

Ante Hunt Club of Virginia Rule and Regulations

Amended January 2025

General

- 1. Ante Hunt Club of Virginia (hereinafter referred to as "Club") membership will run from March 1 to the last day in February of the following year. Half of the dues are to be paid by March 1st. The remainder of the dues must be paid in full by May 1st. All money given to the Club as payment for dues, fines, lot fees and fundraisers are non-refundable unless approved by the Directors.
- 2. Any violation of the Club's Rules and Regulations and /or behavior detrimental (e.g., destruction of property, arguments with landowners, etc.) to the Club will be reviewed by the Officers of the Club. The outcome of that review will determine fines, penalties, warnings or termination of the member. The member will be notified in writing, by an Officer of the Club, regarding the outcome of the review.
- 3. If a member fails to make timely payments, the member will be fined and/or may be terminated from the club. *Fines will be \$35.00 monthly in addition to outstanding debt.*
- 4. Members in Good Standing (dues and storage fees paid up to date) shall enjoy unlimited property access.
- 5. Members NOT in good standing shall not access club property until their account is PAID in FULL.
- 6. Members may use the Bunkhouse free of charge.
- 7. 2025 Dues:
 - a. Standard: \$950.00
 - i. At least \$475 paid by March 1
 - ii. Paid in Full by May 1
- 8. 2025 Lot Fee:
 - a. Standard: \$550 (20-amp service).
 - i. Paid in Full by April 1
 - b. Upgraded: \$600 (30-amp service).
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- 9. 2025 Guest Fees
 - a. Big Game Hunting (1 day): \$40
 - b. Big Game Hunting (2 consecutive calendar days accounts as one visit of three (3) allowed) \$60
 - c. Small Game to Include Predator Hunting (1 day): \$20
 - d. Non-Hunting Use of Property: Daily \$15.00 or \$25.00 for two consecutive days
- 10. Guest Bunk Fee
 - a. Nightly-\$15.00
 - b. Two Consecutive nights-\$25.00
- 11. An applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age to be considered for membership unless he/she is a child or grandchild of a member.
- 12. Rules for Family Members of Members
 - a. Non-Hunting season
 - Immediate family members (parents, spouse/significant other, children, and grandchildren) may use the Club's available property with the Member present at no cost. Officers may approve family member access to the property without the Member being present. An annual Guest Liability Waiver must be signed or on file by all family members 18-year-old or older.
 - b. <u>Hunting season</u>
 - Immediate family members (parents, spouse/significant other, children, and grandchildren) may hunt 3 occurrences during Big Game season at no cost. An occurrence is considered either one day visit or two consecutive day visit. Once the three occurrences have been used, family members 21 year and older must have completed the required Work Parties or pay for all or missed work parties to continue to hunt. The Member must be present when family members

are hunting. Officers may approve family member access to the property without the Member being present. An annual Guest Liability Waiver must be signed or on file by all Guests 18-year-old or older.

- 13. The Officers of the Club must approve the use of camper storage. The Officers of the Club must approve other temporary structures. Any modification(s) of approved camper storage or other temporary structures must be approved by the Officers of the Club before modification(s) begin. Once a member is terminated, the member has thirty (30) days to remove personal property from the Club's property. After thirty days, the property will be deemed abandoned and the Officers of the Club will determine the means of disposal of the personal property that is remaining on the Club's property.
- 14. A Member or Guest who causes damage to the Club, the Club's property, or property leased by the Club will be held responsible for that damage. The Officers of the Club will determine how the damage will be corrected and repaired.
- 15. All Members and Guests are responsible for maintaining cleanliness of the Club, Clubhouse, and personal property. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action (fines, penalties, warnings, termination) by the Officers of the Club.
- 16. Fighting or threatening actions will not be tolerated. Disciplinary actions will be decided in a meeting held by the Officers of the Club.
- 17. The Directors will establish annual dues by the February membership meeting of the new year.
- 18. No discharge of firearms on or near the Clubhouse property is permitted. Clubhouse property is described as the camper/cabin storage area around the Clubhouse, the Powerline across from the Clubhouse and the Gas Line located by the dog pens.
- 19. If the Club has a Fundraiser(s), all members are expected to participate. If a new member joins after that fundraiser is over, no monies are owed.
- 20. Each Member must sign the Arrival Logbook (located in the Clubhouse) anytime he/she is on the Club's property.
- 21. Target shooting shall be done at the Shooting Range located on the Power Line. Two hundred (200) yards max target setup from the shooting bench at the Range. Failure to adhere to Range and Safety protocols will result in the loss of range privileges. During Big Game Hunting season, the Range hours will be limited. During that season, the hours will be 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- 22. Propane heaters are required in cabins and trailers. No electric heaters are allowed. Directors reserve the right to do inspections for the use of electric heaters. Use of electric heaters will be grounds for termination from the club.
- 23. The use of All-Terrain/Off Road Vehicles (ATV/ORV/UTV) is permitted on the Club's property. Any damage done to the property while riding one of these vehicles is the sole responsibility of the riders to repair. Operation of an ATV by a minor is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian. All local, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and state laws must be obeyed when using an ATV/ORV/UTV.
- 24. The use of alcohol by an individual under the age of twenty-one (21) years is strictly prohibited. The use of illegal drugs/narcotics is strictly prohibited.
- 25. Smoking (including electronic cigarettes) is **not** permitted in the Clubhouse/Bunkhouse at any time. Smoking materials shall be discarded properly (fire extinguished and butt thrown in appropriate waste receptacle).
- 26. Directors of the Club have the right to modify the Rules and Regulation without notice to the members, if it is in the best interest of the Club. Members will be notified of the change.
- 27. The Bunkhouse (Mobile home trailer) is used as sleeping quarters. A 10:00 pm curfew will be enforced.
- 28. All Members have the right to quiet enjoyment while on the property.

