

# **GREENE COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION**

## **GROUND RULES**

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## GENERAL

These Rules Apply to All Areas and Activities, and All Members, Guests, and the Public while on GCF&G Grounds.

- 1) Members must carry their membership card when on the club grounds. All users of the property and facilities shall identify themselves upon request of any member. Spouses are encouraged to photocopy the Members Membership Card to keep with them when on Club grounds.
- 2) Members and their immediate family are permitted to bring a maximum of five guests per visit. Prior board approval is required for a larger group. Any attempt to combine guest allowances among multiple members for the purpose of exceeding this limit is strictly prohibited. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.
- 3) Chairpersons in control of a club event are accountable for the conduct of all members, guests, and attendees at that event, and for any damage to club grounds, buildings, furnishings, or equipment.
- 4) Members are prohibited from using club grounds, facilities, or equipment for professional purposes, (i.e., monetary gain), such as firearms, archery, or water sports education, training, instruction, contests, or events, without prior approval of the board.
- 5) All solicitations not part of a Club established event, or functions are prohibited without prior Board approval. This includes raffles, contests, sales, or funding efforts for charitable purposes.
- 6) Guests are NOT PERMITTED to fish or hunt but may use the other facilities under the supervision of the member. Youth Guests may fish (catch and release only) as a guest of a member, (see Lakes section for details). Small special non-member groups as determined by the Board of Directors, i.e., youth, ladies, disabled sportsmen, and veterans, may be given special permission by the Board of Directors to hold or take part in a single day hunting program or event on club grounds. That event or program, whether hosted or held by the Association or not, must be 100% self-funded or financially subsidized by grant money the Association has obtained through the Division of Wildlife, or other outside grants and support. Board approval and oversight is required for any such event or program to take place.
- 7) Board approved scheduled activities have priority over individual, uncoordinated activities for use of facilities in all areas, i.e., lakes, archery, firearm, and trap ranges.
- 8) Members and guests participate in any activities on the grounds at their own risk; be careful! Don't take chances. Personal safety is of primary importance for everyone.
- 9) Parents must be present on the grounds and maintain control of their children under the age of 18. Parents are responsible for their children's actions and shall be held accountable. No children under the age of 18 shall be permitted in the vicinity of any shooting range, unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 10) No person shall tamper, disconnect, cut, connect to, shutoff, restrict or alter any Association utilities (water, sewer, electrical, or communication), delivery system(s) any way without prior Board approval. Emergency shutoff is permitted to prevent damage to equipment, or systems.
- 11) The speed limit is 15 MPH on club grounds.
- 12) ALL VEHICLES MUST STAY ON THE ROAD
  - Off-road operations are limited to work parties under the direction of committee chairpersons.
- 13) PARKING
  - Use parking lots ONLY!

- Use edge of road and grass field west of clubhouse as overflow only.
  - NO PARKING ON DAMS!
  - No parking lakeside of roads except with Board approval. Motorized Sports Vehicles are prohibited from operating on Association property, except with approval of the Board.
- 14) Motorized Sports Vehicles include, but are not limited to, All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Dirt Bikes, Mini-Bikes, Snow Mobiles, Dune Buggies, Golf Carts, or other types of 'off road' vehicles.
  - 15) With Chairperson's approval, members, and guests with a medical mobility need (State issued Disability Placard required) may employ mobility scooters, or golf carts, on club grounds where suitable graveled or paved parking areas, drives, paths, or walkways exist.
  - 16) The use of Riding Lawn Mowers / Garden Tractors is restricted to mowing grass or in direct support of servicing camping units only. They are not to be used as a means of transportation.
  - 17) Discharging of firearms, shooting of Archery Equipment, Pellet, BB, or Air-soft Guns, in any area of the club, other than the designated Target Ranges, outside of licensed hunting activities or other Association sanctioned event is PROHIBITED. Paintball devices of any type are prohibited for use on club grounds. Discharging Black Powder, BB, Airsoft or Archery Equipment outside of Designated Ranges for special events, must be approved by the Board.
  - 18) Absolutely no fireworks are allowed on the property; this includes sparklers, trick noisemakers & novelties.
  - 19) Do not litter grounds. Place garbage and trash in plastic bags and deposit in dumpsters that are located by the clubhouse and in the campground or in one of the many blue trash barrels with tight fitting lids (required by the Health Dept.) that are in various locations on the grounds for your convenience.
  - 20) Dumpsters and Garbage cans are for club use only. Discarding of large items, yard debris or trash from home is prohibited. See the Campground Bulletin Board or the Clubhouse Foyer for a list of prohibited items.
  - 21) Supplies, materials, resources, and equipment purchased, gathered, or otherwise obtained (while remaining property of the Association) are under the management and control of the committee, group, or event that acquired said resource. They are off-limits and not to be used by non-associated individuals or groups without permission from the controlling body or the board. Some examples of such items are targets, fuel, building materials, gravel, camp wood, or food items. No Association property is to be sold, transferred, borrowed, given away or disposed of by any member of the club without board approval.
  - 22) No Association property is to be sold, transferred, borrowed, given away or disposed of by any member of the club without board approval.
  - 23) Before approaching the Board of Directors regarding any Club related matter, members shall first discuss the matter with the appropriate Chairperson and / or Committee. Only then, with the knowledge and approval of the Chairperson and / or Committee, will the Board address the matter.
  - 24) All non-cleanup related activities on club grounds are suspended during scheduled grounds- wide cleanup days.

25) Winter Weather Notice Policy:

With the arrival of winter comes the impending threat of hazardous weather conditions. Inclement weather has at times disrupted GCF&G Board & Membership Meetings and created confusion.

- If Greene County is under a Level 1 snow emergency and is listed as such in TV, radio, and news broadcasts at 3:00 PM the day of any scheduled board or membership meeting, that meeting will be postponed and rescheduled on the same day and time of the following week unless otherwise indicated.
- Common sense should always be used when deciding whether or not to attend any club function

during inclement weather. Do not take unnecessary risks. To determine the status of other scheduled events at the club during these inclement periods, contact the Chairperson in charge of the activity scheduled. Thank you for your cooperation.

- The Greene County Sheriff's website is the authority for current snow emergency levels.
- 26) New Members are issued one (1) pass card to the main gate. One additional pass card may be purchased. Members will be held accountable for the use of these cards. Cards are not to be loaned to other members and/or non-members. Members found to be loaning their pass cards to non-members could have their memberships revoked.
    - No markings that identify the gate pass card as applicable to Greene County Fish and Game should be made to the card.
  - 27) Lost, stolen, or non-working gate cards are to be reported to the Technology Chairperson as soon as possible. Cards that no longer work properly will be replaced without charge to the member. Cards that are damaged or lost will be replaced at a cost to the member. One additional (spouse or second vehicle) may be purchased at an additional cost.
  - 28) Horseback riding is not permitted except with approval of the Board in conjunction with an approved program on the grounds.
  - 29) Members possessing Campground RV Registration form, boat storage permits, or any other types of Association granted privileges may not transfer, sell, donate, or trade said permits or privileges to another member without appropriate Chairperson approval.
  - 30) Members possessing special permits or privileges which are not going to be used should return them for re-distribution.
  - 31) All buildings on Club grounds are smoke free, including the use of electronic cigarettes or vaping devices.
  - 32) Be respectful of others. Refrain from the use of Foul and/or abusive language.
  - 33) Alcoholic beverages are permitted on GCF&G grounds; however, alcoholic beverages are not to be carried into or consumed during any meeting of the Association.
  - 34) Alcohol consumption, or the use of any other intoxicants, legal or not, including prescribed ones, are strictly prohibited during activities involving firearms, archery equipment, or any youth activity. Persons under the influence of these substances are not permitted on the ranges at any time.
  - 35) Overindulgence of alcohol at any time is never permitted.
  - 36) In order to introduce youth (under the age of 18) to fishing, the Board may approve special dates when outside structured groups with non-member children may use our lakes on a catch and release basis. All such children involved in activities must be under the leadership of a responsible adult and an assigned Chairperson or board member must be present.

