



Fairfield County
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Constitution

1. Members will abide by all Weyerhaeuser, Frazier Timber and Swygert property lease rules.
2. A President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors will be elected at the first scheduled meeting following each deer season. These officers and directors, along with the Immediate Past President, will comprise the Club's Executive Committee.
3. Membership: The club membership is based on a maximum of 81 acres per member. Dues are set by the number of committed members of the total lease payments. Any new members joining after the commitment date will pay the same set dues as the committed members. A \$50 fee will be added on top of the dues per member if the funds are not available to cover the club upkeep costs. This includes food plot material, stand repair materials and any equipment expenses. Any additional funds that are left at the end of the season from the \$50 fee will be redistributed to the existing members as a refund to be used towards the next year's dues or their exiting refund.
 - 3A. Small Game Membership: Up to 4 small game memberships will be allowed each year at a cost of \$500 per membership. Each membership will allow up to 4 guests to hunt with the membership holder. All guests must be accompanied by the membership holder at all times. Small game hunting is allowed up until 2 weeks prior to the start of turkey season and deer season. No small game hunting is allowed during turkey or deer season. No deer or turkey hunting is allowed with a small game membership. Small game membership holder's have access to the club shooting range and all other privileges during the off season.
4. Rules, expenditures and assessments will be voted on at an announced Club meeting. A majority of members present at a called meeting may approve motions, changes in the Club's Constitution, and member expulsion.
5. Annual Club dues will be payable before April 30th of each year.
6. A \$100.00 commitment fee will be due by the annual spring meeting of each New Year, to let the executive committee know if you are going to stay in the club. This fee is non-refundable should you decide to get out after paying this fee. This fee is applied to your annual membership dues.
7. A late penalty fee of \$50.00 will be assessed on May 15th, if dues and initiation fee have not been paid in full. The member may not hunt until the late fee and total dues have been paid. If a member does not pay his Club fees by June 1st, then he will be removed from membership to the Club.
8. The club membership and dues shall operate on a fiscal year, beginning with May 1st and ending with April 30th of each year.

9. A member who sponsors a person for the Club membership waiting list should try to bring that prospective member to a Club activity (meeting, work day, hunt, etc.) a minimum of two times.

10. Membership Process: A Club member will submit a prospective member's name, along with a completed club membership application form, to the membership during the first official meeting of each calendar year. No vote will be taken on this prospective member by the club's membership at this time. If an opening exists, the person who is next in line to gain membership will be asked to join the club in a probationary status.

A probationary member will be required to pay the membership dues and initiation fee according to the Club's Constitution. The probationary member will have all of the rights of a regular member, except voting rights and will also be bound by the Club's Constitution. This person will be on probation until he can be voted on at the next annual club meeting following Deer Hunting season. Regular club members should submit to the Executive Committee, any input they want to be considered for granting regular membership status to a probationary member. This input must be received prior to the club's first scheduled meeting of the general membership in the year following the person being accepted as a probationary member.

The Executive Committee will then submit all comments, verbatim, to the club membership for their consideration. The club membership will then take a vote to determine whether or not the probationary member will be offered regular membership status. A 2/3s affirmative vote by the members present will be required to grant regular status to a probationary member. If the club decides to not extend regular status to this person, his initiation fee will be returned in accordance with the Club's Constitution and his keys returned.

11. A secret ballot will be utilized for voting probationary members permanent status into the Club.

12. When members leave in good standing, expenditures for fixed assets will be refunded on a depreciation basis and dues on a Fiscal Year End basis.

13. Members who determine that they are resigning membership in the club must complete a resignation form. This form is to be completed by a member planning to leave the club prior to the upcoming hunt season.

14. A member who leaves the Club in good standing may move to the top of the Club's membership waiting list if he decides to re-apply for admission at a subsequent hunting season and will not be charged an initiation fee upon re-joining.

15. Waiting List for Membership. Persons on the Club's waiting list, whose member/sponsor is no longer with the Club, will be removed from the waiting list. If a person on the waiting list declines to accept membership into the Club when offered, the sponsoring member or other member may re-submit this person for the waiting list. However, the person will move to the bottom of this list.

16. All Federal, State, Game Management and Interstate Hunt Club rules will apply (examples -deer limits and the wearing of orange). *Persons hunting on Interstate Hunt Club property will not walk/stalk deer during the gun season, except to recover a shot deer (searching for a wounded deer should occur after other hunters have finished their hunt and are out of the woods). Stalking is allowed during the bow only season. A member who is bow hunting and is stalking must indicate on the sign-in map, the area he intends to stalk/still hunt.

17. A violation of club rules by a member will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will determine the appropriate penalty to impose (e.g., set an appropriate fine or expulsion from the Club). All actions resulting in a recommendation to expel a Club member will be brought before the Club membership to vote.

Below are the requirements for our QDM program:

18. The definition of a quality buck to be used by the club will be as follows: **A quality buck will be defined as a buck with an outside spread of 15 inches or weigh at least 150 lbs.**

If a member shoots a Non Quality buck, a fine is not imposed for the first offense. The next buck he harvests must be a quality buck as defined or a fine is imposed. Each member is strongly encouraged to harvest only Quality Bucks and does per state regulations.

19. Bucks harvested by members/guests that do not meet the parameters of a quality buck will be brought before the Executive Committee for decision on the violation after the first offense. A second offense will result in a \$100.00 fine. The Executive Committee will determine the fine for a third offense by a member in the same year. The Executive Committee will utilize its best judgment in decisions regarding violations of the rules listed above. All deer management program rules apply to deer harvested during primitive weapons season as well.

