



Standing Rules & Code of Ethics

Camp Creek Hunting Club
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General Rules

- 1.0 **MEMBERS** shall obey all state and federal game laws, the Club's **By-Laws** and **Standing Rules**, and hold a valid "**Alabama**" hunting license.
- 1.1 Members must assume responsibility for all actions of family members and guests.
- 1.2 **THE USE OF TRUCKS** or other automotive vehicles on Camp Creek Hunting Club property shall be **limited to Crook Road and highway/dirt road access to designated stopping points on Lang Road**. Trucks or other automotive vehicles should not be driven onto food plots under any circumstances unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- 1.3 The only **vehicle types authorized for use** on Camp Creek club properties (other than as outlined above) shall be limited to **4-wheeler ATV's** and **"Recreational" SxS/UTV's** designed for hunting, with a maximum tire size of 30 inches.
- 1.4 "**Sport**" **SxS/UTV's** or any other off road vehicle types are **not allowed** for use on club properties.
- 1.5 **ANY MEMBER** wishing to report a violation of the Standing Rules or By-Laws must do so in writing. These complaints may be given to any member of the Board.

Safety

- 2.0 **FIREARMS** must be unloaded before entering the Club campgrounds.
- 2.1 There shall be **no discharge of firearms** on the campgrounds.
- 2.2 **THERE** shall be no fires on the leased hunting property except in a life-threatening emergency, such as a disabling injury.

Family Memberships

- 3.0 A "**FAMILY MEMBER**" of a dues paying member shall be defined as one of the following:
 - Ceremonially married spouse
 - Child or legal Dependent (including step-children who live in same household) less than 23 years of age
 - Grandchild less than 16 years of age
- 3.1 **FAMILY MEMBERS** are considered as **non-paying "guest"** of Camp Creek Hunting Club, with no restrictions regarding number of visits.

Guests

- 4.0 A **GUEST** is defined as a person that carries a gun to a stand or assumes a separate stand from the sponsoring member. A person accompanying a member to a stand without a gun and sits on the same stand does not constitute the definition of a guest nor responsible for guest fees.
- 4.1 **Children** of a guest shall be considered guests if not hunting on the same stand as the parent.
- 4.2 A **GUEST** is further defined as not being a family member.
- 4.3 A **GUEST** must follow the same rules as they apply to Members and also be responsible for fines applying to non-conforming deer. Should a guest not pay the fine, the sponsoring member will be responsible for paying the fine.
- 4.4 **MEMBERS** must educate and be responsible for their guests' knowing and following Club rules.
- 4.5 **The Sponsoring member** must accompany guest, even at times other than the hunting season.

Guests (continued)

- 4.6 **A GUEST DAY SHALL BE DEFINED** as a Guest signing out for a full or partial day.
- 4.7 **ALL Guests must be registered in the Guest Book** located in the Sign-out shed for each guest day/visit, **BEFORE** they enter the property to hunt.
- 4.8 **During Deer “Gun” season, GUESTS shall be allowed to hunt** Sundays through Saturdays (full 7-day week) from **December 1st – January 10th**.
- 4.9 From **January 11th – January 24th**, **Guests** are only allowed to hunt on **Mondays through Thursdays**.
- Exception - From January 11th – January 24th guests who are “next of kin” of the “dues paying member” only, may still hunt Sundays through Saturdays (full 7-day week).
 - “Next of kin” defined as a parent, brother, sister, child (23 or older), or grandchild (16 or older) of the “dues paying member”.
- 4.10 From **January 25th through February 10th**, **NO guests allowed**, “next of kin” or otherwise.
- 4.11 A **MEMBER may sponsor up to two (2) Guests per day/visit for up to three (3) times** during the Deer “GUN” season. **All other times**, a Member may only sponsor **one (1) guest per day/visit**.
- 4.12 There shall be no limits on number of times a dues paying member can sponsor a guest within the guidelines listed above.
- 4.13 **A NON-MEMBER INDIVIDUAL (GUEST)** may not hunt more than seven (7) days during each season, Deer “Bow”, Deer “Gun”, and Turkey.

New Members

- 5.0 **MEMBERS** who sponsor new members shall familiarize them with the hunting areas and the Club’s Standing Rules and generally introduce them to the Club membership.
- 5.1 **A NEW MEMBER** shall be on probation for the first year.
- 5.2 **The Board** shall be empowered to terminate or non-renew a new member without a written complaint during the probation period.