## **ARCHERY RANGES**

- 1) Safety comes first! One person must stay near the target as a safety measure when lost arrows are being hunted.
- 2) Be aware and follow the Archery Range signs.
- 3) Archery ranges, including the woods area used for 3-D open shoots are to be considered live ranges at all times. Use extreme caution when entering this area.
- 4) The Range signs are located in various places surrounding the Archery area.
- 5) Be aware that the Bales shooting area may be open while the 3-D shooting ranges are active, or vice versa.
- 6) No unauthorized person is to tamper with or change the Range indication signs. These signs are for the safety of all members and are to be obeyed at all times.
- 7) On those occasions that the Board must close the ranges for events or work reasons a reasonable effort

will be made to post an announcement in the newsletter and / or on the webpage, prior to the closing.

- 8) The target range is reserved for use by the Archery Committee League shooting on Wednesdays from March through September and is closed while 3-D open shoots are in progress. The practice bales will be open for use. (The practice bales are the ones located adjacent to the campgrounds)
- 9) Archery ranges are closed during upland game hunting season except on Sundays.
- 10) Broadheads are not to be shot into any targets. Broadheads are to be shot into sandpit or other targets designated for broadhead use.
- 11) No cross shooting on the target bales! Shoot only at the target bale in front of you.
- 12) An adult must supervise children under the age of 18 when using the range.
- 13) Discharging of firearms, shooting of Archery Equipment, Pellet, BB, or Air-soft Guns, in any area of the club, other than the designated Target Ranges, outside of licensed hunting activities or other Association sanctioned event is PROHIBITED. Paintball devices of any type are prohibited for use on club grounds. Discharging Black Powder, BB, Airsoft or Archery Equipment outside of Designated Ranges for special events, must be approved by the Board.

## **CAMPGROUNDS**

- 1) The Campground Committee supervises and enforces the Association rules for activities in this area for the Board of Directors under their supervision per the Statement of Policy and Operating procedures for Campground committee.
- 2) A Security Deposit from any member with an assigned campsite is required to be deposited with the Association to secure payment of fees and the performance of the terms and conditions associated with the use of the Campground, including but not limited to legal fees and costs for removal of the members property from the campsite if the member is in violation of the terms and conditions of the Association's Constitution, Ground Rules, or other agreements made between the member and the Association. Any unused portion of the aforementioned deposit, not used as set forth above, will be returned to the member upon the discontinuation of use of the campsite provided that the member has paid all fees and fully satisfied all other terms and conditions. It shall be the obligation and responsibility of the member to provide in writing the current address of the member to the Association for the return of said security deposit. The member shall not have the right to apply the security deposit in payment of any associated campground fees.
- 3) Members using the Campgrounds will be required to sign a waiver of their rights under the Ohio Revised Code relative to Eviction for Non-payment of Rents
- 4) Camping units must be registered with payment of the Campground fees and paid prior to accessing the unit. Registration shall consist of Completing in full, the Campground RV Registration Form. Including a copy of Current Title for RV in the dues paying Members Name.
- 5) At time of placement on the site and prior to connecting power or water the Campground Chairperson or committee member will inspect the camper to verify that the unit meets industry standards and safety for recreational vehicles and is in good repair and capable of passing a Health Department and Safety Inspection.
- 6) All campers must pass an annual safety inspection. A completed and passed inspection will be required before water and power will be provided for each camping season.
- 7) Members with units on GCF&G grounds must provide an updated copy of the Campground RV Registration form along with a copy of the unit's current Title whenever any information has changed.
- 8) Camping members may obtain a copy of the Campground RV Registration Form from the Campground Chairperson or on the club website.
- 9) Camping units may be parked only at a site approved by the Campground Chairperson.
- 10) A camping unit ordered to be removed by the Board; the member has 30 days to do so, if after 30 days it

has not been removed it will be removed by a towing company retained by the Association. All fees incurred in this process will be the full responsibility of the camping unit's owner including any impound charges, storage, towing or other associated fees. The owner accepts responsibility for all damages to any camper during the removal process, as required and agrees to hold GCF&G, its officers, directors, and members, harmless.

- 11) Camping fees must be paid, and Registration Forms submitted prior to April 1st.
- 12) Failure to pay the camping fee or provide the required documentation by the specified dates mentioned above will lead to the member forfeiting access to the campground for the season. If this occurs the members are required to remove their camping unit from Club grounds within 30 days of the missed payment deadline. If after 30 days, it has not been removed it will be removed by a towing company retained by the Association. All fees incurred in this process will be the full responsibility of the camping unit's owner including any impound charges, storage, or towing or other associated fees. The owner accepts responsibility for all damages to any camper during the removal process, as required and agrees to hold GCF&G, its officers, directors, and members, harmless.
- 13) Fees and the required documentation are to be remitted to: Greene County Fish & Game Association, P.O. Box 64, Xenia, Ohio 45385, and Attn: Treasurer.
- 14) Campers are assigned a site for the Rental Agreement period. If at any time you wish to temporarily remove your camping unit, you may retain your current camping site. However, if your Rental Agreement has expired during your absence, then a new site will be assigned to you.
- 15) Living on GCF&G grounds is prohibited. Campers are limited to staying on the grounds for no more than 14 consecutive nights. Following a consecutive 14-night stay, they are not permitted to stay on the grounds for a period of not less than 5 consecutive nights. A one-time request for a longer stay may be considered when submitted in writing to the Campground Chairperson for review by the entire Campground Committee. Requests for longer stays must explain in detail the circumstances that have prompted the request for an extended stay and include the total length of the stay requested, including the start and end date of the requested stay. The decision of the Campground Committee will be equitable, fair, and final.
- 16) The Campground Chairperson will establish a waiting list by name, phone number and date of request when the grounds are full. The member MUST own a camper before being added to this list. This list shall be updated and presented to the secretary and treasurer at each monthly board meeting. When a site becomes available the Chairperson shall contact the member with the oldest date of request. If the member's camping unit size and type is one that maintains the minimum spacing requirement, they will be offered the site. If they do not want the spot, the member on the list with the next oldest date of request will be contacted. Anyone refusing a site will be moved to the bottom of the list and the date of request will be changed to the date of refusal. Members wishing to bring larger camping units into the campgrounds may be faced with longer waiting periods until a spot of adequate size that maintains proper spacing becomes available.
- 17) Current campers wishing to move to another site will be added to a move request list and may request up to two specific sites. When the requested site becomes vacant, the site will be offered in the date/time order in which the request was received. All such requests will be honored prior to fulfilling new camper requests. A reasonable attempt to contact the requester(s) will be made as soon as the Campground Chairperson is informed of an upcoming vacancy. Requests must be resubmitted annually by the spring meeting to continue on the move request waiting list.
- 18) Any member with a unit registered in the campground may replace that unit with another after the Campground Chairperson has been notified and the original unit has been removed from the grounds as long as the replacement camping unit is of a size and type which still maintains the proper spacing requirements, and meets any other requirements as set forth in these rules. An updated copy of the Campground RV Registration Form, along with a copy of the replacement unit's Title must be completed and signed prior to the replacement unit's entry onto club grounds. Only one unit per Member is

permitted.

