

Tomahawk Hunt Club (THC) Rules

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This hunt club has been established to provide an organized relaxing place to enjoy hunting and camping activities in a wholesome family type atmosphere. At the core of the club values are sportsmanship, respect for the land and your fellow club members. The intent of this document is not to create a restrictive environment but to more clearly define acceptable resolutions to situations as they arise. Much of what is contained below is the direct result of circumstance encountered through the years. This document is likely to continue to evolve along with the club.

1. Government / Business management / Budget

- a. President – Tom McDaniel Vice-President – Vacant (appointed by President)
- b. Dues will be set each year so that club operates in the “black”, but also as a non-profit. A minimal balance will be maintained in the bank to maintain the account and unforeseen expenses from year to year.
- c. Dues cover expenses related to Club operation.
 1. Lease
 2. Misc. Expenses (Postage, bank fees, office supplies, posted signs, locks/chains etc)
 3. Food plots (seed, fertilizer, tractor rental etc)
 4. Property Improvements (tractor rental, building supplies etc)
- d. The membership roster will be maintained between 15 and 20 members. After the dues are initially set for the club year, members will be added to make up short-falls in the budget until 20 is reached and then an increase in the dues will be made retroactive to all members. In general, membership will not rise above 18 before an increase in dues is considered.
- e. The club is **not** operated as a “majority-rules” entity. All decisions regarding club rules and governance are made by the Club President and Vice-President. All suggestions from the membership will be considered but the final decision falls to the President and Vice-President. There are no elections for the offices. The President appoints the vice president.
- f. These rules are subject to be updated and changed at any time without prior notice to the membership. Rule changes that create hardship on current members will be reviewed and exceptions made on a case by case basis. Written permission from the club president will be provided in the event an exception is granted. Keep said written permission with you at all times and be prepared to show proof if called to task by a club member. Do not assume that a “mid-year” rule change/clarification does not apply to you. Updated copies of major revisions will be emailed to members as they are adopted. Minor changes may only be posted to the web site without redistribution to the membership.

2. Personal Conduct.

- a. Act like grown-ups and be respectful of each other. Treat each other like you would like to be treated.
- b. Work out disagreement between you like men and act like men while doing so. Our children will mimic what they see. Let’s not show them how poorly a man can behave.
- c. Scouting at anytime of the year is allowed when no other hunter is in that area. Preferably during the middle of the day.
- d. Do not come to the club to get drunk or high. Alcohol is not prohibited, however consume in moderation if you **must** have it. Do not hunt while drinking. Gun powder and alcohol do not mix. Drinking is best left for the period between supper-time to bed-time.
- e. Noise in camp after dark. When lights are out assume people are sleeping. Keep your voices down. Wait until morning to completely unload and keep noise low so as not to disturb others. Shut off engines as quickly as possible after arrival. Noise travels easily at night in the woods. Be considerate.
- f. Turn generators off when you go to bed. No generators allowed between 10:00 pm and 2 hours before legal daylight. The only exception to this would be during exceptionally warm weather to run air conditioners. Warm weather is usually over by the end of September. During the warm months, a daily agreement must be reached with all campers. Do not assume it is ok to run a generator all night no matter what time of the year.

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- g. Keep ATV noise low (go slow) and trips in and out **to a minimum**. Be considerate of who you ride by as to not molest their hunt. Hunters that hunt stands that are situated on or very near roads/ATV trails must also assume some inconvenience of having riders / other hunters traveling to their stands via the roads/trail systems.
- h. No joy riding on the property at any time of the year.
- i. Do not block roads or trails by parking your vehicle in them. All roads/trails must remain open and passable. Pull to the side to allow access.
- j. Be respectful of the land. Do not damage trees, roads, fences, buildings or other improvements located on the property. We are guests on this land, we can be uninvited.
 - 1. Any tree used by a member as a backstop/target holder for target practice will result in immediate termination of the members standing in the club.
- k. Pick up trash and keep camp orderly.
- l. Make sure the gates are locked as you travel through them. Never leave a gate standing open.
- m. Never share the combination to the gate locks with non-members.
- n. Above all, remember that we are all here to “get-away” and have some fun and relaxation in the woods.