Sign-out Procedures

- 6.0 **MEMBERS** shall sign out and place a pin on the map to show where they plan to hunt. If they change their mind, they must return to the clubhouse and move their pin to another location before hunting. In no case may a member move to another area without returning to the clubhouse to determine where others are hunting. **Members shall remove their pins when they have finished hunting.**
- 6.1 If signing out to hunt a food plot, **members shall list the food plot number on the sign-out sheet** for themselves and each member of their party who also may be hunting a food plot.
- 6.2 **Each membership shall be limited to a maximum of 4 pins** in the map at any given time. This includes the member, family members, and any guests.
- 6.3 **MEMBERS** may not sign out other members, family members, or guests that are not present. Members, family members, or guests signing out must do so themselves and be physically present at the campsite to be eligible to hunt.
- 6.4 **MEMBERS** who hunt in the afternoon have first choice of that same area the next morning. This also applies to hunters who roost turkeys in the evening during the turkey season.
- 6.5 **FAMILY MEMBERS** less than 18 years of age may not sign out to hunt unless the dues paying member is present on club premises, or they are sponsored by another dues paying member who is present on club premises.

Sign-out Procedures (continued)

- 6.6 **ALL individuals** hunting at Camp Creek (family members, guests, etc.), 16 years of age or older, who were also born on or after August 1, 1977, must present evidence showing they have successfully completed an approved **hunter education course** to the Board of Directors before being cleared to hunt “unsupervised” on Camp Creek property.
- 6.7 **FAMILY MEMBERS** or **GUESTS** less than 16 years of age who have not passed an approved hunter safety education course, may not hunt at Camp Creek unless “supervised” as outlined in State Regulations.
- 6.8 **FAMILY MEMBERS** or **GUESTS** less than 16 years of age who have passed an approved hunter safety education course, may not hunt at Camp Creek unless accompanied in the same stand, or within 500 yards in the same area, by a sponsoring dues-paying member/family member spouse.

SPECIAL NOTE: During **TURKEY SEASON**, the Sign-out map is divided into areas.

- 6.9 *Only one area may be signed out per membership. (Members, family members, and guests must hunt in same area).*

Harvest Restrictions

- 7.0 **Bucks harvested** must have a **minimum 12-inch inside spread**, OR they must weigh at least **165 pounds live weight**, or **135 pounds field dressed**. Bucks harvested that do not meet either of these minimum requirements will be subject to the established Fine schedule.
- 7.1 **MEMBERS and their guests** shall **not** shoot any deer weighing less than **60 lbs. LIVE weight** or **40 lbs. FIELD DRESSED weight**.
- 7.2 **Any buck harvested to be recorded as meeting the minimum size requirements MUST be verified by a member of the Game Management Committee (GMC), or any Board Member.** Any buck harvested that is not officially verified must be recorded as a “non-conforming” harvest and subsequent fine paid accordingly.
If a GMC or Board member is not physically present, the methods of verification to be as follows:
Inside spread requirement (either option)
1. Leave the deer head and or entire deer in cooler until the inside antler spread can be physically verified.
 2. Take a picture of the antlers with the appropriate 12” measuring device shown inserter inside the antlers. The photo taken to be sent to a GMC or Board member for further verification.
- Weight requirement**
The deer may be field dressed and left hanging in the cooler for inspection. The inspected “field dressed” weight (all entrails removed with head, hoof, and hide intact) must meet or exceed 135 pounds to be approved.
- 7.3 **MEMBERS CHILDREN ONLY**, thirteen years of age or younger may harvest one buck of choice per season that does not meet the minimum inside spread rules (or other conditions described in Rules 7.0 and 7.1). However, the rack must have at least **three (3) points** on one side (outside beam) or it will be considered non-conforming and subject to the established fine schedule.
- 7.4 **AS SPECIAL YOUTH DAY EXCEPTION**, any Youth (family member or guest) participating in “Youth Day” weekend may harvest one buck of choice without any restrictions based on inside spread or number of points. (Non-conforming bucks harvested by a “family member” youth during Youth Day weekend will count as that individual’s “buck of choice” for that season).
- 7.5 **NO RIFLE** with a bore diameter of less than .240 shall be used to hunt deer.
- 7.6 **Each MEMBERSHIP shall be limited to the harvest of 5 does per “season”** (bow/gun combined). However, one membership may allow another membership to harvest one or more of its allocated doe harvests at its own discretion.

Processing Procedures

- 8.0 **DEER** may be field dressed before bringing them to the skinning shed; however, at the individuals' option the deer may be dressed at the shed, provided all remains are disposed of at the designated site.
- 8.1 **DEER** shall not be kept in the cooler longer than one week. If a large number of deer accumulate, the Board shall ask the owners to remove their deer.
- 8.2 **Under no circumstance** shall a deer be field dressed on or within 75 yards of a food-plot.
- 8.3 **Members** and or **guests not bringing a deer subject to penalty into camp for verification** after harvest shall be subject to Board action, up to and including termination of membership.