- 19) Any member purchasing a unit that is currently registered must remove it from the grounds unless they have a site assigned. When removed, they must go through the waiting list process prior to returning the unit. A member with a unit that is registered in the campground may remove the unit after notifying the Campground Chairperson to have the spot held for the period of time for which the member has paid. The member shall still be responsible for maintenance of the area.
- 20) A primitive camping area is established in a remote area on the north side of the road for tents and shelters. Wheeled camping vehicles are prohibited in this area. Vehicles are only permitted in the area for 30 minutes to on/off load with approval of the Campground Chairperson or a Committee Member. If at any time the Campground Chairperson or a Committee Member is unavailable, access to the area with a motor vehicle is prohibited as no approval can be assumed and none will be implied.
- 21) Camping units are not permitted outside the designated campground area except with specific approval from the Board of Directors.
- 22) All campsites and camper units (visual exterior only) will be inspected monthly by the committee, and various state, and Local agencies may also inspect campsites and campers from time to time. If minor violations are found the member will be contacted and allowed fifteen (15) days to resolve the problem. After which the work will be done by the committee at a rate of \$35.00, per hour assessed to the member. All materials and supplies used in correcting the problem will be assessed and paid for by the member / camper. Any member that must be assessed a second time must remove the unit from the campgrounds. Any unit that is deemed to be uninhabitable, presents a health, safety, or other major problem must be corrected within ten (10) days of notification. The member shall notify the committee upon completion of all corrective work. All work done shall be inspected and approved by the committee, officer(s) of the club or their designee(s). Corrective work not meeting the approval of the afore mentioned shall be remedied promptly, or the member will be required to remove the unit from the campground. Members failing to remove a unit will have the unit removed by the committee, officer(s) or their designee(s) and will be assessed the actual cost of the removal.
- 23) Sanitation in the campground is a primary concern. Gray water may be dumped only at designated sites. Black water is to be emptied at the dumping station located at the storage building in the corner of the campground. The latrines or port-o-lets will be used when toilets are not available in camping units. By state law, there will be no hard or direct plumbing from any camper to grey or black water dump sites permitted. Grey water lines must be put away when the camper is not occupied. Black water dumping is for use by the registered members of the campground only. Black water dumping is not allowed while the campground is closed.
- 24) Campers are responsible for maintaining all electrical and water connections from the hydrant or electrical junction box to their camper.
- 25) Leaking water lines, and or frayed or damaged electrical lines will be repaired by the camper owner as soon as found.
- 26) Campers who have not repaired said lines shall have the utility disconnected until such repairs are made.
- 27) The Chairperson and/or the Campground Committee are NOT responsible for repairs to camper connections.
- 28) The campground water supply consists of large storage tanks which are replenished by hauled city water at a cost to the club. Therefore, use and conservation of this resource is critical.
- 29) Campers are asked to ensure that all water connections are tight and not leaking.
- 30) Please disconnect your water supply connection at the hydrant and at your unit when not occupied. Water and drain hoses are not to be left lying on the ground. Remove and store them.
- 31) Campers are asked to report any observed leakage of lines or connections at hydrants.
- 32) Campers need to make sure the water hose at the dump station is turned off when finished using.



- 33) Please report to the Campground Chairperson if you hear the low water level alarm sound, (this will come from close by the pump house).
- 34) Campers are responsible for keeping the area around and under their unit neat, clear of trash and leaves and mowed to less than 6-8 inches in height. Caretakers and/or persons working for the campground committee are not responsible for damage to hoses and electric cords.
- 35) When permanently vacating an assigned site, the site must be clean and free of all debris. The Campground Chairperson or committee member must inspect and approve the site within 7 days after being notified of vacating to determine if there will be charges.
- 36) Campsites must be kept in a well-maintained condition. No junk or unsightly debris may be stored or accumulated. Campsites are not to be used to store multiple mowers, grills, containers, building materials, boxes, trailers, carts, open buckets or barrels, or other items, not in keeping with a normal camping experience, if in question, a determination shall be made by the Campground Chairperson. Please refrain from using tarps that would draw attention to your unit.
- 37) Washing of Camping Units is not permitted without the Campground Chairperson's prior approval. The Campground Chairperson may restrict the time and or the numbers of campers permitted to be washed in a given time span so as to not impact Campground water quality.
- 38) No watering of lawns permitted.
- 39) All recreational vehicles must meet standards set by the state of Ohio regarding operating or towing of said vehicle.
- 40) No camping unit exceeding 38 feet in length will be permitted to be brought into the campgrounds. Campers wishing to put a camping unit up to 38 feet in length in the campgrounds may only do so if the minimum distances required between other campers and structures can be maintained. If those minimum distances cannot be maintained that camper must express their desire to move to an acceptable campsite that can accommodate the larger unit. If none is available at that time, the camper must wait until a suitable site becomes available. The process for requesting a change in sites shall be determined and made common knowledge by the Campground Chairperson and Committee.
- 41) The camping unit's tires must be kept at least 2 inches above ground on patio blocks or non-rotting materials.
- 42) There shall not be less than fifteen feet distance between the side of any camper and the side of any other camper located on an adjacent site regardless of the configuration. There shall be ten feet distance between the ends of any camper and any other camper located on an adjacent site.
- 43) The moving of campers on or off the campsite, or personal vehicles and / or Service vehicles are not permitted on the grass area in the campground without the prior approval of the Campground Chairperson, Caretaker, or a Committee Member. If approved, you have a 30-minute time limit. This time limit may be extended with the Campground Chairperson, Caretaker or a Committee Member's permission. If at any time the Campground - Chairperson an or a Committee Members are unavailable, access to the area with a motor vehicle is prohibited as no approval can be assumed and none will be implied.
- 44) Pets are permitted in the campground. All pet litter is to be cleaned up. All pets are required to be leashed, chained, or contained on the deck at all times. If any pet is deemed by the Campground Chairperson and or Campground Committee to be a nuisance to others, the member will be asked to remove the pet from the property. All pets must be registered with the Campground Chairperson before being brought into the campgrounds. There is a limit of two pets per campsite.
- 45) There is a 12 AM (midnight) curfew on loud noises or activities that could disrupt fellow campers' peace and quiet. Exception would be following a scheduled event with prior notice and approval of the Board of Directors.
- 46) Children under age 18 years of age must be at their campsite or accompanied by a responsible adult after

10:00 PM.

