

2025 WCL Membership Rules

Membership Rules

1. DUES: All annual membership fees are due on or before December 31st. Membership dues received after January 1st will require an initiation fee in addition to the yearly dues. No member may vote at any meeting unless their dues are paid in full before the meeting. Dues are \$160 for regular members. Members 62 and over and Junior Member dues are \$80.
2. MEETINGS: Meetings are held monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 pm at the WCL Clubhouse.
3. A membership card must be produced when requested by other members or officers of the WCL.
4. Access cards may not be loaned or utilized by non-club members unless specifically authorized at a WCL meeting.
5. Children of members are permitted on the premises only if they are accompanied by a member.
6. No family member over the age of eighteen or out of High School is permitted to fish, hunt, hike or utilize any facility of the WCL including the ranges. Members' spouses, children (under the age of eighteen) and grandchildren (under the age of eighteen) may utilize the WCL and its facilities as long as the member is present.
7. No member or non-member shall utilize WCL grounds or facilities for personal financial gain. The WCL reserves the right to sanction for-profit ventures on their premises for the good of the WCL. Any for-profit venture must be properly authorized and vetted at a WCL meeting prior to any activity.
8. All members and their families use the WCL facilities at their own risk.
9. Members are not permitted to grant non-members access to the WCL without the consent of the Club President or his/her designee.
10. Members shall be respectful of other members and guests while on WCL property. Members should conduct themselves in a legal and civilized manner.
11. Members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, but attendance is not mandatory. WCL Officers and trustees must attend a minimum of nine monthly meetings or be officially excused by a vote of the remaining Officers and Trustees. Officers and Trustees who abandon their duties and fail to attend monthly meetings may be removed from office by a motion and membership vote at a monthly meeting.
12. Violations of any WCL Rules may lead to membership dismissal. The Club President may issue reprimands to members found violating minor rules or make a motion for removal for disciplinary reasons at a general membership meeting. The offending member must be invited to the meeting and permitted to speak before a vote on the motion is conducted. Any member removed from the membership will not be permitted to re-apply for membership for a minimum of five years. The Club President and his/her designees are responsible for enforcing and documenting any fines listed in the rules.

Grounds Rules

1. No motorcycles, four-wheelers, trail bikes are permitted unless they are being utilized by duly authorized WCL functions. Horseback riding is permitted on the WCL property.
2. Primitive Camping for three days is permitted in in designated areas with prior permission from the President or his/her designee.
3. If the Club is rented, campers and tents may be used only in the area south of the Club Building. No other locations are permitted.
4. Fires for camping purposes are permitted only in designated areas.
5. Members dumping trash in WCL dumpster or littering on any WCL property are subject to having their membership revoked. This includes yard waste, concrete, tires and building materials. Abandoning domestic or wild animals on WCL property is forbidden.
6. Any member, shooting, fishing or trespassing on neighboring properties may have their membership revoked by the WCL. This includes damaging the property of our neighbors.
7. Members shall clean up after themselves and refrain from littering or damaging WCL property.

Hunting/Shooting

1. All members hunting, fishing or shooting on the premises do so at their own risk.
2. All members must follow all State and Federal regulations and laws.
3. Guests are not permitted to hunt, fish or shoot on WCL Property. Non-members found hunting on WCL property will be considered trespassers. Criminal charges may be filed.
4. Any tree stand, trail camera, blind or chair shall be clearly marked with the member's name. Any tree-stand, trail camera, blind or chair not clearly marked may be impounded and removed by the WCL. All tree stands, blinds or chairs must pay a yearly fee of \$25 (when their membership dues are paid) before they are permitted to be used on the WCL property. These items will be subject to the same storage, fines and impoundment procedures as a boat.

Range Rules

1. All weapons will be treated as if they are always loaded.
2. Never point a weapon at anything you don't intend to shoot
3. All muzzles will be pointed down range at the back stop. (Target area)
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
5. Check your target area and make sure it is clear.
6. No one may go forward of the firing line to the target area until all firing has stopped and all weapons are unloaded and benched. No one may handle a weapon while anyone is down range.
7. Eye and ear protection are required.
8. All shooters must have their WCL membership card with them while shooting.
9. Only active members are permitted to use the range. Guests are **not** permitted to shoot. Prior authorization must be given by a WCL Club Officer before a guest is allowed on WCL property. Member's spouses, children (under the age of 18) and grandchildren

- (under the age of 18) may shoot only if they are directly supervised by the active member. Members are responsible for their children and grandchildren's actions.
10. No personally owned vehicles are permitted on the range or beyond the parking area.
 11. Members are responsible for removing and disposing of any and all items brought to the range including: used targets, drink containers, spent brass or shells,
 12. Only paper or cardboard targets are permitted. All targets must be placed in the designated target area (orange snow fence) for shooting. No targets are permitted to be hung on trees, stands or benches.
 13. The range may be used by members between the hours of 9:00 am and two hours before sunset.
 14. It is the responsibility of each shooter to check the range area for other people before shooting. Any member using the range must indicate the range is in use by changing the sign provided or raising a red flag that others can see.
 15. Members are required to report any damage observed before shooting by calling 419-951-5004 and leaving a message.

Lake/Boats/Ponds

1. All boats must have the owners name clearly printed on the boat. Any boat without a legible name on it, will be impounded.
2. All boats must pay a yearly boat fee of \$25 (with their yearly membership dues are paid) before they are permitted to be used on the WCL property. Any boat left on the premises without paying a yearly fee may be impounded.
3. Any boat impounded will be assessed a \$25 fine. Any item not removed from impoundment within 30 days shall be assessed a \$25 monthly storage fee. Any item not claimed may be sold after 6 months in impoundment. Claimed items will be kept in impoundment until all fees and fines are paid. The WCL will make reasonable efforts to locate the owners of impounded property.
4. Electric motors are the only type of motor permitted on any boat in the WCL Lake.
5. All boats must be equipped with life preservers for all persons aboard.
6. All boats must be moored or stored within the designated boat storage area.
7. Guests and non-members are not permitted to fish. Members' spouses, children (under the age of eighteen) and grandchildren (under the age of eighteen) may fish and utilize the WCL and its facilities as long as the member is present and supervising.
8. Swimming is not permitted on WCL property.
9. Ice fishing is permitted provided there are two or more fisherman. A safety ladder is located near the boat storage area north of the lodge. The location of the ladder should be checked prior to ice fishing.

These rules were edited in November 2024 and voted/adopted at the November meeting.