

WILLOW CREEK HUNTING CLUB BY-LAWS

Revised Oct 2022

1. Club officers shall consist of a president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. They will be elected by a majority of votes from members in good standing. The club president will appoint five (5) members to serve as the board of directors, but needs a two-thirds vote of approval by the membership present at its regular meeting. The term for officers and board of directors will be for one (1) year.
2. A two-thirds vote of all members present, provided a quorum is present, will be required to revise by-laws and conduct other club business.
3. The number of club members will be set at a regular meeting each year.
4. Membership dues are to be paid on or before May 15th each year. Annual dues will be kept in a savings account at Hodge Bank and Trust and will draw interest. Club expenses will be paid by the secretary/treasurer with the approval of the board of directors.
5. All members and guests shall abide by the state and federal game laws, club by-laws, and landowner lease agreements. Any state or federal violations will be at member's own expense. Any member found violating these rules may be dismissed without refund. Firearm safety and fire prevention must be adhered to at all times.
6. Property adjoining club lease shall be respected at all times and shall not be entered without permission from landowner.
7. Club members' immediate family shall be entitled to all the privileges of the club, except voting and having guests. Immediate family is defined as spouse, parents, children, grandchildren of school age +1.
8. Members who do not have school age children may bring one school age child to hunt. The host member will be held responsible for the child.
9. All club members or guests of members shall enter club-leased land at their own risk and hold the club blameless for any accident or injury while on club-leased property.
10. Members and guests are required to keep grounds clean of litter and each member is required to assist in maintaining the upkeep of club property and grounds such as roads, signs, camp area, etc.

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11. Each member will be allowed two (2) stands. Each stand must be marked with a sign showing the Member's Name and Stand #. The minimum distance between stands should be 300 yards in timber and 400 yards in a cut-over. You cannot build a tree stand by driving nails into a tree. No one can use another member's stand without written permission. Members can swap stands from the time dues are paid until Oct 1st (made official by updating stand map). Members leaving the club must turn in all keys and remove their stands by May 31st.

12. Stand locations that become available due to non-returning members will be posted on the camp bulletin board after June 1st. These locations are available for current members to claim by June 15th based on club seniority. After June 15th any unclaimed locations will be available to any member on a first-come, first-serve basis.

13. All deer killed must be recorded on the harvest log at the camp -or- use the online app found on our website within three (3) days of date of kill. 1st offense is \$50 fine. 2nd offense is \$100 fine. 3rd offense is expulsion.

14. Starting with the 2020 season, Six (6) deer per season, not to exceed 3 antlered OR 4 antlerless per season (following LDWF possession limits).

15. Members are allowed seven (7) guest hunting days. Before hunting, guests must sign-in at the camp and pay a daily guest fee of \$50 (use the payment lock box). It is the host member's responsibility to see that each hunting guest signs in and pays the fee. Failure to pre-register guests before they hunt: 1st offense \$100. 2nd offense is expulsion. Each deer killed by their guest will be counted towards the host member's total. A guest is limited to 7 hunts.

16. A member that leaves cannot come back to hunt the following season as a guest.

17. Six Point or better rule (2020). Fine of \$50. Exception to this rule are genetically inferior (cull) bucks and the first buck of the season killed by a 15 year-old or younger (nubbin buck is NOT allowed as first buck and will still be fined).

18. Any member or guest who kills a nubbin buck will be fined. 1st offense is \$50.00 2nd offense is \$100.00 and 3rd offense the board will decide upon possible expulsion.

19. To harvest more does we will have 2 Youth Hunts where a youth-harvested doe will not count toward the member's limit. The 1st is the established youth hunt by LDWF, the 2nd will be designated on the 1st Saturday of dog season. A buck will count towards the members limit.

20. No alcoholic beverages and/or parties are allowed on leased property. No drinking at club meetings.

21. No "joy riding" will be permitted from October 1 through January 31.

22. Any comments, suggestions, complaints or fines can be dropped off in the lock box inside the camp or mailed to the club secretary (mailing address posted on the club's website at willowcreekhuntingclub.com).