Fees & Fine Schedules

- 9.0 **GUEST FEES** shall be as follows:
- **Spring Turkey Season** - \$30 per guest day visit
 - **Deer "Bow" Season** - \$30 per guest day visit
 - **Deer "Gun" Season** – (See below)
 - \$35 per guest day visit between **December 1st** through **January 10th**. (No Guests allowed during Deer "Gun" Season before December 1st).
 - \$40 per guest day visit between **January 11th** through **January 24th**.
- 9.1 The **FINE SCHEDULE** for shooting **Non-conforming deer** shall be:
- **1st offense \$75**
 - **2nd offense \$150**
 - **3rd offense \$200 plus 10-day suspension of membership**
 - (Offenses accumulate within combined deer "bow" and "gun" seasons but do not carry over into next combined seasons.)
- 9.2 **A MEMBER** shall not hunt until all dues, fines, guest day fees, and assessments incurred by the member or guest are paid. **FINES** and **GUEST FEES** are due and payable as incurred. All fines and guest fees incurred during the Bow Season must be paid before a member may hunt the opening day of **DEER "GUN"** season.
- 9.3 **No one**, regardless of age or gender, whether a guest or member, **shall be exempted** from paying fines adopted within the Standing Rules.
- 9.4 **Your ability to hunt** may depend on **PROMPT PAYMENT of the FINE or FEE** incurred by you or on your guest's behalf. Checks should be made out to "**Camp Creek Hunting Club**". **Payments may be deposited into collection box in Sign-out shed or mailed to:**
- Breck Arthur, CCHC Treasurer**
109 Timber Cove
Pelham, AL 35124
- 9.5 **THE MEMBERSHIP DUES** shall be \$2,400 per year, plus assessments if needed.
- 9.6 **THE BOARD** shall establish workdays. Members must work those days or pay \$100 per day in lieu of each day missed. Members may request special workday arrangements in cases of documented extreme hardship by contacting the President.
- 9.7 **GUEST FEES** collected from **TURKEY hunting** will be exclusively applied to the feeding and enhancement of Turkey hunting at Camp Creek Hunting Club.

Conduct

- 10.0 **MEMBERS shall not drink intoxicating beverages during legal hunting hours.** This does not, however, preclude a member, who completes hunting activities for that day, from consuming moderate amounts of alcoholic beverages. Under no circumstance shall a member hunt after consuming an alcoholic beverage. At no time will excessive consumption of alcohol be tolerated.
- 10.1 **MEMBERS shall not trespass** on another's land. If trespassers are found on Club property, try to copy a description and license number of the vehicle and report to someone on the Board.
- 10.2 **MEMBERS shall not dump trash** on the leased hunting land or the campground.
- 10.3 **CAMPING** shall be limited to the Club campground only.
- 10.4 **IF ANY CLUB MEMBER** acts in such a manner, as an individual or in concert with others, so as to place personal interest above the interest of the Club or to compete with the Club, his membership shall be subject to termination without refund of dues. This shall be done at the Board's discretion.
- 10.5 **MEMBERS AND GUEST SHALL** abide by the established Camp Creek Hunting Club **"CODE OF ETHICS"**. Members who consistently display behaviors not in accordance with the Code of Ethics will be subject to disciplinary action decided by the Board.

Leased Property Access and Riding Restrictions

- 11.0 **"C-BAR-C Drive"** (also known as Fostoria Road) that passes through the property of Lucy Crook is **CLOSED** to all club traffic. **Club members and guests must take the Graveyard Road route to access club property on the west side.**
- 11.1 **The practice of going out at night to check game cameras, put out bait, or move stands is strictly prohibited.** These type of activities should take place during daylight hours when the member or guest conducting the activity is also signed out for that area.
- 11.2 **No joy riding at night** on club leased hunting properties.
- 11.3 **No joy riding, "scouting", baiting, or stand movements allowed** during any hunting season in areas where other members have signed out to hunt.
- 11.4 **No ATV or UTV traffic** on paved road (Crook Road) **after the hour of 10:00 PM** at night.

Supplemental Feeding

The use of Supplemental Feeders is allowed at Camp Creek Hunting Club as long as all State laws are met and, in addition to, the following restrictions / guidelines:

- 12.1 Any feeder placed on Camp Creek property MUST be clearly labeled/tagged with the name of the member who owns the feeder and the member's contact number information should there be any problems.
- 12.2 No member may "block" or "reserve" any area due to the location of a feeder, whether it be their own feeder or someone else's feeder.
- 12.3 The club would bear no expenses associated with the maintenance, upkeep, or food supplies for any individual's feeder.

