

Rochelle Farm Hunting Ranch Rules

2026/27 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—it's rare 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 youth hunters a chance to harvest a buck. Our goal is to harvest 4.5 yr old bucks and the appropriate amount of does.

ALL TENNESSEE STATE HUNTING REGULATIONS WILL APPLY

Membership is Effective July 1st, 2026, through June 30th, 2027

1. General membership --\$2,400 --2 buck tag --includes youth and/or spouse/adult child
2. Family membership-\$3,400-4 buck tags (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) bucks that does not meet the restriction requirements-this buck should be the youth's biggest buck harvested. For an adult child/spouse, any buck harvested 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 turn 17 during deer season he/she retains youth status until end of current season.
5. Dues deadline is June 15th, 2026
6. Members who have not paid in full by June 15th are subject to being replaced and losing their membership status. The waiting list will be utilized to fill out 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. The gates shall be closed and locked upon entry and exit.
3. NO DRIVING AROUND GATES
4. Use caution and drive at safe speed. ATV/UTV will be using roadways. Deer are subject to cross at any time.
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 hunting). If hunting same stand in the 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 members. If youth under 16 they must be always 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 until 11 am) (1:30 pm until dark) always check sign in board prior to entering any area to scout.
2. Always hunt safe distances from other hunters and know that 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. Ground blinds on fields must be removed at end of hunt, whether morning or evening hunt.
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 to wear proper safety harnesses when hunting from elevated stands and the TWRA required hunter orange vest and cap.
9. Keep scouting in season 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 as found in Tennessee state rules and regulations. Anyone baiting deer or turkey will be subject to memberships' termination and possible game warden being called.
11. Rifle/muzzleloader hunting or shooting in camp area is prohibited (map will show the restricted area surrounding camp). Bow hunting is allowed within this area.



12. Whatever you take to a shooting house/ ladder stand etc. should be brought 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's harvest requirements. Buck tags cannot be sold, traded or shared across memberships

2. All bucks harvested except for youth bucks 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) 4" base circumference-measured above burr
3. Bucks shall be at least 4.5 yrs old. If the hunter believes that the buck is 4.5 yrs. old but doesn't meet the antler requirements then that hunter has the option to pull the jawbone and send off for aging. Deerage.com is a service provider for this. \$90 to \$100 for expedited. This shall be done at the hunter's expense. The options below will be waived if deemed of age by a valid aging service.

Penalty for illegal buck harvest: There are 2 options

(a) A fine of \$400.00 which shall be paid prior to next hunt or

(b) The loss of 2nd buck tag for the remainder of the season

If the member continues to next hunt and has not paid fine, it will be deemed that the hunter has opted for option (b), afterward the fine for a buck kill is \$500 and loss of membership
4. All deer harvested shall be logged into the logbook on the day of the kill and prior to leaving property, include sex, weight, antler measurements (no estimates) also include name of witness of the measurements in comments of log sheet.
5. **All bucks killed must have quality photos submitted prior to leaving property. Pictures need to include body, front and side view of head prior to hanging on skinning rack. These photos must also be posted in group text. A button, one photo of hunter and deer in front of club sign... a button buck will be counted as a restricted deer and either fine or loss of tag will be assessed.**
6. Doe harvests are encouraged throughout season except for no does to be harvested from fields opening day of gun season through Dec. 15th. Killing of does in the woods is allowed during this time. Does shall be at least 60lbs. Doe kills shall have pictures of hunter and deer posted in group text.
7. **CAMERA USE:** game cameras shall be allowed during off seasons throughout property. No cameras shall be placed on access roads to fields or on fields from Nov. 1st to after last youth hunt. Cameras may be placed at personal stand locations during this period but shall only be checked when hunting that stand. Please include name on all cameras. No drone used for scouting during the hunting season. Drones may be used for wounded deer recovery and notification in group text prior to use.
8. No sharing of Buck tags is allowed.

Deer deboning/gutting

1. Carcass disposal

to be addressed as more information is available on processing capabilities in the area and laws (if any) prohibiting the disposal of 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 16 must be always accompanied by an adult member in the field and in position to take control of the weapon.
2. It is preferred that any buck taken by a youth be his/her largest buck harvested. We encourage youth to meet antler requirements.

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 by vehicle to another location. Be cautious of other hunters hunting same bird
3. A picture of all harvested turkey and hunter shall be submitted in text group and in front of club sign

Guests

1. No guests are allowed to hunt during deer season (exception immediate family member)
2. Guest shall be allowed during turkey season to assist in calling
3. All guests must sign a liability waiver prior to performing activities on property and submitted at least 5 days prior to hunting
4. Guests 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 certify their agreement to uphold them
5. Guests 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 toward the member's allowable harvest total.
7. If the member has paid for family membership they are allowed 2 extra turkey tags for a family member. No person shall exceed the TWRA bag limit.

Workdays

1. Required minimum 4 workdays
2. A workday is defined as an 8-hr. day with task being performed either from task board or coordinated through the group.

3. To accommodate family and other personal obligations, completing the members' mandatory workday can be performed when convenient to the member. We do ask that members try to do 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 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 tasks such as clearing roads, cleaning up around camp, repairing stands, tractor work.

4. If the mandatory workdays are not met prior to opening day of bow season, a \$200.00 assessment per workday must be paid prior to hunting, except for the August velvety hunt. If you can't make a workday 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 damage on their behalf
3. NO littering
4. Items/trash must not be left in shooting houses or any club stands.
5. No smoking inside camp houses/sign in shed. Cigarette butts must be collected and disposed of properly (not on ground)
6. No excessive drinking
7. NO illegal drugs
8. Campfires must be maintained, monitored until they are extinguished
9. Do not leave trash in or around campsites, stands etc. If you see trash along roads, please stop and pick it up.
10. Sign in shed can be used for ATV/UTV storage. Upon leaving close and lock all doors. Be courteous to others and do not block access, park vehicles inside to allow others to use them if possible.
11. Generators must be shut down at 10 pm. Unless at a distance from campers and are soundproofed.
12. Hanger at airstrips 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.
13. The double wide trailers across from airfield 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 **always drive at safe speeds** (including 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 member's 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 expenditure.
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, displays attitude problems or is dishonest 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: ____/____/2026