- 47) Bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc., are not permitted on GCF&G property.
- 48) Camping units are not permitted within 75 feet of the small lake.
- 49) Build campfires only in fire rings. Do not burn refuse in campfires. Fire rings are not to be moved.
- 50) Fire safety in the campground is a primary concern. Community fire extinguishers are located in each camping section.
- 51) Campers shall familiarize themselves with the locations of these extinguishers.
- 52) Fire extinguishers are not to be moved or tampered with except for use in an emergency.
- 53) The discharge of any fire extinguisher is to be reported immediately to the Campground Chairperson, Officer, or Director.
- 54) It is always best to contact firefighting professionals whenever possible; do not risk your life trying to put out a fire.
- 55) Only two (2) picnic tables (not provided) per campsite are permitted.
- 56) Electric heaters are not permitted.
- 57) Backflow preventers are required (not provided) and must be attached to your hose at the hose spigot (where the camping unit hose connects to the campground water line).
- 58) No campers shall leave the grounds and leave their A/C units on overnight.
- 59) Only one storage unit is allowed per campsite. Maximum size for storage units is 4'X4'X6' in width, length, and height. The unit must be at least 6-12 inches off the ground. Storage units must not be permanent in nature. Storage units must be appealing, in good repair, not attract rodents, snakes, or insects, and be kept free of flying and stinging insects.
- 60) Wood piles on campsites must be stacked and kept 6-12 inches off the ground on non-rotting materials, including the firewood. Wood piles must not attract rodents, snakes, or flying and stinging insects.
- 61) No boats are allowed to be stored in the campgrounds.
- 62) Slide-in truck camping units are not permitted.
- 63) Any changes or improvements done at any campsite must be pre-approved by the Campground Chairperson who may or may not at their discretion, consult with the Campground Committee and acquire their input. Any and all changes approved must be removed from the site when the camping unit moves from that campsite to another or leaves the campground permanently unless otherwise approved by the Campground Chairperson.
- 64) All camping units are required to have a working Class C fire extinguisher and smoke detector onboard.
- 65) A Camper when asked by the Campground Chairperson must physically demonstrate the existence of a working fire extinguisher and demonstrate that their unit's smoke detector is functional. An inspection of both the fire extinguisher(s) and smoke detector(s) in each camping unit will be done biennially.
- 66) Tests will include a battery inspection, and a function test on the smoke detector(s) and a visual inspection of the fire extinguishers to determine fill status and expiration date.
- 67) Decks cannot exceed the length of the camping unit and not exceed 8 feet in width. Decks must not be attached to the camper or be permanent in nature. Side walls and roofs are not permitted.
- 68) If during the camping season any camping member or their guests are responsible for creating a disturbance that could be deemed offensive or antagonistic to other campers or members, and / or creates a health and/or safety hazard, the Campground Chairperson and the Committee reserve the right to, and in certain cases are required to ask the Board to take appropriate disciplinary action.
- 69) Campers use the campground and facilities at their own risk. Neither Greene County Fish and Game Association nor any of its representatives are responsible for the loss or damage to any camper's property. Greene County Fish and Game recommends that all registered owners carry their own property damage

and liability insurance.

## **CONSERVATION**

- 1) Cutting, digging, or damaging of trees and plants is prohibited unless the work is being done under the supervision of the conservation committee and is specifically authorized by the board of directors for the direct benefit of the GCF&G conservation grounds program.
- 2) Only the conservation Chairperson or those duly authorized may work in areas dedicated to the conservation reserve program (CRP).

**No activity is permitted within 20 feet of the pheasant pen or nesting geese that will disturb those animals.**

## **LAKES**

- 1) Club lakes are private water. Ohio fishing licenses are not required.
- 2) This being a sportsperson's lake, the use of barb-less hooks and catch/release programs while fishing is advocated. For those members who wish to keep their catch, the daily bag limits are as follows:
  - BASS – MANDATORY RELEASE
  - BLUE GILL (Common) – no limit.
  - BLUE GILL (Hybrid) 10" min.– 2 per day
  - CHANNEL CATFISH – 3 per day.
  - FLATHEAD (SHOVELHEAD) – MANDATORY RELEASE
  - BLUE CATFISH – MANDATORY RELEASE
  - COMMON CARP – no limit, Remove all.
  - CRAPPIE – no limit, Remove all.
  - "OL' WHISKERS" – MANDATORY RELEASE
  - TROUT– 5 per day
  - White Amur (grass carp) – MANDATORY RELEASE
  - ALL OTHER FISH – no limit.
  - All daily limits are subject to change. Notification of changes will be clearly posted at each lake and published in these ground rules or the monthly newsletter prior to the date of change. It is your responsibility to stay current on the limits!
- 3) Fishing is permitted anywhere on and around the two fishing lakes. Boats and canoes are permitted only on the large lake. Electric trolling motors may be used. All other motors are prohibited.
- 4) The breeder pond located in field #3 is off limits at all times, except during upland hunting days.
- 5) Frog hunting, jug fishing, trotlines, cast nets and anchored bank lines are prohibited.
- 6) Bow Fishing for ONLY common carp is allowed.
- 7) Youth Guest Fishing. Members wishing to bring non-member youth to fish may do so under the following provisions:
  - Youth is defined as a person under the age of 18.
  - Unlike other club activities, no more than three (3) youth guests are permitted per membership per day.
  - Youth guests must fish catch and release only.
  - Adult members will accompany and be held responsible for their youth guest(s).
  - Greene County Fish and Game reserve the right to limit the numbers, dates, and times of the guest fishing program.
- 8) The Youth Activity Chairperson, in conjunction with the Lakes Chairperson, at their discretion, may invite non-member youths to participate in Youth Activity sponsored fishing tournaments.
- 9) All boats and canoes are required to be registered with the lake chairperson and must display a current GCF&G permit sticker prior to being placed on the lake side storage rack. Any boat placed on the rack without first being registered, will be placed in storage and the owner will be assessed a storage per month until the matter can be resolved. Members who kept a boat on the storage rack the previous

year and want to retain that spot again for the next summer season must contact the Lakes Chairperson prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> to purchase a current sticker. That spot will be made available to other members if a new sticker has not been purchased prior to the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

- 10) Only one (1) boat per member may be placed on the rack and stored annually.
- 11) Boat storage will be made available May 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year unless short term removal is directed by the lake committee to perform maintenance or other reasons. A waiting list will be maintained by the Lakes committee, if necessary.
- 12) A club boat will be left on rack for emergencies and waterfowl or game bird retrieval.
- 13) The names of members who have neither paid fees nor removed boats will be presented to the Board of Directors with a recommendation that their membership is not renewed.
- 14) Registered units are to be locked in place in their assigned location with oars, anchors, and paddles removed.
- 15) Boats are to be removed from the water and placed on the rack when unattended. They are not to be left on the launching ramp or blocking access to the ramp.
- 16) The Association assumes no responsibility for boats left on the grounds nor for the safety of boaters or those fishing. Everyone must adhere to the Ohio Division of Watercraft rules.
- 17) No swimming or playing in any of the lakes or streams on the grounds. Absolutely no playing on the ice.
- 18) The use of Float Tubes is permitted for fishing only. Float Tubes shall be of commercial manufacture and designed for fishing. No inner tubes or homemade devices allowed.
- 19) A personal floatation device must be worn while using a float tube.
- 20) Ohio Division of Watercraft rules and regulations apply with regards to Float Tubes.
- 21) Ice fishing permitted at your own risk.
- 22) White Amur (grass carp) is stocked in both fishing lakes to help control weeds. They are not to be removed if caught.
- 23) Fire-rings have been placed and secured in strategic locations around the lakes for your convenience and comfort. DO NOT FILL THEM WITH TRASH OR ATTEMPT TO MOVE THEM.
- 24) Members using minnows for bait must hook the minnow through the backbone. DO NOT dump live minnows into the lakes. They may grow into fish that are undesirable for the balance of our lakes.
- 25) Tent camping at either lake is permitted only with prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- 26) No plastic, metal, or wooden chairs may be left at the lakes without prior board approval. Individuals responsible for doing so will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 27) Limit of two fishing poles per person who is actively fishing.
- 28) Club fishing tournaments will follow Lake Committee guidelines.

## **FIREARM RANGES**

Use of the ranges will be during daylight hours only, **8:00 AM to 30 minutes before** sunset, except with the expressed written consent of the Chairperson of the respective shooting events / activities, or with approval from the Board.

