

Rochelle Farm Hunting Ranch Rules

2024/25 Hunting season

This document and the waiver must be read/understood, signed and returned to lease holder prior to any activity being performed on the lease property (new locks will be installed at lease start (July 1st) and key/combo given out upon return of these documents.

THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR RULE VIOLATIONS

Overview—its not often to have a 6,000 acre plus hunting lease. The resources and deer numbers are abundant on this property and the goal is to harvest quality deer and give youths a chance to harvest a buck. We encourage everyone to take qualified bucks so we can improve the herd quality

ALL TENNESSEE STATE HUNTING REGULATIONS WILL APPLY

Membership Effective July 1st 2023 through June 30th 2024

1. General membership --\$2,400 --2 buck tag --includes youth and/or spouse/adult child
2. Family membership-\$3,400--4 buck tag (adds 2 buck tags to membership to be used for youth or spouse only. 2 BUCK PER PERSON PER STATE LAW. This tag allows a youth to harvest two (2) buck that does not meet the restriction requirements-this buck should be the youths biggest buck harvested) or for an adult child/spouse to harvest a buck- any buck harvested by an adult child or spouse must meet the buck restriction requirements.
3. ADULT CHILD DEFINED—over the age of 16 living at home and supported by paying member. Max age 21 years old.
4. Youth is described as 16 yrs. old and under up to 17th birthday, if youth turns 17 during deer season he/she retains youth status until end of current season.
5. Dues deadline is June 15th 2024

6. Members who have not paid in full by June 15th will be subject to being replaced and losing their membership status—waiting list will be utilized to fill vacant memberships- Family membership must be determined upon initial payment of dues.

General Club Rules

1. **Enter and exit through main gate off Lonesome pine road only. Gate and cable must always be closed back and locked after each entry/exit.**
2. Access Germany Branch hunting area through east gate after location pinned on map, these gates shall be closed and locked upon entry/exit
3. NO DRIVING AROUND GATES
4. Use caution and drive at safe speed. ATV/UTV will be using roadway. Deer are subject to cross at anytime.
5. Each hunter shall mark in and out at the central sign in board prior to and after each hunt (this includes scouting and/or camera checking, placing)
 - *pre-marking of stand locations is not allowed (ex. marking location night before hunt). If hunting same stand morning and evening then removing tag is not required (anytime you change locations tag must be placed on new location. If member leaves property tag shall be removed from board)
 - * DO NOT TOUCH OR REMOVE ANOTHER HUNTERS TAG WITHOUT THAT MEMBERS CONSENT**

5. Spouse and adult children as described above may tag and hunt in different locations as member. If youth under age 16 they must be accompanied by an adult

Hunting Ethics

1. Be respectful of all members while hunting and accessing stand sites.
Some areas are only accessible by passing by or through plots/ hunting location. Try to communicate this with members hunting these areas.
If someone is hunting in an area you need to drive by limit this to outside the prime hunting hours if possible. Limit camera placing/checking and scouting outside of prime hunting hours
Prime Hunting hours (daylight to 11 am) (1:30 pm to dark) always check sign in board prior to entering any area to scout or checking/placing cameras
2. Always hunt safe distances from other hunters and know if it is safe to fire your weapon in certain directions
3. Any stands/blinds that are placed over food plots may be hunted by any member.
4. Personal stands(climber, ladder stand or lock-on) away from plots/fields are personal. Please ask permission to hunt someone's personal stand--excludes shooting houses.

- It is the members sole responsibility to thoroughly check each stand and verify it is safe to use prior to using it.
5. Do not stop to view game while driving along roads.
 6. Absolutely no shooting/hunting from vehicles—including ATV/UTV
 7. Do not drive through planted food plots, make effort to retrieve game with cart if feasible, only exception is a disability or otherwise unavoidable, someone is usually there and willing to help
 8. Hunters are required wear proper safety harness when hunting from elevated stands
 9. Keep in season scouting to a minimum. Hunter must tag area they are scouting or checking cameras. Use non prime hunting hours to scout.
 10. Absolutely no baiting of game per Tennessee state rules and regulations
 11. Rifle/muzzleloader Hunting or shooting in camp area is prohibited (map will show the restricted area surrounding camp). Bow hunting shall be allowed within this area



12. Whatever you take to a shooting house/ ladder stand etc. bring back with you.
DO NOT LEAVE ANY TRASH IN, ON OR AROUND STAND

Deer Harvesting

1. 2 Bucks per General Membership. Bucks must meet the club harvest requirements. Buck tags cannot be sold, traded or shared across memberships
2. All bucks harvested with the exception of youth bucks within the unrestricted buck area must meet at least 2 of the following requirements:

- (a) 19.5" main beam--measured from top of burr along main beam to tip
 - (b) 16" inside spread—measured at widest point
 - (c) 3.5" base circumference-measured between burr and brow tine
3. We encourage to age the deer to be at least 4 yrs old. If hunter believes the buck is 4 yrs. Old but doesn't meet the antler requirements then that hunter has the option to pull jaw bone and send off for aging. Deorage.com is one service provider for this. \$90 to \$100 for expedited. This shall be done at the hunters expense. The options below will be waived if deemed of age by a valid aging service.
- Penalty for illegal buck harvest : 2 options**
- (a) fine of \$300.00 which shall be paid prior to next hunt or
 - (b) Loss of 2nd buck tag for remainder of season-
- If member continues to next hunt and has not paid fine its deemed the hunter has opted for option (b) the fine going forward for a buck kill is \$500 and loss of membership
4. All deer harvested shall be logged into log book the day of kill and prior to leaving property(include sex, weight, members name, bucks must include measurements listed above and name of witness of measurements)
5. **All bucks killed must have at least 2-3 quality photos submitted prior to leaving property. Include the entire of the buck in the photos. These photos must be posted on facebook page. A camera will be provided and picture posted on board in sign in shed. Be cautious when taking does of yearling bucks, a button buck will be counted as a restricted deer and either fine or loss of tag will be assessed.**
6. Doe harvest goals may be set prior to start of season and adjusted throughout the season as needed. It is encouraged to take does prior to rifle season or after Dec. 21st.
7. No sharing of Buck tags allowed.

