



Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC 2023 Rules, Regulations, and Policies & Safety Standards

Effective January 1st, 2023

1. **Safety:** Safety is key to enjoying the outdoors and our #1 priority. Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC, follows all laws and regulations declared by South Carolina Law and enforced by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and other South Carolina Law Enforcement agencies. All laws and regulations related to hunting and other activities must be followed and adhered to. In addition to the laws of the state of South Carolina, Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC has additional rules, regulations, and policies and safety standards in place that must be adhered to at all times. Failure to follow these safety standards can result in fines and/or dismissal from the club. These additional safety standards can be changed at any time by the club leadership for the purpose of enhanced safety of our members and visitors while on club property. Additional club safety standards are:
 - a. **Communications.** Always have a means to communicate with someone (e.g. a cell phone).
 - b. **Minors.** No one under the age of 18 can hunt on the property without a parent or guardian who is a Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC member AND present with that person on the same tract of land. Any hunter under the age of 18 wanting to hunt alone must have successfully completed the SCDNR Hunter Safety Course, the Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC young hunters quiz and received verbal confirmation from a club officer prior to hunting alone.
 - c. **Blaze Orange.** During deer Primitive Weapon and Rifle Season, everyone must wear blaze orange (hunters orange) at any time they are entering or exiting a hunting area, entering or exiting a stand, or are on the ground.
 - d. **Flashlight.** Everyone must use a flashlight during the hours of darkness when entering or exiting the property or on the ground during the hours of darkness for any reason.
 - e. **Never** leave a hunting area at night unless you know everyone in that hunting area is accounted for. Don't leave a fellow member in the woods unaccounted for.
 - f. **All members and visitors** must sign a release of liability form prior to participating in any activity on Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC property.
 - g. **Profanity.** Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC promotes an atmosphere of respect and family. Please refrain from using excessive profanity. If possible, please refrain from the use of any profanity.

2. **Draw days, Signing in/out & Entering & Exiting hunting areas.**

- a. There will be a draw at the clubhouse every opening day of Turkey Season, Deer Bow Season, Deer Primitive Weapon Season, and Deer Rifle Season, and every Saturday of that particular season.
- b. The draw is held at 5:30 AM at the clubhouse. Those that wish to hunt their club or IP stands may hunt these without participating in the draw, however you must be at the draw where you will be given the opportunity to claim your stand prior to those that are participating in the draw. Those arriving after the draw may hunt stands that are not taken keeping in mind the direct route rule in "2a" above.
- c. Make certain you sign in and out appropriately for **ALL** scouting and hunting activities and that you sign in and out with your COMPLETE name and the other information required on the sign in/out sheets as in this example:

Date	Participant: First Name, Last Name	Member or Visitor	Tag #	Tract #	Stand #	Time In:	Time Out:	Comments (Harvest)
09/15/15	John Wayne	M / V	1	1	1	0600	1200	14 Point

- d. On Saturdays, all stands are signed in for at the clubhouse for both morning and afternoon hunts **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- e. On Saturdays only, you can sign in at the clubhouse for a hunt and place the letters "NCB" (Not Coming Back) in the comments section. This eliminates the need for you to travel back to the clubhouse to sign back out.
- f. On days other than draw days, members can go directly to the tract of land to sign in and out keeping in mind that everyone must sign in and out. You cannot use NCB at the individual tracts of land. You must put the TIME IN and TIME OUT in the sign in/out book.



