

REVISED

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RENFRO HUNTING CLUB, INC.

Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

The Land Owner's Hunting Lease policies will take precedence over Rules and Regulations of Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. In addition, the following Rules and Regulations shall apply to members and guests of the club.

II. STANDS

Each member is limited to two (2) permanent (reserved) stands.

To reserve a stand, or area, an existing member must satisfy the below requirements by April 1st. All new members must satisfy the below requirements by June 1st:

1. Place a marker at the nearest club road with name, date, stand number (#1 or #2) and distance to your stand. **Failure to properly mark and have your marker in place by this date, will forfeit the protection for that stand area if a stand is erected nearby.**
2. Properly GPS the stand location and submit it to Ron McGuire to be added to the GPS map on the website. **Stands not tagged on the GPS map will not have the protection for that hunting area if a stand is erected nearby. All stands that are tagged on the GPS map will have a minimum of 300 yards in which another stand may not be erected.**
3. Attach his, or her, nameplate to the stand or within 25 yards of the structure in a place easily visible from the ground. If a hunter does not construct a permanent stand in his/her designated area, a post shall be set to mark the area. This post shall have a minimum height of 5 feet with the top 6 inches painted fluorescent orange. Permanent stand tag will be placed on this post.
4. Contact the two (2) nearest members to you to make sure you are not in violation of the 300-yard rule.
5. Contact the Stand Committee Member in charge of your zone (Beginning Feb 1, 2024).

Stands are to be 300 yards apart, or more if required for safety. Any questions or complaints should be directed to the Stand Committee**. Relocation of your stand must be between the end of deer season and April 1st. **No relocation will be allowed after April 1st.**

**Stand Committee member in charge of your zone beginning February 1, 2024. Any issues prior to 2/1/24 should be directed to the President or Vice President.

A permanent or reserved stand will be in the spot where a Member's stand is located as outlined above. (This can be a box, ladder, climber, stump, etc.) During the gun season for deer, a Member may hunt away from his stand if he does not get closer than 300 yards to another Member's stand. If a Member uses a tree climber as a permanent stand, he is asked to mark the permanent stand by using the guidelines outlined above.

No secondary or satellite stand will take precedence over another members permanent stand locations. In other words, satellite stands will not be given a 300 yard protection status. The 300 yard protection is for members permanent stand locations only.

Satellite stands are only allowed within a member's 300-yard buffer zone provided that the satellite stand does not encroach on a neighboring member's 300-yard buffer zone. Anyone wanting a stand outside of the 300-yard buffer zone of their two permanent stands can purchase an additional half or whole membership.

There is a Buffer Zone established around the designated camping area. This Buffer Zone will be located on the east side up to the pipeline, but not including the pipeline, which makes the east boundary line of the camping area, and a 100 yard Buffer Zone south of the timber line of the current campground. No stand or feeder can be located within the Buffer Zone, nor will a Member be allowed to locate a stand or feeder outside of the Buffer Zone that would create a shooting situation into the camp area. Any stand or feeder that is now located in this Buffer Zone shall be moved to another location outside of the Buffer Zone.

There will also be a Buffer Zone of a 100 yard radius around the firing range or any part of the firing range for safety purposes, where no stands or feeders will be located.

Disputes that cannot be settled between Members should be referred to the Stand Committee **. If they cannot be settled there, they will be referred to the Board of Directors for a final hearing.

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III. MEMBERSHIP

Club members and their families shall be entitled to the use of the Club and all its privileges, and to use of the streams and grounds for fishing and hunting and other sports, provided the same is exercised in conformity with these Rules and Regulations, as may be adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time.

A Member's "family", within the meaning of these Rules, shall include their spouse and minor, unmarried children who are wholly dependent upon them for support. The same meaning of "family" shall apply in the event of a Member's death whose Membership is retained by their spouse. In the event of a Member's death, the Membership is available to

the spouse of the deceased Member, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and Land Owner. The decision of accepting the Membership must be made by the spouse, in writing, to the Board of Directors no later than the due date of the next dues installment. No child under sixteen (16) years of age shall be allowed to hunt deer or hogs without his or her parent, or a Member, being on the stand with him or her. A minor (under 21 years of age) shall not be allowed in the Club unless accompanied by his or her parent or another Member.