Deer deboning/gutting

1. Carcass disposal

To be addressed as more information available on processing capabilities in the area and laws(if any) prohibiting the disposal on the property

2. Gutting deer

Placed in gut bucket and taken to (TBD) location

Youth Hunting

1. A youth hunter is defined as being 16 yrs of age and under. Youth under must be accompanied by an adult member in the field at all times and in position to take control of the weapon.

2. An approx.. 800 acre section of club is designated for a youth to harvest a lesser buck (at least 6 pt.) within this area. Any lesser buck taken outside of this area is an illegal harvest and fine will be assessed same as above. This area is open to all members but the antler exception only applies to youth hunters. It is preferred that any buck taken by a youth be his/her largest buck harvested



Turkey Hunting

1. Bag limit is 2 Toms per membership. Youth/Adult youth/Spouse/ Guest turkey kills are counted toward members bag limit
2. Each hunter must tag their starting location at the central sign in board prior to each hunt—turkey hunting is different and everyone must be aware that hunters move around and additional tagging not required unless you move to by vehicle to another location. Be cautious of other hunters hunting same bird
3. A picture of all harvested turkeys shall be submitted (text, email, facebook)

Guests

1. No guest allowed to hunt during deer season(exception immediate family member)
2. Guest shall be allowed during turkey season to assist in calling
3. All guest must sign a liability waiver prior to performing activities on property
4. Guest must sign the guest log located in central sign in area. When signing the guest log, the guest certifies they agree to abide by all rules. It is the responsibility of the accompanying member to make sure their guest understands all terms, rules and their signature certifies their agreement to uphold them
5. Guest must always be accompanied by a member while hunting(example: you cannot split up and hunt 50-100 yards apart). Only one hunter shall carry the weapon to hunt location
6. If any guest kills a turkey , it will count towards members allowable harvest total-
7. If member has paid for family membership they are allowed 2 extra turkey tag for a family member. No person shall exceed the TWRA bag limit.

Workdays

1. Required minimum 4 work days
2. In order to accommodate family and other personal obligations, completing the members mandatory workday can be performed when convenient to the member. We do ask members to try to make the designated prepping, seeding of fields, we need all the help we can get to get this done.

*there will be a task list on the board in the central sign in building, if you go up to work, list the task you worked on, progress on the task, what is needed for the task and sign and date when you worked on it. This list will have task such as clearing roads, cleaning up around camp, repairing stands, tractor work.
3. If the mandatory work days is not met a 50.00 assessment per workday must be paid prior to hunting. If you can't make a work day this fee can be paid up front but workdays are encouraged

Camp Life

1. Members are expected to take care of all buildings that are used on the property.
2. Members shall repair any damages to on their behalf
3. NO littering
4. No smoking inside camp houses/sign in shed. Cigarette butts must be collected and disposed of properly(not on ground)
5. No excessive drinking
6. NO illegal drugs

7. Campfires must be maintained, monitored until it is extinguished
8. Do not leave trash in or around campsites, stands etc. if you see trash along roads please stop and pick it up.
9. Sign in shed can be used for ATV/UTV storage. Upon leaving close and lock all doors. Be courteous to others and not block access, park vehicles inside to allow others to use if possible.
10. Hanger at airstrip will be used for seed, fertilizer and stands waiting to be erected prior to season. This area has stands used frequently so please limit the use of this hanger during hunting seasons non prime hunting hours.
11. The double wide trailers across from air field are not to be used during hunting season.

Safety

1. Firearms—always be alert to your surroundings. Have a clear view of your target and what is beyond it. safety must be exercised at all times when handling weapons of any type
2. ATV/UTV—members are required to have the proper safety equipment per manufacturers recommendations while operating a motorized vehicle. Members are expected to **drive at safe speeds at all times** (includes all vehicles). There are unforeseen hazards that may be encountered at any time, for this reason caution/safety should always be exercised!
3. Members must wear proper safety harness per manufacturers recommendations when using any tree stand. It is each members responsibility to inspect the stand to be used to ensure it is in good working condition and safe prior to climbing.
4. It is the responsibility of each member to have the proper safety equipment while involved in any activities they participate in on the property.
5. Any member that starts a fire assumes responsibility for that fire. That member is required to keep that fire under control as well as keep bystanders and property safe

Club Finances

1. All lease money will be used to cover the cost of the lease as well as expenditures
2. Hunt lease money will be used primarily for food plots, stands and other items that will enhance the quality of the hunting property
3. Any money that is not used for that year will roll over to the following year.

Club rules

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR RULES VIOLATIONS

Any member who does not adhere to club rules set forth, is dishonest, or displays attitude problems will be subject to a fine and/or immediate termination of membership

with NO REFUND, or may not be asked to renew their membership the following year. This will be decided at the discretion of the hunt lease managers

ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS/ REGULATIONS MUST BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES

My signature certifies I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules set forth above and that rules are subject to change with due notification

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/2024