

Toler Lake Hunting Club

Poyen, Arkansas



TOLER LAKE HUNTING CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS April 2019

PROPOSED CHANGES - DRAFT

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1 Name

This organization shall be called Toler Lake Hunting Club.

Section 2 Purpose

Promote wildlife conservation, friendly relationships with landowners, safety, fellowship, and ethical hunting practices through club function.

Section 3 Meetings

There will be two meetings each calendar year. Our regular business meeting will be held the first Saturday in April and the second meeting will be held on the Saturday preceding modern gun opening weekend.

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1 Number of Members

- a) Membership shall be limited to eighty (80) members.
- b) A member in good standing with at least five (5) consecutive years of membership, and after reaching the age of seventy (70), will be eligible to become an honorary member. An honorary member will not be required to pay the annual membership dues and will not count against the paid membership roll of eighty (80) members. Honorary members will not be allowed to vote.

Section 2 Provision of Membership

In order to become a member of the Toler Lake Hunting Club a person must:

- a) Be sponsored on the waiting list by a current member.
- b) Pass a unanimous vote by the membership upon completion of one year of probationary membership.
- c) The club will maintain a waiting list of prospective new members that have been recommended by a current member in good standing and from this list, new members will be determined as vacancies develop each year. New members will be selected from the list in a sequence according to the date their name was added to the waiting list. Each current member may have

one prospect taken from the waiting list each year. If a member has recommended more than one prospective member in anyone year, the second name will be passed over and will appear at the top of the list for selection the following year.

- d) **NEW** Priority, moving to the top of the list, will be given to Toler Lake Hunting Club members' children until the age of 23.

Section 3 Charter Members

The original eighty (80) paid members will be considered as charter members.

Section 4 Family Members

- Family members shall be the spouse or significant other, children and grandchildren (under 16 years old) of a member who has a current paid membership.
- Family members do not have to pay a membership fee. Family members (excluding a spouse) under the age of 23 must be a full time student and depend upon their parent for support. The year a family member reaches the age of 23 their family membership will expire as of December 31 of that year.
- Toler Lake Hunting Club members children, UNTIL THE AGE OF 23, will have priority on the waiting list to become full members of Toler Lake Hunting Club.
- Family members on the waiting list shall be given priority over others on the waiting list.
- Immediate family members on the waiting list shall be given priority over others, moving to the top of the list. Children of deceased members will continue to have the same privilege of becoming a member that any other member's children would have.
- **NEW** Immediate family refers to a member's parents, spouse/significant other, children and siblings and will also include the parent's spouse.

Section 5 Dues and Fees

- 1) Spring meeting will be held the first Saturday in April.
- 2) Membership dues will be due May 1.
- 3) After May 15, there will be a \$50 late fee.
- 4) If membership dues are not received by June 1, the member will be notified they are removed from the club and he/she will be replaced by the first name on the waiting list.

NEW *All dues must be paid to the Treasurer only.*

Dues will increase accordingly based upon each hunting year's lease agreement and anytime the Toler Lake Hunting Club bank account balance drops below \$5000 as of our April meeting.

The President and Secretary/Treasurer of Toler Lake Hunting Club shall not be required to pay membership dues.

A one-time assessment of \$25.00 will be added to the dues of a new member to cover costs of a gate key. A key to the gates may be leased from the club by a member and must be returned to the club when the member drops from the club membership.

ARTICLE III: Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1 Officers and their duties

- a) The President shall preside over all meetings and conduct all official business.
- b) The Vice-President shall assist the President and Preside over all committee meetings.
- c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain minutes of the club meetings, publicity, and maintain the clubs financial matters and present of report at each club meeting.
- d) The President is to appoint, at his discretion, members from the club membership, hereafter to be called Directors, to help expedite business of the club. The appointments will expire at each election unless the appointment is terminated by the President or for any actions of Article IV.

