

# *Five Notch Sportsman's Club Rules and Regulations*

## **Rules**

The governing board has the right to modify these rules at any given time. Ignorance of the rules will be no excuse. These rules are to ensure your protection, enjoyment, and above all, promote a quality whitetail deer management program.

- All state and federal game laws will be enforced.
- All members are required to wear international orange when going to or from their stand and when tracking a deer.
- Your "Five Notch Sportsman's Club" permit/decal must be displayed in your vehicle window and the decal must be displayed where it can be seen easily. All members are required to have the issued membership card with them at all times as well.
- A pin-in board system is utilized and needs to be strictly adhered to. Pins will be issued with your name on it and is to signify your stand location. If you are hunting from one of the permanent stands, place your pin there. If hunting from a climber, place your pin in the general area. Pins are not to be left on the board for more than 24 hours. If you hunt a stand in the morning and want to go there that afternoon, you can leave the pin to reserve that stand. No pins are to be left overnight!
- Several logs (harvest records, stands utilized, etc.,) will also be utilized. In order for us to reach our goal of a "quality deer management club" it is imperative that this information is tracked. We aren't trying to create paperwork but it will all pay off in the long run.
- All new memberships are probationary for the 1<sup>st</sup> year. If your membership is canceled for any reason there will be no refund.
- Each member is required to perform 3 full workdays (2 scheduled mandatory days and 1 day of their choice). All workdays are to be assigned and scheduled through a committee chairman (food plot committee, clubhouse committee, and tree-stand committee). A guest worker is entitled to a free full day of hunting for each day worked but still must pay the regular deer harvest fees for guests.
- During hunting season, ATV usage is **strictly** limited to the removal of downed deer. Electric golf carts will be made available if needed to travel to or from stands on designated main trails only. These main trails will be displayed on the pin-in board. There will also be a sign delineating where no wheeled traffic is allowed beyond a certain point. We have found that the absence of noisy 4-wheelers allowed hunters to see more deer. When driving an ATV or cart, do not drive through the middle of food plots. Do not drive too close to other hunters that may still be in their stands. Drive only close enough to your stands that is necessary. Walking is strongly encouraged and the recommended mode of travel to and from stands. No vehicular traffic is allowed on the club property without prior approval of one of the board members.

## **Harvesting**

- A legal harvest must have at least a 14 inch inside spread. In other words, it must be outside the ears. Any member who has **never** harvested a buck may take a buck regardless of points or spread, as long as that buck is mounted.
- There is a 2 buck limit per membership package. All bucks harvested count. If a buck is harvested after the 2 buck limit, the member will be penalized \$300. A buck

harvested by a guest will not count against the member's 2 buck limit but the guest harvest fees will apply.

- Each member will be issued one club doe tag (these are not the DNR tags). This tag is required to be filled by each member. The tag is transferable (i.e. if you so desire, you may give your tag to another member who may harvest more than the required doe). For example, if we have 18 members then we should have harvested a minimum of 18 does. There will be a \$50.00 fee assessed at the end of the year if your tag is not utilized.
- An illegal harvest is an automatic \$50 charge to the club. The second illegal harvest is an automatic \$100 charge to the club. The third illegal harvest will result in the immediate termination of membership.
- A member will not be penalized for button bucks (this ensures members are not afraid to harvest does). Please do everything possible to verify whether it is in fact a buck or doe.
- All deer, coyotes, bobcats, etc., are to be recorded on the harvest chart provided. This is MANDATORY! A photograph of every buck is also mandatory.
- A "Big Buck Contest" and a "Big Doe Contest" will be in effect. The cost is \$25.00 per contest. All members are strongly encouraged to participate.

## Stands

- All work on stands will go through the Tree Stand Committee Chairman. No permanent stands are to be erected, removed, or relocated without prior approval of the chairman. Two piece climbers and lock-on stands do not require prior approval.
- Any two piece climber or lock-on stand left on trees can be used by any member as long as the member who hung that stand is not using it.
- Each stand will have the owner's name visibly displayed to ensure no one is trespassing on our property.
- A pin-in board will be utilized and all members are required to pin in...NO EXCEPTIONS! There will also be a record of how often stands have been hunted (or not hunted). This will benefit all members by ensuring stands aren't over hunted and it also helps the stand committee decide which stands need to be relocated or removed due to lack of hunting.
- All stands will be on a first-come first-serve basis.
- If a guest is hunting with you, use one of your pins with your name on it to place on the pin-in board. In other words, if a member sees "John Doe" pinned in two places, they know he has a guest in one of those two stands.
- Always close and lock all gates after entering or exiting. Make sure each lock, within the sequence of locks, will open the gate.
- Report any problems with stands (loose, camo coming off, etc.) to the stand committee chairman.

## Guests

- Guests are not allowed between October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Immediate family (only spouse and children 21 years or younger residing at home) are not considered guests (they are included in the member's dues). They are welcome and are allowed to hunt with the member at any time.
- Any guest other than immediate family is required to pay \$20 per day per guest.
- All members are responsible ethically and financially for the actions of their guests. Do not abuse the guest privileges...they are just that...privileges.

- Guest harvests do not count towards a member's harvest limit, but a \$300 fee is payable to the club for each buck taken by a guest.
- ALL FEES (along with the required paperwork) are to be deposited in the locked fee box hanging next to the pin-in board in the club house.

## **Dues**

The dues for 2007 are set at \$1,200.00 per person for the year without the use of the clubhouse. The following is included:

- Deer hunting rights on 2,100 + acres.
- Access to a walk-in deer cooler.
- A free year's membership to the QDMA (Quality Deer Management Association).

**Note:** There will be an additional \$250.00 fee for members who wish to partake in the clubhouse (\$1,450 dues).

In order to reserve your slot for next year, a **\$200.00 deposit is required by March 1<sup>st</sup>**. The balance is due **NLT June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## **PLEDGE**

By becoming a member of the "Five Notch Sportsman's Club", I do hereby pledge to show good sportsmanship, to be an ethical hunter, and to hunt by the rules of Five Notch Sportsman's Club while being courteous and helpful to others. I accept the above rules and regulations in order to set a good example and to raise the image of the sportsman hunter.

**Safe Hunting is No Accident**

**Good Luck & Have Fun**