants; the negligence of any others, including but not limited to rescue personnel; accidents; breaches of contract; the forces of nature; or other causes; and (d) by my participation in these activities, I hereby assume full responsibility for all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages for bodily injury, death, or property damage, arising out of or related to my participation in hunting, sporting, and/or outdoor recreational activities, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of Old Pearl Game Management, Inc., and/or any other person.

I hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. from any loss, liability, damage, or cost Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. may incur arising out of or related to my participation in any activities on the Property, whether caused by the negligence of Old Pearl Game

Management, Inc., or any other person. I agree that this Waiver and Release of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Mississippi. If any portion of this Waiver and Release of Liability is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall,

notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I acknowledge, agree, and represent that I have and will immediately upon entering the Property continuously thereafter inspect the Property and further agree and warrant that if at any time I am on the Property and feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately advise Old Pearl Game Management, Inc. of such and will leave the Property and/or refuse to participate further in hunting, sporting, and/or outdoor recreational activities.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I HAVE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY

WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME SIGNED AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE OLD PEARL GAME MANAGEMENT, INC.

FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, WRONGFUL DEATH, LOSS OF SERVICES, OR OTHERWISE CAUSED BY OLD PEARL GAME MANAGEMENT, INC. NEGLIGENCE OR BY ANY OTHER CAUSE.

## **OPGM Rules and Regulation Agreement**

By signing, you are agreeing to ALL and understanding ALL rules and regulations stated on every page listed above.

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