- g. For TURKEY SEASON ONLY – The tracts are separated into sections, usually denoted on the map in the map room and at the sign in/out board at the tract. On opening day and every Saturday, the hunter will sign in for a section and tag out on the map in the map room at the club house and ALSO at the sign in/out board at the tract. If the bird goes beyond the boundaries of the section the hunter is signed in for and they would like to stalk the bird, the hunter must go back to the sign in/out board at the tract and sign out from the section they were on and sign in for the section they want to move to, permitted there is no one else already hunting that section.
 - h. **Entering and Exiting Hunting Areas.** Always take the most direct route in & out of the property. For morning hunts, if daylight has broken, do not go past anyone that has already taken a stand until after **10:00 AM** and for evening hunts, do not go past anyone within **2 hours** of dark until after legal shooting time. You should stay in your stand until at least 10:00 AM and until after legal shooting time in the evenings unless you have a medical emergency or need to retrieve a harvest.
3. **Vehicle Travel on the Properties.**
- a. **Vehicle travel will be restricted on all tracts after Labor Day weekend** unless the member is retrieving a harvest, or there is a medical emergency.
 - b. **Vehicle travel is allowed on certain designated ATV trails during hunting seasons.** These trails are clearly defined as a red trail on the club maps or by red dots to mark the end of a designated ATV trail. With the exceptions of retrieving a harvest or a medical emergency, travel beyond the end of a designated ATV trail is by foot only.
 - c. Foot travel for scouting after Labor Day is available between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Sundays only. Members must sign in and out to scout a hunting area. Please ensure there are no hunters in the area you intend to scout.
 - d. Any member confirmed to be accessing club properties after Labor Day weekend outside the guidelines above or without special permission from the club's leadership, will be assessed a fee of **\$50** for each occurrence.
4. **Record Your Harvest.**
- a. Please record all harvests in the sign in/out book at the tract and on the main harvest board in the map room at the clubhouse as soon as possible, providing all information requested.
 - b. **All sightings of any wildlife (deer, turkey, coyotes, foxes, etc.) must be recorded on an observation card and placed in the collection box in the map room. This is very important for us to maintain our leases, as this is a requirement of the lease terms.**
5. **Stands.**
- a. Every member is required to provide a club approved, all weather, covered stand (roof) that will seat an adult and a child (two chairs/seats). However, 1st year members may and are encouraged to rent a stand for **\$100. This option is for the first year only.** These rentals can be assigned by anyone on the club's leadership team. We also have a local supplier we have identified that members may purchase club approved stands from. These stands are 4x6, and come with a roof and ladder, but the side walls and window wrap must be provided by the member.
 - b. All stands are required to be in place by September 1st and be in good repair at all times. Members are responsible for maintaining their club stand or the rental stand they have been assigned.
 - c. While trimming lanes are a part of our scheduled work days, each member is responsible for ensuring the shooting lanes at their club stand are trimmed, cleared, and ready to hunt by September 1st.
 - d. Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC will monitor all club stands. Stand owners who are neglectful in maintaining their stand will be notified of the required corrective action needed. If that corrective action is not taken by Sept 1st, Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC reserves the right to make repairs and charge the member appropriately and/or limit club activities of that member until corrective actions are complete.
 - e. Respect the stands. Do not modify someone else's stand (e.g. cutting wrapping). Whatever you take into a stand, take it out with you. If it is determined that a member is leaving trash behind/littering the property, Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC reserves the right to limit/eliminate club activities for the member and/or assess that member with a fine of **\$50. Littering our properties can cause us to lose our lease.**



- f. **IPS (Independent Personal Stands)** – Once a member has installed their club stand, and are in their 2nd year with the club, they may request to put up an IPS stand for a fee of **\$150** per year. **This is an annual fee.**
 - i. An IPS stand is a stand that can only be hunted by the owner or by another member or guest if permission is requested and granted by the owner of the IPS.
 - ii. No permanent stand, lock-on, climber, or other portable stand may be installed within 200 yards of an IP stand during deer or turkey seasons.
 - iii. **IP stands must be approved by the tract coordinator and club president PRIOR to installation.**
- g. Climbers, lock-ons, and portable ladder stands are allowed, but due to the portability, the tract coordinator must approve the placement of these. ***This is a safety issue!***

6. Workdays.

- a. There are 2 workdays per month starting in January and these are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.
- b. **Everyone needs to sign in to get credit for the workday.**
- c. Workdays begin by meeting at 7:15 AM at the clubhouse for assignments and then leaving for the tracts. The morning session will go until about 11:30-12:00 and then we will break for lunch. The afternoon session will run until about 3:30-4:00, but this is subject to change based on weather. If you only work one of the sessions, you only get credit for ½ a workday.
- d. Everyone is required to make workdays according to the membership package purchased. For late joining members, special projects are available to make up workdays.
- e. Everyone is expected to bring his or her own tools.
- f. There is a **\$75** assessment per missed workday according to the membership package purchased.
- g. If you are on the club property during workdays, you are expected to participate in workday activities.
- h. Workdays are for club projects – not individual projects such as:
 - i. Working on club or individual stands.
 - ii. Scouting.

