

Pine Ridge Hunting Club Rules

1. **All current members will pay a \$500 retainer by February 15th to hold their spot for the upcoming season, which is non-refundable. If you would like to pay more or your whole membership at this time, that is acceptable as well.**
2. **All remaining membership fees are due by April 15th of each year. If membership is not paid in full by April 15th, you will either lose your membership or incur a late fee of \$100 every 2 weeks until the balance is paid**
3. Obey fire control rules.
4. NO rudely discharging of firearms.
5. Obey all local, state, and federal laws.
6. Members 18 and younger are not allowed to participate unless accompanied by an adult member.
7. Members' children may hunt with a rifle by themselves only if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. They must be at least **14** years of age.
 - b. They **must be** escorted to and from their stand by an adult member.
 - c. They are to hunt only in the stand.
 - d. They have successfully completed the required Texas Parks and Wildlife hunter safety program.
8. Members must have their I.D. with them at all times.
9. No discharging of firearms at any time from a moving vehicle.
10. Members encountering strangers shall check I.D. cards.
11. All Campsites must be left clean.
12. If a member is caught breaking a state game law, they lose all rights to camp and hunt for the current year for themselves and their family. They are to leave the club on the same date, taking with them all of their equipment.
13. If any member has a guest in their camp, the guest is to stay in camp at all times, except when entering or leaving the club by the shortest route. They are at no time to have any firearms in their possession. Trespassing charges will be filed on/against any guest violating this rule. The member who is responsible for this guest loses their membership at this time and loses all rights to hunt or camp for the current year for themselves and their family. They are to break camp and take all of their equipment with them.

14. Drunkenness or obscene language will not be allowed. There will be no drinking of intoxicating beverages during hunting hours or while traveling club roads at any time. Neither will participation in gambling of any kind be allowed. Be it understood that failure to abide by this rule will automatically result in the cancellation of one's membership.
15. Each member is urged hereby to agree that he/she will not violate the rules of the club, and further to agree to report any violation to the President or any officer of the club. Any violation of By-laws or rules is subject to disciplinary action by the board of directors.
16. It is distinctly understood that the lease has no ownership rights, nor will it claim any such rights.
17. Each member of the club, individually and collectively, hereby agrees that the lessor or leasee shall not be held responsible for any accident that may occur, and each member hereby forfeits all his rights, title, and interest of every character, kind, whatsoever for any accident as against the above mentioned. Each member and guest likewise will be held responsible in every way for their family while on the lease.
18. Any member cutting or responsible for cutting a Pine Tree, regardless of size, automatically loses his membership. Do not put signs on pine trees.
19. No membership can be transferred or resold.
20. A minimum of a hat of hunter's orange will be required for members travelling on timber company property during hunting season.
21. All guns in camp must be in a case, gun boot, or vehicle no unattended firearms can be left out where others can access them.
22. Game Management Plan: A maximum of four (4) deer may be killed per membership, with only 2 of these being does. Remember, state regulations MUST be met, and each membership is limited to their individual license allotment and/or a family total of four (4) deer. Youth Season will be allowed according to state laws/regulations. Since Hardin County is covered by the current 13" rule, bucks will be killed by state regulations. However, HCPRHC defines a "cull buck" as one that has an unbranched (no forks) antler at least six (6) inches in length. (Equal to or longer than the ear in the alert position). This is to keep us from killing yearling bucks. If you have any questions, ask before you hunt to ensure you are doing the right thing. Remember that the Game Management Plan at HCPRHC is taken seriously. Any violations could result in replacement fees or total loss of membership.
23. Hog hunting with dogs WILL NOT be allowed at any time

24. Members are allowed to kill HOGS all year with no limit. Trapping is allowed by each member under the following restrictions:
- Traps must be within 75 yards of the member's feeder, the member's name and membership number must be permanently attached to the trap, and the trap must be securely closed if the member is not in the club.
 - NO trapping will be allowed using foot-hold, body-grip, steel traps, or snares at any time on the club.
25. There will be no firing of guns after sundown. (This would be from October 1 - January 31.)
26. There will be no night hunting at all in the club without the permission of the board of directors. Any permits that are given by the board (i.e., fox, cat, coon, etc.) are good only from January 31 until October 1.
27. No member shall, under any circumstance tamper with or use any logging equipment or any type of equipment left by the owners, lessor or lessee of tracts or partials of tracts of land of the club. Any member violating this rule will immediately lose their membership.
28. All stands must be at least fifty (50) yards from roads. Stands will be limited to a maximum of two (2) stands per family, and all stands must show the name and have a current HCPRHC stand sticker attached. Portable, tripod-type stands, used during bow season, will not be required to have a club stand sticker, but the member's name, card number, and year must be displayed on the stand at all times, and all bow hunting stands must be within 75 yards of the hunter's feeder. There will be a \$50.00 fine for hunting in a stand that is not tagged. The individual will lose their hunting privileges until the fine is paid. All stands must be a minimum of 200 yards apart (use good, safe judgement and at any time there is a discrepancy contact your camp director). If a stand is not tagged by **June 1** of each year, a member can put a stand next to it. If the old stand is not removed by **September 15th**, the club will dispose of the stand.
29. Highline and pipeline easements are designated as club roads, and all hunters will have access to travel roads at all times, regardless of stands. **(Please, if traveling these during hunting hours 6:30 am - 10:00 am, 3:30 pm - Dark that it is absolutely necessary.)**
30. There will be no mowing, disking, cultivation, or changing the face of the land by any member unless it is done under the direct supervision of the President, Vice-President, Security officer, or the President's designated representative. This does not include the maintenance and upkeep of campsites.

31. The board of directors can, by majority vote, discipline a member(s) for any act that they consider unsafe or interfering with the rights of others. Due to the serious nature of some of the acts, the discipline could result in the member(s) being expelled from the club in accordance with Article VIII, Section B. of the constitution and by-laws. The board of directors requests that each member be and hold themselves responsible for ensuring that all rules are adhered to. Likewise, each member is urged to lend their cooperation in every way possible. Rules are not designed to restrict our members, but are designed to make HCPRHC a safer place for you and your family
32. ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IMMEDIATELY WITH A MAJORITY DIRECTORS' VOTE.
33. All Members not returning as a member for the next hunting season must have all of their equipment out by June 1st. Any equipment left after June 1st without making arrangements with the camp director or the President/Vice President will become club property.