

# **RICHLAND COUNTY FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION INC.**

## **Standing Rules of Membership**

**(Revised 6/18/2022)**

### **General Rules**

- 1.** All members must sign in upon arrival and sign out upon departure.
- 2.** All vehicle's must be parked in designated areas. Common sense will be exercised by members as to vehicle traffic on wet ground. Do not drive on it.
- 3.** Be prepared to show your ID if asked.
- 4.** Members shall conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times.
- 5.** Members may cut firewood, dead trees only, on club grounds for their personal use. The sale of firewood cut on club grounds will result in loss of membership.
- 6.** Cutting Firewood or running dogs in or around fields entered in the CRP program is prohibited from March 5-July 31<sup>st</sup> due to Woodcock nesting season, marked brush piles and den trees are off limits as well they are registered wildlife habitat that is enrolled and under contract into a CRP program as well.
- 7.** The club president and vice president will schedule the use of the club house for members who wish to use them for a family function, outside organizations or non-members can rent the club as well subject to approval, Fees are as follows \$100 for members and \$150 for nonmembers, a \$50 nonrefundable deposit required at the time of reservation the remainder do the day of the rental.

- 8.** The president and vice president are responsible for overseeing the tenant. Any reference concerning the tenant should be directed to the president, vice president in a timely manner.
- 9.** New members must attend orientation. New members are required to attend a minimum of 2 workdays and report them to the Membership Secretary. The board of Directors encourages members and their qualifying family members to utilize the club to the fullest potential.
- 10.** As a member you are part of our team promoting Sportsmanship, Safety, and Conservation at all times.
- 11.** The board of directors establishes a Safe Zone that is posted around the parking lot, club house, pheasant pen, and yard area. No loaded firearms, or discharging of firearms in these zones, unless engaging in trap or sporting clay events.
- 12.** Dog training is allowed on club property designated by the permit issued by the state. Currently field 18 and 19. (check each year)
- 13.** Current dues for present members wishing to renew their membership they are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Any member that neglects to pay by the deadline will be subject to the re-application process. If your membership is vacant for more than a year you will be subject to pay the initiation fee.
  - A.** Special instances should be presented to the Board before January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- 14.** Individuals interested in obtaining a membership application must personally obtain an application at the January or February membership meetings or at the January board meeting from the secretary. Fully completed Applications must be returned by the new applicant to the membership secretary during the previously mentioned meetings.

15. New members must be eighteen years of age to apply for a membership unless they are already hunting with or related to a current member and with board approval. New members are subject to an initiation fee plus current membership fee.
16. Current members parents may apply and become members. Waiting periods are waived for these candidates.
17. Candidates running for office or board positions must be present on the night of elections to be elected to any office or board position.
18. The board of directors may add or delete items from this list of rules as required to meet membership requirements.
19. Violations of the Constitution or Standing Rules will result in the member appearing before the board of directors at which time appropriate action may be taken.
20. **Preservation of club funds:**
  - The President, Vice President and Treasurer will have access to the club's checking, saving and CD accounts.
  - All disbursements and deposits, with accompanying receipts and bills, are to be presented by the Treasurer at each monthly board meeting.
  - The Treasurer will be responsible for balancing the checkbook each month.
  - A two person oversight committee from the membership will review supporting documents for disbursements and deposits and review checking, savings and CD accounts.

**21. Transparency of club funds:**

- Any club expenditure exceeding \$200 must be brought to the board for approval prior to purchase being made.
- Any check to be written for greater than \$500 must be signed by the Treasurer and initialed by the club President or Vice President.

\* Exception to \$500 limit only for known and recurring utility bills, etc.

- Any proposed project requiring outside services, and which is estimated to exceed \$2,000 must have three estimates submitted for bid and all bid responses presented to the board before a final decision is made by the board
- All monies to be deposited into club accounts are to be given to the Treasurer at monthly board or membership meetings.
- Treasurer will provide a written receipt to the committee/board member in the amount of the monies to be deposited. A copy of the receipt will also be retained for the financial records.
- Support for disbursements with associated cancelled checks will remain on file for review by all club members in good standing during monthly member meetings.

**Hunting  
Sportsman**

**Always Safety First**

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- 22.** A spouse and sons or daughters under age 18 or full-time college students may hunt with the member. Only two pheasants may be harvested per membership per day. Game other than pheasants will follow Ohio Laws, see standing rule 9F.
- 23.** Hunters are encouraged to wear safety glasses.