3. Membership

- a. Dues are set at **\$640** for the club year **2021-22**
- b. Membership begins from the date you pay (see section e below) your dues to May 15th at sundown of the next calendar year.
 - 1. May 15th is the last day of Turkey season
 - 2. For new members, the start date is May 16th of the current year if paid between April 1 and May 15th otherwise it begins on the date paid. (see section e below)
 - 3. If members do not renew their membership for the next club year, all personal belongings must be removed from the property by sundown May 15th .
 - 1. Items left on the property after May 15th will be considered abandoned and subject to removal and disposal by the club. (including stands and campers)
- c. Current members have until **April 1**, to send in their dues to guarantee a spot on the club roster for the club year.
- d. Memberships for new members and returning members are a first come first served basis after April 1.
- e. Dues will be considered “paid” when the dues are in my possession, paid in full and the check cleared through the bank. Until those three conditions have been met, dues are not paid.
- f. Your total Dues include any guest fees and fines that remain from the previous year.
- g. No hunting or “marking” of spots will take place until membership dues are paid in full.
- h. It is desirable that to be considered for membership in THC that you be friends/relation with a current member and that member recommends you for membership. This helps to ensure that each member is a friend that we all can get along with. This however is not a prerequisite of membership and each individual will be considered on a case by case basis.
- i. Contact information is required from each member. This includes Name, Address, telephone number and an email address. To keep cost down email is the preferred method of communication. Email address however is not absolutely necessary. Name, address and phone number is mandatory.
 - 1. If you do not have and email address, it is your responsibility to check the club web site for updates and/or ask a member that has internet access to provide updated documents to you.

4. Special Hunting requirements.

- a. Each member is required to hunt according to Georgia Game Laws and Regulations
- b. Any legal deer may be taken, QDM is encouraged.

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- c. During deer season, all hunting (regardless of species) is to be conducted from a stand/blind.
 - 1. No stalk hunting of deer or hogs allowed during deer season.
 - 2. Stalk hunting allowed during the remainder of the year for hogs.
 - 3. No hunting at night for hogs.
- d. Hunting with Dogs
 - 1. no hunting with dogs for any species at any time of the year.
- e. Off non-deer season Hog hunting.
 - 1. Night hunting is allowed
 - 2. If there are more than one member on the property, hunting should be conducted from stand /blind. Safety is the concern here with stalk hunting.

5. Deer Stands

- a. You can put up 2 stands maximum and they are yours.
 - 1. One stand max can be in the wooded sections
 - 2. One stand can be in the clearcut sections
 - 1. You can place both your stands in clearcut if you wish
- b. Mark your stands with your name and year. Others cannot hunt them without your permission. A stand with no name is considered open for anyone.
 - 1. Flagging tape/ribbon with your name and year written in permanent marker is sufficient.
 - 1. Required information and format is = J. Doe /'07-'08 / stand 1 (2)
 - 2. If you intend to hunt a portable/removable stand mark the spot you intend to install the stand. Put your name and year information only at the stand location.
 - 3. Do not mark the trailhead of ribbons with your name and year info so there is no confusion about exact stand location.. Mark the stand location with your name/info.
 - 1. Use a length of ribbon 1.5 to 2 feet long to mark your stand spot so it can be seen from distance.
 - 2. Ribbons not meeting the requirement above will be invalid and not sufficient to hold a stand.
 - 4. Only one members name is allowed on the ribbon. You can only have your name on 2 stands.
- c. You can change locations at any time if you find a better place.
- d. A minimum of 200 yard buffer must be kept between stands. In the clearcut areas this is very important to abide. Distance disputes that cannot be worked out among the hunters will be settled with GPS.
- e. No nails, spikes, screws or bolts. Tree stands shall not be permanently affixed to a tree and must be removed at the end of the hunting season and may be erected the next season. This is to eliminate the stand and/or its attaching device from growing into the tree.
- f. You may only mark stands sites after your dues are paid in full for the club year.
 - 1. Returning members should have their stand sites marked by July 15th to allow new members the opportunity to mark spots.
 - 2. If moving into a new area be aware that other club members may have intentions of re-marking the areas they hunted the previous seasons. A contact list of member names and numbers will be provided to all, communicate with each other.