- 29. All Members with camper trailers will be disconnected from the electrical outlet when they are going home. Campers left connected will be disconnected by an authorized representative of the Club.
- 30. Members are responsible for their children at the Club. Children 16 years and younger are required to be under adult (18 yrs. & older) supervision at all times.
- 31. To promote membership growth, existing Members can earn a \$200.00 credit toward their next year's Dues if they sign up a new Member. The "new" Member must be in good standing (i.e., all monies owed are paid) with the club and the "new" Member must renew membership the next year in order for the credit to be applied.

<u>Guest rules</u>

- 1. <u>Members</u> will be held fully responsible for their Guests. Members must be present with the Guest at all times on the property during the visit. Guests must read the Ante Hunt Club Rules and Regulations and are required to sign an Acknowledgement Agreement.
- 2. Guests will abide by the same Rules and Regulations as members.
- 3. <u>Members</u> are responsible for signing in their Guests and paying any applicable Guest fees. Any Member or Guest who damages a landowner's/lessee's property in any way will be held fully responsible. The Officers of the Club will determine corrective action of the damage.
- 4. A Guest fee per hunting day will be charged during Big Game hunting season, limited to three (3) visits (as described in line 8.) below during the Big Game hunting season. A Guest fee will also be charged for small game/predator hunting and for non-hunting days at the Club. All Guest fees must be paid by the Member at check-in at the Club.
- 5. No Guest other than the Member's immediate family will be allowed to hunt during Muzzleloader season.
- 6. If a Guest decides that he/she wants to become a Member, any Guest fees paid by such Guest that hunting season will be applied to membership dues.
- 7. Non-Hunting season
 - Guest are described as an individual invited by a member to come enjoy the available property and amenities. The member must pay a Guest fee of \$15 per day or \$25 for two consecutive days. The Guest must be accompanied by the member while on the property and must abide by the Club's Rules and Regulations. An annual Guest Liability Waiver must be signed or on file by all Guest 18-year-old or older.
- 8. Hunting season
 - Guest are described as an individual invited by a member to come enjoy the property, amenities and to hunt. The Member must pay a Guest fee of \$40 per day or \$60 for two consecutive days. Each occurrence counts as a visit. The Guest will only be allowed to hunt 3 occurrences per Big Game season. The Member is responsible for their Guest while on the property and the Guest must abide by the Club's Rules and Regulations. An annual Guest Liability Waiver must be signed or on file by all Guests 18-year-old or older.

Work Parties

1. Members are required to participate in five (5) scheduled organized Work Parties and there will be **no** exceptions without the Work Party Coordinator's agreement. A Work Party day is considered eight (8) hours in length. A fine for not participating will be \$100.00 for each missed work party, up to the five (5) required. Work party requirements or fines must be satisfied by the start of Big Game hunting season.

2. Work party scheduled dates for 2025 are listed below:

March 1st May 31th August 23th March 29th June 28th

April 26th July 26th

3. Members are expected to bring general tools required for work party projects and are encouraged to complete assigned projects during the eight-hour period. The work party coordinator reserves the right to review each member's participation and credit them based on their progress of assigned projects.