NEW

- A) Each Director will be assigned ten or more members and will be responsible for notifying members of meetings, changes to bylaws, collecting guest fees and other duties as requested.*
- B) The Directors shall be responsible for maintaining club safety and see that each sportsman obeys all hunting regulations and Toler Lake bylaws.*
- C) Each Director shall be responsible for collecting guest fees from their group.*
- D) Each Director will serve as a part of the disciplinary committee. A disciplinary committee consisting of eight (8) Directors, the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will meet as needed to discuss issues within Toler Lake Hunting Club. The President will preside over the meeting and will not vote in the matter unless there is a tie vote that he or she will break. The Vice-President will not vote. The Secretary/Treasurer will not vote, but will be responsible for meeting minutes. These minutes will not be published or distributed.*

Section 2 Elections

The elections of officers shall be held bi-annually at the regular meeting in the month of April. Election shall be by a simple majority of members present. Election for officers shall be held separately in order as listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3 Eligibility of Voters

Each member is entitled to one vote with the exception of the President, who will vote in case of a tie. Spouses are not eligible to vote.

Section 4 Term of Office:

The term of office is for two (2) years, which shall begin on July 1st of an odd year and end on the last day of June of the following odd year.

Section 5 Vacancies

In the event an office becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6 Eligibility for Office

To become eligible for office, a member must:

- a) Have been a member for at least two (2) years.
- b) Have attended at least three-fourths of the club functions.
- c) Have shown an active interest in all the club functions.
- d) Have conducted themselves in a sportsman-like manner.

ARTICLE IV: Removal of Membership

A member will be dropped from the membership roll for any of the following reasons:

- a) Failure to pay dues by June 1.
- b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the organization. The Directors shall hold a hearing and then rule on continuation of such person's membership.
- c) Any member convicted of a state or federal game law shall be expelled automatically.
- d) Failure to comply with rules directed to the club by the lessor.
- e) If a club member fails to comply after a club officer requests that he/she do so, the member will be subject to a fine or dismissal from the club.
- f) If a member fails to comply with a second request from a club officer, he/she will be requested to meet with not less than 5 Directors and will be subject to a \$100 fine. If the member fails to meet with the Directors or pay the fine, he/she will be promptly dismissed from the club.

ARTICLE V: Guests

Section 1 Authorization

Club members can have only one (1) guest on the lease at a time. The club member must be on the lease when the guest is present. Anyone who gets out of the lease or is removed from the waiting list cannot be a guest.

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- A) Members are allowed two guests per day. Individual guests are limited to 3 days per year. (Deer or Turkey Season)
- B) Guests must follow all club rules.
- C) Guests must pay the amount set by the club prior to each deer hunting day.
- D) Guest must be accompanied by an inviting member and be in possession of a visitor's card.
- E) Guest/inviting member must log the guest(s) name, phone number, and date (s) they will be hunting into the guest log book upon entering camp.
- F) Guest log book will be maintained at the checkstation. A guest shall not be allowed on the lease without signing in to the guest log book. A member found hosting a guest without logging them in will be assessed a \$100 fine. Second violation of the guest rules will result in the member losing their membership in Toler Lake Hunting Club.

Section 2 Guest Fees

If a club member, who has a guest on the lease does not pay the guest fee of \$25 daily within seven (7) days following the last day of the guest hunt, the club member will be assessed a fine of \$100. All guests must sign in at the check station when hunting. The club member will be responsible for all actions by their guest while on the lease. Failure to pay guest fees or fines will be grounds for dismissal from the club. A guest may only hunt three days or until they kill a deer, whichever comes first.

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Member must log the guest's name, phone number, and date (s) the guest is hunting in the guest log book upon arrival at camp prior to the guest hunting.

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There are no allowed guests for deer season the first week of Muzzleloader or the first week of Modern Gun season. The weeks are considered Saturday of opening day to the following Saturday.

