

Five Notch Sportsman's Club Rules and Regulations

The governing board has the right to modify these rules at any time. The rules exist to ensure your protection and enjoyment, and above all to promote a quality whitetail deer management program.

General

- All state and federal game laws will be enforced.
- All members are recommended to wear international orange when going to and from their stand, when tracking a deer, or when walking the property during deer season.
- Your "Five Notch Sportsman's Club" decal must be displayed on your vehicle window where it can be seen easily.
- A pin-in board system is utilized and must be strictly adhered to. Pins will be issued with your name on them and are to signify your stand usage. 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. If you hunt a stand in the morning and want to go there that afternoon, you may leave the pin to reserve that stand. **NO PINS ARE TO BE LEFT OVERNIGHT.**
- Each member will be allowed to use one stand location during the morning hunt and one stand location for the afternoon/evening hunt. No more than two stand locations should be used in a day.
- Several charts (stand usage, observation and harvest records) will also be utilized. In order for us to remain a "quality deer management club" it is imperative that this information be tracked.
- Each member is required to perform 4 full scheduled workdays. Workdays will be scheduled by the governing board members well in advance. A **\$100 fee** will be assessed for each workday not completed.
- Only electric vehicles are permitted for travel on the club during deer season. ATV and other gas-engine vehicles are strictly limited to the recovery of deer. They may be used otherwise only with prior approval of a Board Member.
- Vehicles should not be driven through the middle of food plots and should not be driven too close to hunters still in their stands.
- Walking is strongly encouraged and is the recommended mode of travel to and from stands.
- Hunters must be careful to remove the things they take into the woods with them! Items such as scent wicks, mock scrape containers, Buck Bombs, flagging tape, etc. are viewed by the landowner as litter.
- The Club's LOW-IMPACT philosophy requires that scouting and stand relocation be done before deer season begins. During season human travel should be limited to entering

and exiting stands. Walking through the property between hunts or while hunting is prohibited.

- During season the trail cameras should not be accessed between October 1st and November 20th to avoid putting increased pressure on the property.

Harvesting

- Five Notch Sportsman's Club strives to harvest mature whitetail bucks only. This can best be accomplished by estimating a buck's age using body characteristics. Since this can be somewhat subjective from hunter to hunter, and tougher to determine on a harvested buck, Five Notch has placed the following objective guidelines on buck harvests.
- A legal buck harvest must have a minimum 14-inch inside spread. In other words, it must be outside the ears. However, any member who has never harvested a buck may take a buck regardless of points or spread, as long as that buck is mounted.
- All bucks taken must be mounted as either a shoulder or European mount.
- There is a 2-buck limit per membership package. All racked bucks that are harvested count. If a buck is harvested after the 2-buck limit, the member is required to pay \$300.
- An illegal harvest is an automatic \$100 fine payable to the club. The second illegal harvest in the same season is an automatic \$200 fine payable to the club. The third illegal harvest in the same season will result in the immediate termination of membership. Penalties do not carry over season to season; everyone starts the year with a clean slate.
- A member will not be penalized for button bucks. This will help ensure members are not afraid to harvest does.
- Members will be penalized for spikes; however, it will not count against a member's 2-buck limit. The penalty is designed to ensure we do everything possible to verify whether a deer is a buck or doe prior to harvesting the animal.
- All rulings will be determined and enforced by the governing board.
- All deer are to be recorded on the harvest chart provided. This is MANDATORY! A photograph of every buck is also mandatory.

Stands

- All work on club stands must go through one of the governing board members. No permanent stands are to be erected, removed, or relocated without prior approval.
- Two-piece climbers, lock-on stands and ground blinds do not require prior approval.
- Any stand or ground blind left on the property can be used by any member as long as the member who placed the stand is not using it.
- All stands will be on a first-come first-serve basis.
- Always close and lock all gates after entering or exiting the property.

- Please report any problems with stands to the governing board members and note the issue on the map in the clubhouse.

Guests

- Guests are not permitted between October 11th and November 15th.
- Hunters must use a "Guest" pin or an extra pin with his name on it to place on the pin-in board for his guest.
- Immediate family members (spouses and children under 18 residing at home) are not considered guests (they are included in the membership). They are welcome and allowed to hunt with the member at any time.
- Children (under the age of 16 and without a valid SC Hunting License) must hunt with an adult (i.e., the same stand) until the following criteria have been met:
 - Have successfully completed a South Carolina Approved Hunter's Safety Course;
 - Have demonstrated the ability to hunt safely and responsibly and the sponsoring club member will vouch as such;
 - Have approval from the Club President.
- All guests are required to pay \$25 per day hunting.
- All guests are required to pay \$25 per overnight stay at the clubhouse.
- All members are responsible, ethically and financially, for their guests. Do not abuse the guest privileges ... they are just that ... privileges.
- Guests may harvest a mature buck for a \$300 fee, or a sponsoring club member may permit his guest to harvest one of his two bucks.
- Guests are encouraged to join us on scheduled workdays. A guest worker is entitled to a free full day of hunting for each day worked. Guest harvest fees and overnight fees still apply.

Dues

- Dues are \$2,400 for the year. The following are included:
 - Access to the Property for a one-year period from March 1st – February 28th the following year with the exception of the duration of Turkey Season (typically April 1st to May 10th).
 - Use of the clubhouse year-round
 - Deer hunting rights on the approximate 1800 acres
 - Memberships expire February 28th. of the following year.
- All new memberships are probationary for the 1st. year. If your membership is canceled for any reason, there will be no refund.

- In order to reserve your slot for the upcoming season, a **\$1,200 non-refundable deposit is required by March 1st**. Memberships will be forfeited if deposits are not secured by this date. The remaining balance is due no later than June 1st. Members choosing not to renew must **return their Clubhouse key**.

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