Individual Food Plots

The following rules apply to food plots planted by individual members at their own time and expense:

- 13.1 Members must get preapproval from the Board on the location and size of the plot prior to the planting of the plot.
- 13.2 Food plots planted by individual members at their own expense do not give those members exclusive rights to hunt that location. All club members and their guests may hunt any location on club property, including individual food plots, under normal sign out procedures.
- 13.3 With Board approval, the Shooting House Committee may place an unlocked ground box or erect an elevated shooting house at any location on club property, for all members and their guests to hunt that location under normal sign out procedures

Camp Creek Hunting Club

Code of Ethics

The following standards/guidelines represent the “Code of Ethics” for Camp Creek Hunting Club. In the spirit of promoting good sportsmanship and providing a safe, harmonious club environment, all members are encouraged to review these standards/guidelines and exercise them accordingly.

Safety

- Safety is the highest priority. Each member and guest is expected to act in a safe manner at all times.

Landowner and Neighbor Relationships

- Members should act in a courteous and responsible manner toward local landowners and neighbors at all times in order to maintain good relationships.
- Respect the rights of others and remember that while we may be members of Camp Creek Hunting Club, we are visitors to the local community.

CCHC By-Laws and Standing Rules

- As stated in Article II of the Camp Creek By-Laws, “The objective of this Club is to enjoy hunting privileges on the land leased by the Club and such social amenities as may accrue as a result of those activities”.
- All members should periodically review the current CCHC By-Laws and Standing Rules and abide by them accordingly.
- By-Laws and Standing Rules cannot be written to cover every possible scenario or situation. Members should not look for loopholes or attempt to “bend” the By-Laws or Standing Rules in order to justify behaviors that do not promote the spirit of good sportsmanship or provide a safe and harmonious club environment.

Scouting

- Scouting for good hunting locations sometimes requires that in individual walk or cover a larger section of geography than would normally be required when simply hunting from a stand. The “scouting” individual should always take into consideration other members who have signed out in the same general area and make sure that his/her scouting actions do not interfere with other member’s hunting experience or place either member’s safety at risk.
- Scouting activities should not take place during peak hunting periods when large numbers of members have signed out to hunt. Rather, scouting activities should normally be confined to weekdays or off-season times when fewer members are present and hunting.

Signing out

- Members, family members, or guests should not sign out for an area unless they have full intentions to actually visit that area to hunt or participate in activities related to hunting during the time period for which they signed out for.
- Members, family members, or guests should not sign out for an area that they do not intend to hunt themselves in order to hold or reserve that location for another late arriving member or guest.
- Members who sign out on or near a road or thoroughfare must understand and realize that ATV or vehicle traffic may interrupt their hunting experience. On the same token, members going out to hunt during late morning or late afternoon hours should also take into consideration other member's positions and make attempts whenever possible to bypass the routes that might interfere with another member's hunt. The best rule of thumb is to sign out early and travel to your hunting location in early morning or early afternoon hours.
- When signing out for a specific area, do not sign out too close to another hunter. Take into consideration the type of terrain and the proximity of the nearest hunter. When in doubt, always discuss your intentions with the other hunter to ensure all parties are in agreement and knowledgeable of each other's hunting plans. If the other hunter is not available to discuss your intentions, choose another location to hunt. Remember, safety is the highest priority!

QDM Participation / Harvest Selection

- Camp Creek Hunting Club actively supports "Quality Deer Management" (QDM) practices and has established "game management" Standing Rules to support QDM. **Members who strongly object to these rules or the QDM philosophy should seek membership in other clubs that support their own personal beliefs or philosophies.**
- Members are encouraged to exercise restraint when considering the harvest of an animal that may be considered "marginal" in meeting minimum size requirements. When in doubt, do not shoot.
- Hunting should not be viewed as a contest to harvest more animals than anyone else. Rather it should be viewed as an outdoor experience that involves the opportunity for all members to view wildlife in its natural state and selectively harvest animals that fall well within the standards or guidelines of the State/Federal game laws and our Standing Rules.

Youth Involvement

- Today's youth are faced with more challenges than any generation before. Members should act in a manner that supports and encourages "youth involvement" in club activities.
- Personal conduct and language should always be restrained, but especially in the presence of our youth.
- During "Youth Day" hunts, members are encouraged to allow participating youth the first opportunity to sign out and hunt specific areas.

General Maintenance / Campground Upkeep

- Members are encouraged to help keep our campgrounds, club property, and neighboring lands clean from trash and debris.
- Pick up and dispose any trash/litter found.
- Members with campers/trailers on club property are personally responsible for the cleanliness and tidiness of their assigned areas.
- If a member discovers a problem or safety issue with a shooting house, stand, or any other club structure or asset, they should report their findings to a Board member and assist in the corrective actions if needed.

Conduct / Behaviors

- Members should always act in a courteous manner to other members and their guest at all times.
- With large memberships, disagreement on policies and procedures can be expected. Please respect the opinions of others and do not take disagreements personally.
- Above all, do not allow personal differences with others to override sound judgment needed for the betterment of the club.