7. Shooting Range.

- a. The shooting range is located on Radio Lane (tract 1).
- b. The range is available at any time outside of turkey and deer seasons.
- c. During turkey and deer season, the range is available between 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM and therefore there is no hunting within 300 yards of the range during this time.
 - i. Members must sign in and back out at the clubhouse on Saturdays and at the tract 1 in/out board. Other than Saturday, you can sign in and back out at the tract 1 in/out board. ***YOU MUST ENSURE NO ONE IS BEHIND THE RANGE BEFORE YOU USE THE RANGE! This is a safety issue!***
- d. Please police behind yourself when using the range. This includes brass, targets, and trash. If you don't want your brass, there's a bucket for the collection of the brass.

8. Membership Levels & Dues.

- a. Membership for Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC is based on a calendar year from January 1st to January 1st of the next calendar year regardless of when the member joins. (e.g. If a member joins in June, that member's membership expires the following January 1st). All memberships cover the member, spouse, and children under 18 living with the member.
- b. Partial payments are allowed, however, **there is a 10% surcharge for partial payments, and full payment is required within 60 days of the initial payment. All dues must be paid in full before a member is allowed to hunt or scout on any of the properties.**
- c. The available memberships and fees for 2023 are:
 - i. Basic Membership - **\$800** if paid by March 1st and **\$875** if paid after March 1st
 - ii. Sportsman's Membership - **\$1100** paid anytime and **\$1175** if paid after March 1st



9. Membership Requirements

- a. Basic members
 - i. Must rent, build or purchase and maintain a club approved stand; with a roof and chairs for 1 adult and 1 child. Rental is only available for the first year.
 - ii. 6 work days are required and 1 workday must be a fall planting day.
 - iii. Must attend 1 of the 2 club meetings (DATE TBD).
- b. Sportsmans members
 - i. Must rent, build or provide and maintain a club approved stand; with a roof and chairs for 1 adult and 1 child. Rental is only available for the first year.
 - ii. 2 work days are required and 1 workday must be a fall planting day.
 - iii. Must attend 1 of the 2 club meetings (DATE TBD).

10. Membership Dues Refund.

- a. Dues are generally non-refundable
- b. Exceptions:
 - i. Incapacitating illness of the member or member's immediate family.
 - ii. Job transfer.
 - iii. Other exceptions can be granted through the club's president (only in rare circumstances).
- c. If a refund is granted, the maximum refund will be 50% of the dues that have been paid. The refunding of dues is also subject to the availability of funds in the club's treasury.

11. Visitors.

- a. Definition of a Visitor is: 1 person (man, woman or child) not covered under your membership.
- b. Visitors are allowed anytime during turkey season.
- c. Visitors are allowed starting November 1st during deer season.
- d. Each member is allowed 1 guest per hunt.
- e. A hunt is defined as a morning hunt *or* an afternoon hunt. Hunting all day is 2 hunts.
- f. Visitors must sign a Release of Liability form prior to hunting. The visitor only needs to sign 1 statement per year. These forms are available in the map room and should be left in the box in the map room.
- g. Both the visitor and the sponsoring member must hunt the same tract of land.
- h. If hunting on Saturday, visitors must be present at the draw and sign in and out like all other members.
- i. The sponsoring member is responsible for ensuring the visitor signs the Release of Liability from prior to hunting and ensuring that the visitor is aware of the Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC rules and regulations.
- j. A Visitor's Package is available for **\$150** per year. With this package you can bring as many visitors as you wish throughout the year, but each visitor can only come for 5 hunts. (iv and v above also apply).
- k. ***Visitor's packages must be purchased no later than opening day of the season you wish to bring visitors.***
- l. Visitors who are hunting under a member's Visitors Package can stay overnight in the clubhouse for free.

12. Non-rejoining members.

- a. Any member not rejoining Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC should notify anyone on the club's leadership prior to February 15th.
- b. Those not rejoining should remove any personal stands (not your club stand) or other personal property from the club. Removal of this property is only allowed after the youth hunt day in January through February 15th.
- c. Any property not removed by February 15th will be considered abandoned and become the property of Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC. At that point, Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC can and will dispose of, move, or use this property as it sees fit.