ARTICLE VI: Method of Amending the Constitution and Bylaws

The constitution and bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present at that meeting, providing written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote.

ARTICLE VII: Trapping

Trapping of feral hogs on land leased by Toler Lake Hunting Club is only permitted by use of above ground cage or pen. The cage or pen must have the members name and phone number visible." All other means of trapping of any wildlife on land leased by Toler Lake Hunting Club is prohibited.

ARTICLE VIII: Stands

All ACTIVE stands should be no closer than 200 yards radius in wooded areas and no closer than 400 yards apart on gravel roads without the member's permission to do so.

Stands should be marked with name, phone number, and current hunting year to be considered active. Any stand, not marked WITH AN OFFICIAL STAND TAG, by opening day of modern gun season will be considered abandoned. Abandoned stands should not be moved by anyone but the owner, however a member may hunt that stand or place a new one near it.

Each member should be limited to a maximum number of four (4) stands.

PROPOSED CHANGES

NEW

1. No member may erect a deer stand or erect/hunt a hog pen within 200 yards of another member's deer stand unless both parties agree.
2. Each member is required to help keep Non-Members from hunting, joy riding, or trespassing in general on our leased land. If you see a non-member on our leased land at any time during the year, it is your responsibility to ask them to leave at once. If trouble arises, get their vehicle license number and a warrant can be obtained at the county sheriff's office to have them leave.
3. Permanent stands erected on the roadway must be off the ditch line and at least six feet high from the bottom of the sitting area.
4. Members are limited to only four (4) stands per person. All stands must be marked, somewhere visible from the ground, with the following:
 - 1) Owners Name
 - 2) Telephone Number
 - 3) Current Year (ex: 2019-20)

In addition to writing the above information on each stand, the stands must also be marked using the official stand tags provided by the Secretary/Treasurer. These tags are numbered and have been assigned to specific members. If a tag is lost or stolen, please report it to the Secretary/Treasurer to have a new tag issued. In the event a member is found using a tag that is reported lost or stolen, a meeting of the directors will be held to discuss the repercussion of this action. This could result in a fine or dismissal from the club.

5. A stand is defined as a stand regardless if it is on a tree, a tower, a portable blind, or a ground blind. As voted on by membership, the words portable or permanent stands are no longer valid when talking about a stand. Each member is only allowed FOUR "stands" period.
6. If a member drops their membership to the deer club, they must wait till next full year before applying for membership again. Members who drop their membership, may not hunt as a guest for two years. A family member will only be given priority the first time they become a member. Should they drop their membership and ask to be reinstated, they will be put on the waiting list without priority status.
7. Observe good conduct at all times. Fighting, abusive language, obscenity, or threats of bodily harm by members or guests will be considered as grounds for discharge from club membership.

8. Members are allowed two guests per day. Individual guests are limited to 3 days per year. (Deer or Turkey Season)
9. Guests must follow all club rules.
10. Guests must pay the amount set by the club prior to each hunting day
11. Guest must be accompanied by an inviting member and be in possession of a guest pass identifying the guest and inviting member. Guest passes can be obtained from any Director.
12. Guest/inviting member must log the guest(s) name, phone number, and date (s) they will be hunting into the guest log book upon entering camp.
13. Each camp will be supplied with the guest log books to facilitate recording of the guests.
14. Each member is required to help keep non-members from hunting, joy riding, or trespassing in general on our leased land. If you see a non-member on our leased land at any time during the year, it is your responsibility to ask them to leave at once. If trouble arises, get their vehicle license number and a warrant can be obtained at the county sheriff's office to have them leave.
15. Current Dues/Fees as of 2019:
 - A. Membership: \$565.00
 - B. Guest Fee: \$25 a day
(Hunting Only, Max 3 days, Guest only allowed one kill.)
 - C. Replacement Key: \$7

Please send suggestions, additions and comments BY OCTOBER 29, 2019 to:

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