6. Guests Rules.

- a. NO Guests allowed at any time of the year.
 - 1. A member may petition in writing 30 days in advance for a special guest permit.
 - 1. Only exceptional special case situations will be considered

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2. Petition includes
 - a. Description of why this case is special and should be considered
 - b. Name of Guest
 - c. Address of guest
 - d. Type of hunt desired, big game, small game
 - e. The guest permit will be \$100/day in the event of approval and due in advance of the hunt.
 - f. A written permit will be issued outlining dates times species and name of the guest and must be carried by the guest while on the property to display on demand by gamewarden and other club members.
 - b. Minor children may hunt with Dad/Grandad free of charge until they are 18 and still in high school are not considered guests. Beyond 18 and/or leaving high school they are treated as guests.
 1. Offspring and minors under your supervision, harvests count toward the member's total. A memberships is limited to the state limit on all game taken from the club
 - a. Example 3 turkey
 - b. Example 12 deer (10 non-antlered and 2 antlered)
 2. Minors under 18 (related or no relation) that are under you guardianship are treated the same as your offspring..
 - c. Club members who have guests on the club property must be present at all times when guests are on the property. The member is responsible for the activity and conduct of guests, and their compliance with the club rules.
 1. During Deer season, guest must hunt a stand of the sponsoring member or be within 100 yards of the sponsor. And not crowding the hunt of another member.
 - d. Violation of the guest policy will mean substantial fines and/or immediate suspension/termination of the member's privileges to hunt the property for the remainder of the club year. If you want to bring guest, please be very familiar with the rules set forth.
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7. Camping
 - a. The club campsite is that area designated by the President where all members/guests are to park vehicles and camping structures for over-night camping.
 1. identifiable by the collection of resident semi-permanent campers and shelters
 1. An area within 100yards of the community Outhouse.
 2. No over-night camping is allowed in other areas of the property.
 3. Year round restriction to the club campsite. No exceptions

Violation of any of the above stated rules can/will result in disciplinary actions that include fines, suspensions and dismissals. Each situation is considered on a case-by-case basis. Fines levied against a member must be paid before the member is allowed to hunt or return to the property for any reason other than to gather all of his belongings when resigning. A resignation does not entitle the member to a refund of any kind. Unpaid fines from previous years will carry over to be included in the next club year's dues if left unpaid. See section 6 of this document for and explanation of dues.

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Membership Agreement / Hunting and Camping Rights

Upon paying my dues, I understand that I have entered into an agreement with the lessee TOMAHAWK Hunt Club to be able to hunt the land described as "TOMAHAWK Hunt Club" under the terms and conditions as set forth in the publication referred to as "**Tomahawk Hunt Club (THC) Rules.**" I furthermore understand that by breaking and/or disregarding these rules and regulations that I will be expelled from the club with 0.00% of my dues being refunded. I also understand that if I am expelled from club membership and found on said tract of land that I am knowingly committing an act of trespassing and will be subject to the laws and courts of the state of Georgia.

Waiver Of Injury Fault Agreement

Upon paying my dues, I understand and attest that I will not hold the "TOMAHAWK Hunt Club / TOMAHAWK Hunt Club Officers" of the tract of land described as "TOMAHAWK Hunt Club" liable for any accidents, incidents, and/or damages that may occur to my person, my guests/family, and/or my property while on the leased property. I confirm that I, my family, or anyone acting on my behalf; will NOT seek criminal and/or civil or financial suits for any accidents, incidents, and/or damages that may occur to my person, my guest/s, and/or my property while on the leased property. I also agree fully that if I destroy any property that I will personally pay full retribution in the form of physical money to replace the damaged land back to its original state prior to the damages inflicted. I understand fully that any family and/or guest/s I bring onto club leased land are totally, fully, and unconditionally under my supervision, my care, and that I am liable for their well being and that I take full and complete responsibility for their welfare.

Document Updates

Rev 3.0

Reorganized entire document. Section numbers placed in more logical order. New dues amount set for coming year.

Rev 3.1

Membership start and stop dates. (section 3b)

Rev 3.1.1

Clear-up language related to stalk hunting during deer season. No changes to intent of rule. Language of the rule modified to make more understandable (section 4c)

Rev 3.2

Update to membership dues and dates (section 3)

Update guest fee (section 6d)

Rev 3.3

Guest rules 6.a

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Rev 4.0

Electronic Payment method changed from PayPal to GunPal. (paypal is not Gun owner/hunter friendly)

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Guest policy 6.a

Personal conduct 2.J.1

Rev5.1

Membership dues set for 2014-15

Rev 5.2

Membership dues 2015-16

Rev 5.3

Membership dues 2016-17

Rev 5.4

4.c.3

4.e

Rev 5.5

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Rev 5.6

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