IV. GUESTS (HUNTING AND NON-HUNTING)

Each member shall be limited to ten (10) hunting guest passes per year, provided that the game killed by the guest shall be charged to the limit hereinafter provided for each Member, and further provided that no guests (hunting or non-hunting) shall be permitted in the Club during archery only season and the first six (6) days of regular (gun/buck) season of each year. The limit of (10) hunting guest passes per year applies to all deer seasons only. A member may bring guests outside of deer season that do not count towards the (10) per membership. Members are still limited to no more than two guests per day all year and all guests have to be signed in appropriately as listed below.

1. Each guest card is numbered.
2. Guest cards (for hunting guest) will be available in the #1 box. Member must register his name, Guest's name and the date in the Guest Log Ledger (inside the #1 box). Be sure to enter the data by the corresponding number in the ledger.
3. Guest cards (for hunting guest) must be signed out (i.e., picked up) on the date of use only.
4. All guests must be signed in at the sign-in box where entering the club. The non-hunting guest cards have been done away with; however, non-hunting guests are to be signed in at the sign-in box and the Member should indicate that the guest is a non-hunting guest. This applies to both the hunting and non-hunting season. No Member can have more than (2) guest per day in the Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. whether the guest is a hunting or a non-hunting guest. If you want to sign out at another gate, this should be designated at the time you sign in. When you leave the Club, the guest card (for hunting guest) should be left in the sign-in box. Failure to do so will forfeit your guest privileges for the remainder of the current season and the following year.
5. Violation of any guest privileges will result in forfeiture of guest privileges for the remainder of the current year and the following year. A second violation will result in a forfeiture of your membership.
6. Non-hunting guests on the Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. premises with a gun will be subject to eviction. Violations of this nature will place the Member's Membership in Jeopardy, (Rifle range is excluded.)
7. Any person who has been suspended or expelled from the Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. will not be allowed on the premises of Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. as a hunting guest or a non-hunting guest.

A member having a guest in the Club must remain in the Club constantly during his guest's stay on the premises. Hunting guests must have a guest card with them during their entire stay in the Renfro Hunting Club, Inc.

Special guest passes may be issued by the Board of Directors with bag limits of one doe deer, one hog and state limits on squirrels, and no guest privileges.

V. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises of Renfro Hunting Club, Inc.

VI. ANNUAL DUES

1. The first installment is due February 1st; second, March 1st; and third, April 1st.
2. To avoid a penalty of \$50, **each** installment must be paid within ten (10) days of the due date.
3. If the first installment is not received by March 10th, you will forfeit your membership.
4. Full dues payment must be received no later than May 10th. If full payment is not received you will forfeit your membership.
5. August 1st of each year will be the deadline for the purpose of refunding dues previously paid by a Member because of death or serious illness of that particular Member.

VII. WORK DAYS

1. Members must participate in one workday out of the two scheduled or pay a fine of \$50.00. No member will be allowed to hunt until ALL fines are paid. Fines shall be mailed to:

Renfro Hunting Club
P.O. Box 155551
Lufkin, Texas 75915

VIII. ACCESS ROADS

1. A Member can enter Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. by access roads only (roads with gates and locks).
2. A Member can enter Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. by foot from a properly marked vehicle parked on a public highway, provided you have signed in at the nearest box.
3. No access roads will be established without Board approval.
4. When you enter the Club, you must sign in. If you intend to leave at another box, please indicate as you sign in. Each time you enter or exit a gate, you must sign in and sign out.
5. It is imperative the above guidelines be observed by everyone.

IX. CAMPSITES

1. No campfire is to be left unattended.
2. Each one using the campsite area must register with the Treasurer and President.
3. If you want to select an area as a permanent location, you should keep it registered with the Treasurer and President.

4. The only exception to the above guidelines is the one (1) permanent structure previously approved by the Land Owner.
5. Camp fees will be assessed annually by the Board of Directors for each camper or structure. No member will be allowed to hunt until his or her campsites fees are paid. Payments for this shall be mailed to:

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6. No deer stands, either permanent and/or climbing, will be allowed in the area designated as a campsites in the Rules and Regulations.

X. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

DEER: To be furnished annually.

SQUIRREL: State bag limits apply.

HOGS: There is no bag limit and no closed season for hogs.

XI. DEER HARVEST

Effective September 30, 2023.

Harvest requirements for bucks and does along with penalties associated for non-compliance are defined in the Deer Management Guidelines. These guidelines are listed on the club website and can be provide to a member on request.

Once a deer is harvested by a member or guest, the members is required to complete the following steps:

1. Take the deer directly to the number 1 box.
2. Attach the appropriate buck or antlerless deer permit to the deer. This permit must remain on the deer until it reaches its final destination.
3. Enter all information on the deer harvest log except the age and B&C score.
4. Remove one side of the jawbone and secure the numbered metal tag that corresponds to your line in the deer harvest log to the jawbone. If you plan to have a buck mounted, take the corresponding metal tag with you and have the taxidermist remove the jawbone and return it with the metal tag as soon as possible.
5. Place the jawbone in the jawbone box.
6. All bucks must be scored by one of the certified club scorers.
7. Members must post a picture of any buck harvested on the Band app within seven (7) days of harvesting the buck.
8. Members must send a picture of any buck harvested to the club secretary within seven (7) days of harvesting the buck.

XII. APPEALS PROCESS FOR AGE OF BUCK DEER

1. If a member wishes to appeal the age of a buck deer, the following applies;

- a. The President of the Club will be notified within one week of a member being notified of a deer that has been aged too young.
 - b. The member will secure a \$200 deposit with the club treasurer that will be returned if the member wins the appeal. If the appeal is lost, the \$200 deposit will not be returned and will be deposited in the clubs funds. The \$200 deposit is in addition to the \$250 fine assessed for a deer under age.
 - c. The President or another board member will accompany the member and carry the jawbone to the landowner with the front teeth still attached.
 - d. The landowner will determine if further analysis or reviews will be conducted. The member will be responsible for any costs associated with any analysis. These costs will not be reimbursed.
 - e. The landowner's decision will be the final decision.
2. The hunting club will retain the jawbones of all deer aged too young for a period of one week after member is notified to assist in the appeals process if necessary.

XIII. FIREARMS

Buckshot is not permitted for deer.

XIV. ARCHERY

Archery equipment used in the taking of game animals will be regulated as provided by state law.

STANDS: The present Club stand policy will apply to bow hunters. (No additional registered stands are allowed.)

The Club Rules and Regulations shall govern the bag limit and stands. There will be no hunting guest privileges for bow hunters during archery season.

XV. TRAPPING

No trapping allowed unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

XVI. PROHIBITED HUNTING

No hunting will be allowed from a motor vehicle.

XVII. DOGS

Dogs shall not be allowed on Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. premises except for locating a wounded or dead deer.

XVIII. SHOOTING RANGE

1. The shooting range will only be open to members two (2) weeks prior to deer (rifle) season until opening day of deer season.
2. The shooting range is open from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM during deer (rifle) season.

XIX. LAND OWNER COMMUNICATIONS

All matters concerning Renfro Hunting Club, Inc. and the Land Owner must be brought before the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors will contact the Land Owner.

XX. CONDUCT

1. All members are expected to contribute to a productive, harmonious and cooperative environment at all times. Anyone found to be in violation of this section can have their membership status reviewed by the board.
2. Renfro Hunting Club utilizes the Band app as a means of keeping its members informed of upcoming hunting seasons, meeting, rule changes, landowner news, harvest information, pictures of game harvested, etc. Board approval will be needed for any post not listed below prior to posting. Failure to follow the rules listed below, concerning the use of the Band app, can lead to the loss of the ability to post or comment and or removal from the Band app.

Rules for the use of the Band app:

1. Band app eligibility – Members, spouses and dependent children.
2. Approved Post/Comments:
 - a. Pictures of game harvested from Renfro Hunting Club.
 - b. Prayer request for member and their families.
 - c. Personal items for sale directly related to hunting or camping.
 - d. Recognition of holidays such as July 4th, Veterans Day, etc.
3. Prohibited Post/Comments:
 - a. Unsolicited opinions.
 - b. Negative comments towards other members, the board of directors, or the landowner.