### **Cease-Fire Rules**

The three major commands a shooter needs to understand are:

- A. "Cease-Fire" This means stop what you are doing.
- B. "All Clear" This means that there is no longer anyone past the firing line.
- C. "The Range is Hot" This means that you may commence firing when ready.

**When a Cease-Fire is called, ALL SHOOTERS must obey.**

- 1) If an unsafe action is observed, it is YOUR responsibility to immediately call out "Cease-Fire" in a loud voice. Continue to call out "Cease-Fire" in a loud voice until all shooters respond.
- 2) When the Call is Cease-Fire! Everyone must obey the directive and ensure those around you obey.
- 3) Every shooter on the line has the right to call a Cease-Fire; shooters will use common courtesy when

doing so.

- 4) No firearm or ammunition is to be handled or touched during a Cease-Fire.
- 5) Every Firearm on the Firing line will be emptied and grounded with the action open, and magazines removed. An open chamber indicator (OCI) must be used on firearms lacking a lock open feature during a Cease-Fire; you must provide your own suitable OCI device. Black-powder firearms will be de-capped or un-primed and hammers lowered. In addition, Black-powder long guns will be stationed vertical with their butt stocks on the ground.
- 6) Make sure that all others on the firing line (including non-shooters) have acknowledged the Cease-Fire and that all firearms are safe.
- 7) Whenever anyone is down-range, everyone else must be away from the bench/firing line and behind the Ready Line (defined as the rear boarder or edge of the range covers) or in the designated Spectator area on the Cowboy, Trap, or Card Shooting Ranges.
- 8) The shooter calling the Cease-Fire is responsible for calling the line "All Clear" when downrange activities are completed.
- 9) All shooters must acknowledge that the range is "All Clear" and personally verify that there are no others downrange before resuming.
- 10) Standard command "The Range is Hot" shall be used to indicate a return to operations.
- 11) Firearms may be excluded from use on the ranges on a case-by-case basis. Examples would include:
  - a. Firearms that are found to not be in safe working order.
  - b. Firearms whose caliber exceeds the ranges' ability to safely contain the fired projectiles within the backstop, (e.g., .50 BMG, .416 Barrett).
  - c. Firearms that cannot be safely controlled by the shooter.

## **Range Closure Notification**

The electronic information display located at the northeast corner of the clubhouse parking and at the pedestrian entrance to the ranges is used to indicate Range Closures and other vital information for shooters. Shooters MUST pay attention to the information presented on the electronic display and the Individual Range Signs to determine the status of Handgun and Rifle Ranges.

- 1) No unauthorized person is to tamper with or change the Handgun/Rifle Range Open/Closed indication signs.
- 2) If a range is marked closed, no person is to utilize that range. NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES.
- 3) Information presented on the Electronic Display(s) and all other range signs are for the safety of all members and guests and are to be obeyed at all times.
- 4) On those occasions that the Board must close the ranges for events or work reasons, a reasonable effort will be made to post an announcement in the newsletter and/or on the webpage prior to the closing.

## **Range and Safety Rules**

- 1) When present, the Range Chairperson, Board Member or Officer of GCF&G will have full authority and final decisions on all Range Safety matters. All members are to consider themselves to be safety officers in the absence of any authorized personnel.
- 2) Safety rules MUST be observed! To do otherwise is to endanger yourself and others.
- 3) Members observing violations of range safety rules are responsible for bringing such violations to the attention of the Range Chairperson, Board Member, or Officer of GCF&G.
- 4) When confronting the offending party, Members should point out the violation in a calm and constructive manner and ask that the offender alter their behavior. At no time should a member put themselves or others in jeopardy when confronting a violator; calmly step away and report the violation as soon as possible to the Range Chairperson, Board Member, or Officer of GCF&G.
- 5) Continuation of unsafe behavior should be reported to the Range Chairperson, Board Member, or Officer of GCF&G

- 6) Adults supervising minors in a shooting activity shall have instructed the minor in basic firearms safety prior to allowing them to shoot. Minors are required to be under the direct supervision of an adult member while participating in a shooting activity. You must be 21 to use a handgun unsupervised.
- 7) The Association strongly recommends that every minor or person new to shooting attend and pass the basic hunter education safety course or a qualified firearms safety course.
- 8) Adult members supervising minor shooters are responsible for the minor's actions and conduct.
- 9) Spectators (defined as anyone not directly involved in the shooting activity) are to remain behind the Ready Line (defined as the rear border or edge of the range covers) or in the designated Spectator area on the Cowboy, Trap, or Card Shooting Ranges. During Youth Shooting events, only those youths and their coach/assistant are permitted on the Firing Line.
- 10) All guns being carried to and from the ranges shall be unloaded with the action open and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. It is preferable to transport them in cases.
- 11) Firearms carried on your person for personal protection (concealed or open carried) are exempt from the above.
- 12) Those shooters who are approaching the range area during a Cease-Fire are to wait until All Clear is called before proceeding to uncase or deploy a firearm.
- 13) Shooting will be done from designated firing positions to established target positions.
- 14) No cross shooting of targets.
- 15) No short shooting. No targets are allowed to be moved forward of the ropes/backstop. Special events approved by the Board are excluded e.g.: Black Powder Egg Shoot.
- 16) Targets can only be posted / hung on the range the shooter is currently using; no posting / hanging of targets on multiple ranges. Special events approved by the Board are excluded e.g.: Black Powder Egg Shoot.
- 17) Rapid fire shooting is not permitted unless required in a sanctioned competition. Unless approved by the Board or governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Shooters Handbook, United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) and or Steel Challenge Shooting Association (SCSA) competition Rules.
- 18) Rapid fire is defined as anything more than a three (3) round burst in a one second interval. Such bursts shall be followed by a marked lull or pause before continuing to fire.
- 19) Place ALL duds in the boxes provided. Do not throw them on the ground or in the trash barrels.
- 20) When sharing ranges with organized events, shooters will follow and obey all range commands and directions as given by the event coordinator.
- 21) During Upland Game Season, November 1- starting January 31 ranges are only open on Sundays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise announced.
- 22) Ranges will only be open on Wednesday and Sunday during Statewide Deer Gun season.
- 23) All Ranges will be closed after 3:00 PM on the day prior to opening day, and on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving, so that Conservation can release game birds.
- 24) During Clean-up Weekend all Ranges will be closed from 3:00 PM Friday, until 8:00 AM the following Monday.
- 25) Targets are to be:
  - Hung on the parallel roping provided.
  - Broken ropes are to be repaired (tied back together.)
  - Paper hung on cardboard. (Come prepared, bring them with you.)
  - Clay targets may be used if placed in a frame/holder or suspended. If suspended from ropes the remnants remaining attached to the wire/ropes, along with the suspension materials must be removed. The broken pieces of clay may remain on the ground. You are not allowed to shoot at any of the broken piece's land outside of the shooting area (between the ropes).
  - Steel targets are only allowed if positioned between top and bottom ropes. The shooter is responsible for determining if the steel targets are designed for the distance, bullet type, and caliber of firearm being used. The target and stand are the responsibility of the shooter to use

and remove. They must be set to use the full range; no mid-range targets are allowed.

