

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. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse.

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.**
- Several charts (harvest records, stand usage, etc.,) will also be utilized. In order for us to remain a "quality deer management club" it is imperative that this information be tracked.
- All new memberships are probationary for the 1st year. If your membership is canceled for any reason, there will be no refund.
- 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.
- During hunting season ATV usage is strictly limited to the recovery of deer. Only electric golf carts are permitted for travel on the club during deer season.
- All ATV's and golf carts are to be driven on main trails only. These main trails are displayed on the pin-in board.
- No ATV's, golf carts or vehicles are to be driven on the property immediately following rain. This causes damage to the property and is frowned upon by the landowner.
- When driving an ATV or golf cart do not drive through the middle of food plots. Do not drive too close to other hunters who may still be in their stands.
- Walking is strongly encouraged and is the recommended mode of travel to and from stands.
- No vehicular traffic is allowed on the club property during deer season without prior approval of one of the board members.
- There are several "Foot Travel Only" signs posted throughout the property to promote our philosophy of LOW IMPACT. These must be strictly adhered to.
- Baiting is prohibited. In addition, no food plots, mineral attractants, corn, etc. are to be established without prior approval from one of the governing board members.
- If it enters the woods with you, make sure it leaves the woods with you! 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 movement be done before deer season begins. During season human travel mainly should be entering and exiting stands.

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 (see 3rd point below).
- 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.
- All bucks taken must be mounted as either a shoulder or European mount.
- 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.
- 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 ensure stands aren't over hunted and will help determine 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 a "Guest" pin or an extra pin with your name on it to place on the pin-in board.

- Always close and lock all gates after entering or exiting the property. Make sure each lock, within the sequence of locks, will open the gate.
- Please report any problems with stands to the governing board members.

Guests

- Guests are not permitted between October 20th and November 15th.
- 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.
- 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 \$2,000 for the year. The following are included:
 - Use of the clubhouse year-round
 - Deer hunting rights on the approximate 2000 acres
 - Memberships expire February 28th of the following year.
- In order to reserve your slot for the upcoming season, a **\$1,000 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