24. Bow hunters are required to wear hunter orange while traveling to and from their stands during rabbit and pheasant season.
25. Hunting hours for rabbit and pheasant are from 9am to sunset. All other game animals not mentioned above are subject and established by the state of Ohio. Bag limits for pheasants are two (2) per day, per membership. Bag limits for all other game will follow rules established by the state of Ohio one bag limit per day.
26. All members must sign in and out register game and edible (ginseng and mushrooms) taken at the registration area in the clubhouse for all activities.
27. **DO NOT SHOOT PHEASANTS ON THE GROUND!**
28. There is a posted **"NO HUNTING ZONE"** areas surrounding the pheasant pen and behind the Owens house located between fields 22 and 24. No shot may be fired within the zone or at game inside the zone.
29. Both lakes and all wetland areas may be hunted for waterfowl, obeying State and Federal Regulations. (No shooting between 12pm and 1pm on pheasant double release days and between 8am – 9 am on release days for safety reasons).
30. A shotgun being used for upland hunting should not be capable of holding more the three shells.
31. Sunday afternoon hunting is permitted in designated areas only. (No hunting down range of the pistol and rifle ranges.)
32. All members hunting fields bordering a road will hunt towards the club house only as to not rain shot down on our neighbor's houses.
33. **No releasing birds in field 17 unless all other fields are taken.**

34. Tree stands and ground blinds will be set up no sooner than (30) days before deer season starts and removed by 30 days after deer season ends.
35. Deer stands and blinds procedure is to tag a tag from the box sign your name behind that number in the tree stand/blind registration sheet go pick your location attach the tag to your stand or blind note your location so that when you return to the clubhouse you can add a description of the location on the registration sheet and take an orange sticker and add it to the map to let other know where you at hunting. Please use good sportsmanship in picking your location. No screw in Steps may be used! If your stand does not have a tag, you will be notified if possible or it will be removed.
36. Nonmembers may hunt only under the following rules;
- A. A member may bring a youth to hunt provided the youth is under the age of 18 and has completed a hunters safety course. Still only two birds will be harvested per membership per day.
  - B. A member can bring a relative home on active duty with the armed services to hunt. Only two birds per membership per day.
  - C. **Under NO circumstances** can an adult nonmember be in the field. For exceptions it must be cleared by the entire board.
37. No ATV, UTV allowed in the woods or fields unless recovering a deer or deer stands. If you make ruts, you are responsible to fix them even in the event of recovering an animal or putting up or removing a deer stand. Do not ruin the privilege for everyone. No ATV, UTV or vehicles in fields to feed deer or fill feeders.

38. Pheasant catch pen rules on release dates include;
- A. One member one bag with 2 birds max.
  - B. No youth in pen unless they are a paying member then must be with the adult.
  - C. If you are caught with more than 2 birds in your bag it will be brought to the board for repercussions up to loss of membership.
  - D. All members must sign in by 7:45 am for the morning hunt Or 11:45 for the afternoon hunt NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - E. No hunting between 12pm and 1 pm on double release days.

## Lakes

39. Non-Members may fish **ONLY** under the following rules;
- A. A member can bring a youth to fish provided the youth is under age 18. Only one membership limit per day.
  - B. A member can bring a relative home on active duty with the armed services to fish. Only one membership limit per day.
  - C. **UNDER NO Circumstances** can an adult nonmember fish.
  - D. One catch limit per day per membership.
  - E. Swimming or wading is not prohibited.
  - F. Fishing with minnows is prohibited.
  - G. No training of waterfowl dogs or dogs swimming while others are fishing.

## Rifle. Pistol and Trap Ranges;

40. The rifle, pistol and trap ranges will not be used during hunting season.

- A. The only exception is Sunday's from 1:00pm-5:00 pm at which hunting is closed in the fields down range of the rifle, trap, and pistol ranges.
- B. Ranges are closed except Sundays until the end of deer season.
- C. Paper targets only on the rifle range and pistol range. Please dispose of your targets in the trash when you are finished.
- D. No tracer, or incendiary rounds or tenorite allowed.
- E. DO NOT SHOOT THE TARGET SUPPORTS!**
- F. All persons engaging in shooting is responsible for where errant rounds land.
- G. Please use the upmost Safety and common sense when on any range.
- H. Members can bring (1) friend one time a year to shoot on our ranges.
- I. All guest must be signed in and signed out to use the ranges.
- J. Rifle and Pistol ranges are closed during sporting clay shoots.
- K. Rifle range is closed on trap shoots.
- L. Please pick up your brass and shell casings when you are finished.
- M. No shooting on the ranges before dawn or after dark.

## **Archery**

- 41.** The Archery range is located on the south side of the parking lot.
  - A. Please only use field points when Shooting targets.
  - B. Ranges are set up for 20, 30, and 40 yards and 3D targets.
  - C. Use the elevated stand at your own risk.