- Suspending or propping of targets on support posts, Safety Ceilings, and Down Range Baffles is prohibited.
- 26) The intentional shooting of support posts, Safety Ceilings, and Down Range Baffles will be treated as a dangerous act (ricochet) and as destruction of club property whether the round impacts or not. Such violations will be acted upon as defined in the Association's Constitution.
  - 27) NO Bottles, Cans, Clay Blocks, Ballistic Gel, Metal, Plastic, Glass, Masonry or Wood targets may be used.
  - 28) NO EXPLODING TARGETS (e.g., Tannerite, or similar).
  - 29) Police the area of all used targets, empty shell casings (except .22 Rim-Fire), and trash generated during your session. Clean up a little extra also.
  - 30) Destruction of club property, littering and safety violations will not be tolerated and are cause for disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.
  - 31) The Mining of lead, copper, and other metals from the backstop/berm is considered destruction of club property. The picking up of found lead, copper, or other metals that do not require digging or disturbing the soil is permitted.

WE CAN NOT AFFORD OR ALLOW CARELESSNESS TO CAUSE PROBLEMS ON THE RANGES. IF YOU SEE VIOLATIONS OCCURRING REPORT IT FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

### **Please Read Range and Safety Rules**

## **25, 50 & 100 YARD RIFLE RANGES**

- 1) The rifle ranges are the three East facing 25-yard, 50 yard and 100-yard ranges.
- 2) Handguns, Pellet, BB or shotguns firing Slugs or Shot Shells can be used on Rifle Ranges.
- 3) Sling Shots and BB Guns are allowed provided no Steel Balls on Steel Targets.
- 4) No full automatic Firearms allowed. Legally possessed fully automatic firearms may only be fired in single shot or semi-automatic mode – no full auto or burst modes. No tracer, armor piercing ammunition may be used.
- 5) Unsheltered positions on the 100-Yard Rifle Range are closed when Traps are in use (southern-most portion; from the firing line shelter southward). Closure is for the safety of range users.
- 6) For the purpose of patterning. A pattern target stand exists just south of trap range #4 for that purpose as well. Only Shotguns with shot shells may be used on trap ranges.
- 7) Firearms may be excluded from use on the Rifle Ranges on a case-by-case basis. Examples would include:
  - Firearms that are found to not be in safe working order.
  - Firearms whose caliber exceeds the ranges' ability to safely contain the fired projectiles. within the backstop, (e.g., .50 BMG, .416 Barrett).
  - Firearms that cannot be safely controlled by the shooter.
- 8) If you are the only shooter on the Range, you are allowed to move closer to the target located at the Ropes. However, this is not allowed if other shooters are present. If you are using a Range that is equipped with Safety Ceilings, and Down Range Baffles, you are not allowed to move forward of the established firing line.
- 9) Firing Line: The Firing Line cannot be moved in front of or behind the designated position when other shooters are present or if the Range is equipped with Safety Ceilings, and Down Range Baffles. Do not shoot from Benches behind the Firing-Line. Do not un-box / un-case any Firearm from behind the Firing line.

### **Please Read Range and Safety Rules**

## **7, 15 & 25-YARD PISTOL RANGES (FOR HANDGUNS ONLY)**

- 1) These ranges are the three 7, 15, and 25-yard ranges that face the North, located well behind the 25-

yard rifle range.

- 2) The Pistol Ranges are for Handguns Only (Pistol, Revolver and Black Powder).
  - No Centerfire, Rim-Fire, Shotguns, AR style centerfire Pistols (with or without Brace), SBR (Short Barrel Rifles) or Black Powder Rifles are allowed regardless of caliber.
  - No Rifle Caliber Handguns, AR, AK, 300-BLK, 7.62.
  - Handguns firing Shotgun Shells are not allowed.
- 3) Handgun types allowed are:
  - Rim-Fire, Centerfire, Pellet, BB, Black Powder Pistol and Airsoft Handguns.
  - Sling Shots and BB Guns are allowed provided no Steel Balls are being used on Steel Targets.
- 4) Bottle Neck Handgun Cartridges are allowed such as (.22 TCM, 5.7x28, 7.5mm FK BRNO, .357 SIG, .32 NAA, 7.62x25mm
- 5) No full automatic Firearms allowed. Legally possessed fully automatic firearms may only be fired in single shot or semi-automatic mode – no full auto or burst modes. No tracer, armor piercing ammunition may be used.
- 6) Shooting Steel is allowed on the 15- and 25- Yard Handgun Ranges only with Lead or Frangible Ammo. Steel targets are only allowed if positioned between top and bottom ropes. They must be set to use the full range; no mid-range targets are allowed.
- 7) Sling Shots and BB Guns are allowed provided no Steel Balls on Steel Targets.
- 8) Firing Line:
  - The Firing Line cannot be moved in front of or behind the designated position.
  - Do not shoot from Benches behind the Firing-Line.
  - Do not un-box / un-case any Firearm from behind the Firing line.

## **CARD SHOOT RANGE**

- 1) All shooting on this range is done at Board authorized events under supervision of the chairperson for the event.
- 2) This range is closed to all other casual shooting use.

## **COWBOY ACTION RANGE**

- 1) The Cowboy Action Range is located through the gates between the storage shed and the 25-yard rifle range.
- 2) This range is closed to all casual shooting use.
- 3) All shooting on this range is done at scheduled Board authorized practices or events and under supervision of the event chairperson or qualified Range Officer.
- 4) The events held at the Cowboy Action Range will be governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Shooters Handbook, United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) and or Steel Challenge Shooting Association (SCSA) competition Rules.

## **TRAP SHOOTING RANGE**

- 1) Trap shooting ranges are for the use of Shotguns firing shot shells only, no slugs or buckshot (#4 or larger) are permitted on the trap range.
- 2) Observe safety rules. Do not point your gun at another person; even if it is unloaded (treat every gun as if it were loaded). On the firing line, always keep your gun pointed toward the ground or the trap house.
- 3) When in the clubhouse, all guns are to be kept in the rack provided with actions completely open or enclosed in a case.
- 4) Cases are to be placed on tables designated for case storage.
- 5) Do not shoulder, mount or point a shotgun while inside the clubhouse walls; never close the action and never dry fire. All such activity should be done outside in an unused area adjacent to the trap line.
- 6) Maintain muzzle awareness at all times; do not 'sweep' a person with the muzzle, even when removing



- or placing the shotgun in the rack or case.
- 7) Move from the clubhouse to the trap line with the action open and the muzzle pointed in the safest possible direction (usually straight up).
  - 8) When Clubhouse activities are scheduled during a trapshooting event, trapshooting participants are to use the trap equipment storage room as their operations and lounge area, reserving the Clubhouse as much as possible for the scheduled Clubhouse activity.
  - 9) All shell casings, boxes and other trash should be policed at the conclusion of a trap event.
  - 10) For the purpose of patterning, a pattern target stand exists just south of trap range #4 for that purpose as well. Only Shotguns with shot shells may be used on trap ranges.
  - 11) Unsheltered positions on the 100-Yard Rifle Range are closed when Traps are in use (southern-most portion; from the firing line shelter southward). Closure is for the safety of range users.