13. Family members wishing to hunt alone.

- a. Must be 18 years of age or older or have received prior permission from the Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC Leadership.
- b. Must have a valid SC hunting license.
- c. Must have attended a SCDNR approved hunter safety course.
- d. If less than 18 years of age, then they must have completed the Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC Hunter Safety Quiz.
- e. At no time is a person under the age of 18 allowed to hunt on the club's properties unless a parent or guardian is present and is on the same property with that individual. The parent or guardian and the individual must have a dependable form of communication (e.g. cell phone).

14. Food Plots.

- a. Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC makes every attempt to attract and keep wildlife on our properties.
- b. We have designated food plots on each tract that we plant. Some are planted in the spring and the fall.

15. Clubhouse

- a. You must sign in and out of the sign in/out book for overnight stays.
- b. Your money for the stay should be put in an envelope and placed in the ammo box on the wall. You should write your name and what is being paid for on the outside of the envelope.
- c. Overnight stays are **\$10** per night. This is a per person fee.
- d. An unlimited stay package is available for **\$150**. This covers your immediate family.
- e. We **DO NOT** have a maid service, so **CLEANUP YOUR MESS.**
- f. Empty the refrigerator of any items you brought with you when you leave the clubhouse.
- g. If you find anything that is expired/spoiled, please throw it out too.
- h. If the outside trash cans are full, take the bag with you and drop it off at one of the trash collection sites around Saluda.

16. Camping/Campers.

- a. Whether camping or staying in your camper, you must sign in and out of the sign in/out book in the clubhouse.
- b. Camping and Camper parking is available at the clubhouse.
- c. Camper parking is **\$350** a year regardless of how long it is parked at the clubhouse.
- d. Camping Fees: (e.g. tents on club house property)
 - i. Overnight stay fee is **\$10**. This is a per person fee.
 - ii. Unlimited camping fee is **\$150** a year. This covers the immediate family.
- e. Your money for the stay should be put in an envelope and placed in the ammo box on the wall. You should write your name and what is being paid for on the outside of the envelope.
- f. **No electric heaters are allowed in the clubhouse.**
- g. When leaving your camper and not coming back for a day or more, please make sure to empty your refrigerator and unplug your camper. **If you leave your camper plugged in and it is determined you will not be back for a day or more, your camper will be unplugged.**

17. Annual Club Meeting.

- a. We have 2 club meetings per year and every member should attend. The first meeting is normally held in the spring and the second meeting is held right before deer season. Club members will be notified of the dates when they have been determined.
- b. All members are responsible for the content of this meeting regardless of attendance.



Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC Operating Policy: Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC operates within the framework of its Constitution & By-laws managed through a set of Rules, Regulations, Policies, Privileges set forth by the club's leadership. The club leadership has the right to enforce change or adjust the Rules, Regulations & Privileges at any time at their discretion; pending the approval from the club's Executive Board. Any/all changes, additions, or adjustments will be immediately posted on the club website and in the main clubhouse. Penalties for violating any of these Rules, Regulations, & Privileges can immediately be enforced through verbal warnings, fines, suspension or termination to part or all of a club members privileges for an indefinite period of time (pending an Executive Board review). Once again **Safety** is our #1 priority.

2023 Club Leadership Team:

- President, Tract 2 & 9 coordinator - **Phil Hurt** - (864) 980-0617
- Vice President, Tract 1, 3, & 6 coordinator - **Rob Edmundson** - (803) 509-2477
- Sec/Treasurer - **Jeff LaCount** - (803) 608-1770
- Web Site Administrator; Communications, Tract 5 & 10 coordinator – **Curtis Gibson** – (803) 600-4741
- Hospitality Coordinator, Tract 4 & 7 coordinator - **John Sightler** – (803) 318-5931
- Rabbit hunter coordinator: **Jason Rinehart** (Tract 1co-coordinator) – (803) 334-1964
- Club house & club house grounds custodian – **Jim Merchant** (864) 377-4317
- Stand coordinator - **Donnie Hipp** (864) 993-1476