20. To support the program, a reporting process will be mandatory. A board to register deer harvested will be placed on the #41 side, West Tract, and one at the clubhouse gate. Information recorded on these boards will be collected and collated at the end of the year into a single report. Bucks will need to have their rack measurement and weight recorded on the board. A measuring tape will be placed at each board. Members are encouraged to show their deer's rack with other members for the purpose of enforcing the quality buck program. The West Tract is exempt from Quality Management.

21. Guests must shoot does or quality bucks. If a guest shoots a Non Quality buck, this Non Quality Buck will count as the sponsoring members Non Quality Buck for that season. Family members who shoot a Non Quality Buck also follow under this rule. Guests (not family members as this defined in the Constitution) must pay \$20.00 for each visit to the club, beginning with their first visit. Each guest will be allowed a maximum of three visits during deer season (excludes turkey and small game seasons).

22. Member Participation in Maintaining the Club

The club's Executive Committee will set Four (4) workdays each season. Club members will be required to work two out of four of these days. Members must sign-up or otherwise indicate which days they will participate 30 days prior to the scheduled workday they intend to participate. A member who misses a workday will be fined \$50.00 per day missed (a total of \$100.00 fine is possible).

23. Hunting areas will be marked and removed daily on a Grid Map by each member prior to entering and leaving the area. Regarding the Grid Map, a single sign in board is used for the Clubhouse and the Frontage Road sides of the property. This sign-in board is located at the gate to the Clubhouse side of the main property. A sign-in board is also located at the entrance to the 41 roadside of the Club, and on the West Tract. Club members present have first choice of hunting areas and facilities.

24. Club members will be allowed to sign-in first, all other hunters second. Members with

permanent/portable stands have first right of refusal to use their stand(s), paying members second, family members third and guests are fourth.

25. Large game will be hunted with muzzle-loader, rifle, pistol, and/or bow only. Small game hunting will not be permitted during October, November, or December unless approved by a Club vote. All members are encouraged to shoot coyotes at all times.

26. Guests/Family Members: Family members are defined as those children, less than 18 years of age and still residing in the sponsoring member's residence or care (still a dependent of the member). Children that are in school (K – college) and are still residing in membership holder's residence may hunt under the current membership holder. Family members over the age of 18 years of age and no longer in school may be placed on the Club's waiting list for membership, or attend no more than 10 visits per hunting season (deer and/or turkey season) at a cost of \$10.00 per visit. The member must make sure all guests, or family members are informed and abide by the Club's Constitution and that they fully understand the Deer Quality Management Guidelines used by the club.

No guest, other than family members may hunt more than 3 times (in a deer season) per year. Guests must pay \$20.00 for each visit to the Club, beginning with their first visit. Guests must sign/date the waiver form located at the sign-in boards. No guest or family member may hunt without a sponsoring member present. No guest, other than family members may hunt the first 14 days of the gun season. Bucks killed by family member(s)/guest(s) will be subtracted from the sponsoring member's 10 deer Club limit. Does killed by family member(s)/guest(s) will not count against a sponsoring member's Club limit. A visit is defined as 1 entire day. (Includes Morning and afternoon)

27. Inappropriate behavior by Club members and/or their guests is subject to review by the Executive Committee. Members and their guests are expected to behave in a courteous, respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.

28. Work assignments: Members will be assigned specific duties to be completed. Members of the Executive Committee will make assignments.

29. Guidelines for Operation of ATV's on IHC Property

- Any and all ATV's operated on IHC property must be owned by an IHC member or probationary member in good standing.
- All ATV's operated on IHC property must be marked by the owner with an IHC logo decal, which shall be affixed to the ATV in a location that is readily seen. During deer season, ATV's may be operated on IHC property ON LETTERED ROADS ONLY, (including the Power lines) except when the ATV is used in connection with the recovery of a harvested deer, and such off-road use is permitted only three hours after sunrise for morning hunts, and only after 30 minutes following sunset for the afternoon hunt, in order to not disturb hunts that may still be in progress. Common courtesy should be used for both vehicles and ATVs when passing through other hunting areas and noise and other disturbances should be kept to a minimum.
- During off-season when **Deer and Turkey Seasons** are not in, vehicles and ATV's will be allowed to access trails for the purpose of scouting and enjoying the outdoors. Special care should be taken not to damage any trees as per conditions addressed in our lease agreements.
- Violations of these guidelines should be reported to the Executive Committee for appropriate

disciplinary action.

30. Permanent Stands. Stands built on the club property must be approved by the Executive committee. A permanent stand is defined as one that cannot be easily moved, with poles that are anchored into the ground. They become the property of the club after they are constructed.

31. Fees/Fines: All members are required to pay the necessary fees and fines they are responsible for. All fees and fines must be paid by the first club meeting of the following year. The fees and fines include: guest fees, missed work day fines, and non-quality buck fines. All fees and fines are to remain as club funds and may not be used as refunds. These funds are to be applied to the next year's club upkeep. These include: food plot material expenses, stand repair material expenses, and any other equipment expenses.

32. Corn: No hunting over personal corn piles is allowed. Up to 5 corn feeders are allowed over club stand locations only. These locations will be determined by the club's executive committee. Feeders will only be placed out from December 1st until March 15th. All corn must be removed from feeders 2 weeks prior to opening day of turkey season. These feeder locations will be hunted on a first come first serve basis by signing in to that location on the sign in board.

33. End Of Year Balance Funds: All end of year funds except fees and fines will be redistributed to all existing full membership holders. These refunds can be used toward the next year's dues.