## **WILDLIFE**

- 1) Hunting is permitted only in designated zones. Areas where no upland hunting is permitted include the wooded area south of the pheasant pen and west of the big lake to the dam (the old deer pen area). Additional areas where hunting is prohibited include the clubhouse, campgrounds, and other marked areas as indicated on the posted club grounds map located in the breezeway or on the club website. [Hunting Zone Map](#)
- 2) Hunters must make themselves aware of the property lines of the Club. No Hunter is permitted to venture onto neighboring property without prior and express permission of that landowner. Please respect our neighbor's property.
- 3) Authorized hunting hours are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Waterfowl hours are per ODNR regulations.
- 4) Ohio hunting license required. Ohio hunting regulations apply and MUST be observed. During Upland Game, Dove, Squirrel, Rabbit Season, all hunters are required by the Association to wear a cap or hat and a jacket or vest that is either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange (more than the legal minimum amount of hunter orange is strongly recommended). Waterfowl hunters are exempt from having to wear hunter orange.
- 5) Each Hunter must individually register at the clubhouse before starting to hunt and must report game harvested and sign out before they leave club grounds. Only hunters with permits issued by the Conservation Chairperson may Waterfowl hunt. Hunters must designate whether they are Squirrel, Dove, Upland Game or Waterfowl hunting at the time they sign-in. Hunters may not harvest Upland Game when Waterfowl hunting or harvest Waterfowl when Upland Game hunting.
- 6) There is no general membership hunting on GCF&G grounds on youth hunt day. Notifications will be made at meetings, in the newsletter, and with gate signs will be given to club membership well in advance.
- 7) Hunters must be 18 years old or older to hunt without adult supervision.
- 8) Hunters with the proper permits may change the type of hunting they are engaging in by first signing out on one sign-in sheet, then in on the other sign-in sheet. All hunters must wear proper blaze orange attire when upland game hunting. Blaze orange is not required when waterfowl hunting. All hunting must take place in the designated hunting areas. The conservation committee reserves the right to limit the number of hunters and / or the acceptable hunting hours on any given day in the interests of safety.
- 9) Only shotguns loaded with shot shells, muzzle loading shotguns, and archery equipment may be used.
- 10) The Board of Directors may place limitations and/or prohibitions on the hunting of some species on the Association property. Such limitations will be specified annually.
- 11) Turkey, deer, and quail may not be hunted.
- 12) Squirrel hunting is to be allowed with shotgun only; all state rules and limits apply.
- 13) Due to the nature of Squirrel hunting and late summer / early fall activities at the Club, the opening of Squirrel season at GCF&G will coincide with the opening of Upland Game Season, as established by the

- ODNR. Closing of Squirrel season will be the established Closing date as determined by the ODNR.
- 14) All hunting seasons will end January 31, except for waterfowl season, its closing date will be determined annually by ODNR / US Fish & Wildlife Service rules.
  - 15) Greene County Fish and Game Hunting Seasons may or may not coincide with Ohio Department of Natural Resources Game Seasons. Regardless of ODNR season end dates, all hunting on Association grounds will cease on January 31st. When in doubt contact the conservation Chairperson for clarification. Below is a guide to assist members in determining GCF&G game seasons.
    - Squirrel, Rabbit, Pheasant season – Opens same day as ODNR Upland Game Season.
    - Squirrel Season closes same as upland bird or ODNR closing date, whichever is first.
    - Rabbit Season closes January 31
    - Pheasant Season closes according to ODNR Date
  - 16) Trapping is restricted to members with written permission from the Conservation Chairperson.
  - 17) Waterfowl hunting is allowed. The board of directors will set waterfowl dates set forth by the Conservation Committee, in conjunction with the Ohio Division of Natural Resources.
    - Permits will be issued by the Conservation Chairperson with the authority of the Board of Directors and will be valid for just the days they are dated for. Hunting is restricted to the area surrounding the big lake and the field located just east of the big lake the trap range, (designated as field #6).
    - Permits will be issued by lottery at the August membership meeting. The number of permits to be issued will be determined at the August Board meeting. Members in good standing must present a valid and current Ohio hunting license, State and approved Federal waterfowl stamps and be present at the drawing in order to be eligible to participate. Waterfowl permits are only transferable after contacting the wildlife / conservation Chairperson a minimum of 48 hours prior to the first hunting day scheduled.
    - Two (2) permits will be drawn for each week of the waterfowl season, with each permit holder permitted to bring two (2) member hunting partners with him/her.
  - 18) Waterfowl hunting hours will be by rules of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
  - 19) Dove hunting rules are by state regulations, with one exception. Hunting cannot begin until early Goose season goes out. Dove hunters may only hunt Dove in the field east of the big lake, (designated as field #6.)
  - 20) Sunday hunting is not permitted at the Greene County Fish & Game Association except for board approved waterfowl hunting.
  - 21) No hunting on Thursdays after 3:00 PM except for Thanksgiving Day.
  - 22) No hunting will be permitted after 3:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday or the Friday prior to the Annual Youth Hunt.
  - 23) Hunting is not permitted behind the gun ranges on Wednesdays during upland game season.
  - 24) Upland hunting will be closed during the statewide deer gun season.
  - 25) Dog training on club grounds is strictly prohibited at any time, including Sundays, from the date of the annual youth hunt throughout the remainder of upland game season. Dogs or other pets must be kept out of those areas likely to be inhabited by game animals during this time. Live fire training activities may only be conducted in accordance with the Sporting Dog Program. Field training and Puppy training may be conducted at any time in the designated training field as long as the archery range is not in use. Use at your own risk.
  - 26) All other dog training must be in accordance with ODNR regulations (Rule 1501:31-9-05)
  - 27) Hunting dogs must otherwise be kept on a leash as a pet when in the campground and clubhouse areas.
  - 28) The training and/or exercising of dogs immediately following a bird release is strictly prohibited.
  - 29) The conservation Chairperson with the prior approval of the Board Of Directors, has the authority to close any hunting area on club grounds to dog training for any period of time at their discretion.

## **CLUBHOUSE KITCHEN & OTHER FACILITIES**

### **GENERAL RENTAL/USE INFORMATION**

- 1) A Rental Agreement must be completed, signed and approved prior to use of any Club facility. This agreement will outline the intended use/activities/purpose, and the approximate number attending.
- 2) The Board reserves the right to place any and all restrictions on the use of the facilities or grounds.
- 3) All Outside Structured Groups will complete a Greene County Fish and Game Rental Agreement and agree to abide by all rules set forth in the agreement and the Ground Rules of this Association.
  - Outside Structured Groups must furnish a list of known participants and an estimate of the actual number of participants attending to the Board prior to the granting of the request.
  - Such groups must indicate the number of responsible assisting/supervising adults attending.
  - No Outside Structured Groups can charge an entry or participation fee, unless such fee is used to directly offset any rental/use fee imposed by Greene County Fish and Game.
  - No Outside Structured Groups shall have raffles, games of chance, the selling of goods, or other fundraising activities while using the facilities of the Greene County Fish and Game without prior Board approval.
- 4) Outside Structured Groups includes scouts, church groups, youth organizations, and other recognized youth orientated non-profit organizations.
- 5) Members and Non-members who rent the clubhouse or shelter house are not permitted to use any other club facilities without prior approval of the Board. Facility rentals do not include the use of lakes, ranges, campgrounds, etc. All renters must be aware of what is taking place at the club on the date of their rental and must not interfere themselves (or allow their guests to interfere) with any club activities (e.g., waterfowl hunting, upland hunting, work parties, etc.)
- 6) Member rental requests and rates will only be granted to members and/or their immediate family members, and only for events at which that member and renter will be present. All other rental requests shall be handled as a non-member rental, and fees will be charged accordingly.
- 7) Deposit must be paid 30 days prior to the date of rental. The remainder must be paid before the renter or member of the renting party will receive access to the facility. NO POST-DATED CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- 8) There will be a 25% penalty charged for all cancellations unless otherwise determined by the House committee.
- 9) All rental fees are based on 8 hours use. Extra charges may be levied by the house Chairperson for any additional time up to midnight. No additional time will be given beyond 12:00 AM.
- 10) A full deposit will only be returned if the house is cleaned, undamaged, and is left exactly as it was found. If any of those conditions are not met, a cleaning fee may be assessed, and the deposit forfeited.
- 11) Proper cleaning of our facility includes wiping the tabletops, emptying all trash cans, sweeping, and mopping the floors, and cleaning restrooms. Individuals renting the kitchen must clean and put away all utensils and equipment that has been used.
- 12) Security must be provided by non-members while using any of the club's rented facilities. The renter will be held legally accountable for the conduct of the persons in their party and financially responsible for any damage.
- 13) Certain types of rental activities will require the renter to provide separate liability insurance.
- 14) Clubhouse and shelter-house rentals are always subject to availability. Club sanctioned and/or sponsored events will always be given priority. Greene County Fish and Game Association reserves the right to decline rental requests for facilities at any time.