<u>Hunting</u>

- 1. All Members and Guests must have their hunting licenses on their person while hunting.
- 2. All Members and Guests must sign the Still Hunting Location logbook (located in the Clubhouse) before hunting on the property. All Members and Guests must sign the required Club and Landowner waivers prior to using the property and hunting.
- 3. The use of alcohol within six (6) hours before hunting is prohibited. The use of alcohol during hunting is prohibited. If the Member or Guest violates this rule, they will be terminated, and the annual dues and/or fees paid will be forfeited. Firearms may not be carried or handled in any way while consuming alcohol.
- 4. Rifles and shotguns must remain outside the Clubhouse.
- 5. A Pre-Hunt Safety Brief will be held before all Organized Hunts. An Organized Hunt is described as a hunt run by the Hunt Master or his designated representative where hunters are placed in specific areas during the hunt. All hunters that are participating in an Organized Hunt will participate in the Pre-Hunt Safety Briefing. If a hunter is not able to participate in the Pre-Hunt Safety Briefing by a designated person before participating in the hunt.
- 6. Members and Guests must stay on their stands during organized hunts until the hunt is called off or moved by the Hunt Master, Trail Boss or designated person.
- 7. Any Member who wishes to hunt on a day other than an organized hunt day will be allowed to do so and will be held fully responsible for Club property and leased land on which he/she is hunting.
- 8. Organized hunt days *may* include the first week of General Firearms season, and Saturdays and holidays during General Firearms season:
 - a. The Hunt Master or designated person has the discretion to run dogs on other days during general firearms season if enough members/guests are present.
 - b. Running dogs other than on organized hunt days must be approved by the Hunt Master or designated person.
 - c. A Member or Guest must coordinate with the Hunt Master or designated person if he/she wants to Still Hunt during organized hunts. Game killed during the Still Hunt is the hunter's sole harvest.
- 9. Members and Guests are responsible to check-in their big game harvest. The check-in may be done by internet, mobile app or telephone. See the Virginia DWR website for more information.
- 10. Any game harvested requiring to be checked in will be done iaw Virginia DWR rules and regulations.
- 11. Deer harvested during organized hunts will be divided amongst the Members/Guests who participated in the hunt that day. Only hunters who carried a weapon for the purpose of killing a deer that day will be included in the meat draw.
- 12. A minimum number of vehicles will be used during each hunt. All others will be left at camp to reduce damage to roads.

- 13. Hunting for any game out of season, illegally hunting, or violating State and /or Federal game laws will result in the member being reviewed by the Officers of the Club to determine corrective action up to termination from the Club.
- 14. The Hunt Master or designated person may review a Junior Member to determine if the Junior Member has the same hunting rights as a Member (e.g., taking a hunting stand on his/her own). The qualifications for this review are the Junior Member must have a valid Virginia State hunting license and has participated in at least three (3) Organized Hunt days on a stand with a responsible member. Individuals under 16 yrs. old who are qualified by the Hunt Master or designated person, will be placed immediately adjacent to their parent/grandparent for still and organized hunts.
- 15. Tri-Balls and Slugs may be used during organized hunts if in an elevated stand.
- 16. In order to grow larger rack sizes, the Club will incorporate "Small Buck Rack" fines. A small rack is considered any measurements less than twelve inches (12") at the widest point of the outside diameter. Fines will be \$30.00 for the 1st offense, \$60.00 for the 2nd and \$90.00 for the 3rd. All fines must be paid before the Member or Guest is able to hunt again. During a Dog Running hunt during General Firearms season each member will be able to harvest one buck that doesn't meet the requirement above. This is one buck per season and doesn't apply to Still Hunting during any deer season.
- 17. The end of December some bucks are shedding their racks. If a buck is harvested and it is determined by the DMAP coordinator or there representative that it was a shed rack, no "Small Buck Rack" fine will be assessed.
- 18. Personal deer hunting stands may be erected on the property and must have the Members name on the stand. There must be at least 150-yard distance between Stands in all directions. Members must gain Club Officers permission before erecting an Elevated Blind Stand.
- 19. Personal Food Plots may be grown on the property. No other Member or Guest will be allowed to hunt within 150 yards of the food plot without the owner's permission.
- 20. The Hunt Master or designated Director will oversee the end of an organized hunt meat draw. The person harvesting the deer will choose one cut of meat from the deer. They will not participate in the meat draw at the end of the day unless there are more cuts of meat than hunters participating. The eligible hunter must be present at the meat draw to receive their cut of meat.
- 21. Non-paying members (e.g., Hunt Master, Dog Runners, etc.) are required to complete a Membership Application and sign the "Release, Waiver and Indemnification" document.