### **CLUBHOUSE RENTAL GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS & RATES**

- 1) Rental Rates for the Clubhouse will be set by the Board annually. Such Rates will be posted on the GCF&G Website and available by contacting the House Chairperson.

- 2) Individuals or groups that have signed the proper rental agreements and have paid the correct security deposit will be permitted access to the clubhouse (whenever possible) at 5:00 PM the day prior to the scheduled rental to setup, decorate, or otherwise prepare for their event.
- 3) Kitchen facilities are available only when renting the clubhouse and require an additional fee.
- 4) Due to the nature of the commercial kitchen operation at the clubhouse and the Health Department's constraints, kitchen rentals include only the non-commercial equipment. This includes a refrigerator, four burner stove/oven, microwave, warming table, large coffee maker, and countertop.
- 5) All decorations, literature, food, etc. related to the rental function must be removed from the clubhouse. The clubhouse shall be swept and cleaned immediately following the rental unless the original rental agreement states differently.
- 6) All GCF&G furnishings (wildlife mounts, artwork, bulletin, and menu boards, etc.) are not to be moved, removed, or tampered with.
- 7) GCF&G has no phone service available to renters. Emergency Calls may only be made at the emergency phone located inside the main entrance to the clubhouse.
- 8) Renters and their guests are not allowed to fish, participate in and/or interfere with any other ongoing activity provided by this organization to members unless they are members themselves. All club ground rules apply. Guests should always exercise caution while on the grounds.
- 9) The renter is solely responsible for making sure guests conduct themselves in a satisfactory manner and that no personal injury or property damage occurs.
- 10) The Clubhouse shall be vacated and locked by 12:00 AM (midnight) unless special authorization has been given by the Board of Directors.

## **FACILITIES RENTAL GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS & RATES**

Rental Rates for GCF&G Facilities will be set by the Board annually. Rates are posted on the GCF&G Website and available by contacting the House Chairperson.

- 1) Shelter Houses are available for rent. No other equipment, such as grills, tables, or chairs are provided without prior request, approved by the Board.
- 2) Any other facility or Club area may be rented at the discretion of the Board upon request.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The Association may sponsor several special events annually as desired by the membership such as fish fries, picnics, banquets, turkey shoots and coon dog field trials.

The Association may hold one annual fish fry for the membership/guests on a date to be designated by the Board of Directors.

A membership picnic may be held annually on a date designated by the Board of Directors.

## **WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA, DATA MANAGEMENT**

Electronic communication and electronic data management is an important and growing part of the club's effort to inform, communicate, and manage information with its membership and interested parties.

For this type of communication to be effective, the Board of Directors requires the following rules to be followed.

## **WEBMASTER**

- 1) All social media and/or websites created or managed by a Chairperson, officer, or director that incorporates the name or abbreviation of the name of the Association must have the prior approval of the Board before being implemented.
- 2) All social media sites or websites shall be readily identifiable as associated with Greene County Fish and Game Association, either by title or in the description.

- 3) All GCF&G related social media sites and /or websites shall fall under the auspices of the Webmaster, who shall assist and guide in the creation, development, and management of these site(s).
- 4) At least one current officer, Board member, or person appointed by the Board must be granted and maintain full access (administrative rights), to the content of those social media sites. That person(s) shall be determined prior to implementation. A list of all Social Media Site Administrators must be created, maintained, and updated every six months. A copy of that list should be placed in the club's Document Safe and verified every year during the Annual Audit Process.
- 5) Sites that allow direct interaction or posting by members and / or the general public shall be closely monitored by the site administrator(s). Posts that are discriminatory, false, misleading, threatening, promote violence, inappropriate, or in conflict with the stated goals, mission and rules of the club shall be removed and reported to the Technology Chairperson or Board as appropriate. Civil discussion, disagreements, and opinions are welcome.
- 6) No partisan political activities are permitted.
- 7) All information posted on social media, whether as a statement or in answer to a posed question, shall be accurate and in harmony with the goals, positions, and mission of the club as outlined in the Constitution and Ground Rules, and shall be in the best interest of Greene County Fish and Game and its members.
- 8) The Board reserves the right to terminate any social media site or website that it determines to be a violation of these rules.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- 1) All electronic entry systems (gate, gate cards, clubhouse, etc.), video surveillance systems, Digital Information systems (Digital Electronic Signs), audio systems, club computer systems (desktop and laptops), telephone system, and broadcasting systems shall fall under the auspices of the Technology Committee. The Technology Chairperson will establish, direct, and oversee the duties and actions of this committee.
- 2) The Technology Chairperson will see to it that an adequate supply of gate entry cards for all replacement purposes, secondary purchases, and new member distribution are on hand and functional when they are needed.
- 3) The Technology Committee will work with all committee Chairpersons when approached by them, to make sure that their technological needs are met.
- 4) Detailed Club policies relating to Technology can be found on the Membership Hub website <https://gcfngmemberhub.com/policies/>

## **MEMBERSHIP HUB**

- 1) The Club Membership Hub is the primary membership management system for the Association.
- 2) Club Members have an obligation to keep their personal information in the system correct and up to date. Detailed Club policies relating to the Membership Hub can be found on the Membership Hub website <https://gcfngmemberhub.com/policies/>

## **GCF&G Sporting Dogs**

### **Training calendar:**

The GCF&G Sporting Dogs will meet once a month, March through August, for training and twice per month September and October. All training will end on the Monday of the last week in October. Dates and time of training days can be found on the GCF&G website calendar. No training during any club sanctioned Hunting Season.

### **Training Area:**

The training area for live training events would be field 2. (See map for location) The area designated for the training grounds will be the field area and will not include any wooded areas. Additional Field's may be

used occasionally for scent training only. Since these fields will be used for sent training only and never for live fire, they are not required to be posted as in field 2. All CRP activities for GCF&G will not be impacted during the training period. [Map of Sporting Dogs Training Area](#)

**Training rules:**

- 1) All members are required to read and understand the GCF&G ground rules.
- 2) All members must follow the commands of the Field Marshal (FM).
- 3) All dogs must remain on leash or in a crate until called by the FM.
  - All dog handlers not working must remain in the designated spectator area.
  - During any live fire events all firearms must be unloaded and cased until called for training by the FM.
  - Any unsafe act may result in a disqualification for that training session.

The GCF&G Sporting Dogs program will follow ODNR Rule 1501:31-31-01 in its entirety.

**PENALTIES**

For general violations that are not safety or felony oriented, Article V, Section 8 Greene County Fish and Game Constitution outlines the procedures and processes for hearings arising from violations of the Constitution or Ground Rules.

According to the severity of the offense, sanctions up to and including revocation of membership may be applied for the violation of any GCF&G ground rules.

ANY INFRACTION THAT IS DEEMED TO BE A SAFETY ISSUE OR IS OF A FELONIOUS NATURE WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY.