



Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC 2022 Rules, Regulations, and Policies & Privileges

Effective January 1st, 2022

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. In addition to the laws of the state of South Carolina, Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC has the following safety requirements and rules in place that must be followed at all times. ***Failure to follow these safety requirements and rules can result in fines and/or dismissal from the club! Special accommodations or one-time exceptions to the rules can only be approved by a Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC leadership team member!***

1. **Safety:** Safety is the key proponent to enjoying the outdoors. The following safety requirements can be changed at any time by the club leadership for the purpose of enhanced safety on club property. The established safety requirements are:
 - a. **Communications.** Always have a means to communicate with someone (i.e., cell phone).
 - b. **Minors.** No one under the age of 18 can hunt on the property without a parent or guardian sitting in the stand with them. The parent or guardian must be a Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC member or covered under a member's membership (i.e. spouse or adult child). All minors must provide proof that they have successfully completed the SCDNR Hunter Safety Course. They also must have successfully completed the Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC Young Hunter's Quiz.
 - c. **Blaze Orange.** During deer Primitive Weapon and Rifle Season, **EVERYONE** must wear blaze orange (hunter's orange) any time they are entering or exiting stands or on the grounds of Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC properties.
 - d. **Flashlight.** Everyone must use a flashlight during the hours of darkness when entering or exiting the property or on the grounds of Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC properties during the hours of darkness.
 - 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 statement prior to participating in *any activity* on Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC property.
2. **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.
3. **Entering hunting areas, Signing in/out, Draw days.**
 - a. **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 10:00 AM. 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 10:00 AM and until after legal shooting time in the evenings unless you have a medical emergency or need to retrieve a harvest.
 - b. Accountability is paramount. Make certain you sign in and out appropriately for **ALL** scouting and hunting activities!
 - c. There will be a draw at the clubhouse every opening day of Turkey Season, Deer Bow Season, Deer Muzzleloader Season, and Deer Rifle Season, and every Saturday of that particular season. The draw is held at 5:30am 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 rule "3a" above concerning entering and exiting the properties.
 - d. On Saturdays, all stands are signed in and out 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 sign in book in the comments section or “NCB ALL DAY” if you plan on hunting the same stand all day. 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. **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, denoted on the map in the map room and at the sign in/out board at the tract. 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. Sign in with **COMPLETE** information; Date, Name, Tag#, Tract#, Stand#, Time In, Time Out, and Comments.

4. **Accessing the property.**

- a. **ATV/UTV 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. **ATV/UTV travel is allowed on certain designated 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 trail. With the exceptions of retrieving a harvest or a medical emergency, travel beyond the end of a designated trail is by foot only.
- c. Foot travel for scouting after Labor Day is available between 11:00am and 4:00pm on Sundays only provided no one is hunting the area you intend to scout. Members must sign in and back out to scout a hunting area.
- d. Accessing the property to put out bait may only be done between the hours of 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM everyday during deer season provided no one is hunting in the area and you sign in and out properly at the tract. The only exception to this would be Saturday's when you must sign in and out at the club house. The use of an ATV or other vehicle is allowed for the transport of bait as long as the vehicle travel is limited to the closest point where the bait will be put out. To limit tract disruption by vehicle travel, only 2 stands are permitted to be baited at a time.
- e. 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.

5. **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.
- b. Please fill in all information requested on the harvest board.

6. **Stands.**

- a. Every member is required to provide a club approved stand. A club approved stand shall be at least 4'x5' with a roof, sides, and should have 2 chairs. Optionally, a first year member may rent a stand for the first year only. The member will be required to install a club stand in their second year.
- b. All club stands are required to be in place by September 1st and it is the responsibility of the stand owner to confirm the stand is safe and ready to be hunted and that shooting lanes are trimmed and cleared by September 1st.
- c. 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.
- d. If the member opts to rent a club stand instead of installing one, the fee for this is \$100 and as stated in 6a above, this option is only available for the first year of membership. That member is responsible for maintaining the rented stand and responsible for ensuring the shooting lanes are ready to hunt just as if they had installed the stand themselves. **Again, club stand rentals are for first year members only!**
- e. Respect the stands. Do not modify someone else's stand (e.g. cutting or removing wrapping). Whatever you take into a stand, take it out with you. **Always leave a stand as good or better than you found it.** 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 no less than \$50. Littering our properties can cause us to lose the lease.

- f. IPS (Independent Personal Stands) – **Once a member has installed their club stand**, they may request to install an IPS stand for a fee of \$150 per year. **This is an annual fee, not a one-time 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 and hunted 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. They must also be paid for PRIOR to installation and be installed by June 1st.**
- g. While climbers, lock-ons, and portable ladder stands are allowed; due to the portability, the tract coordinator must approve the placement of these. ***This is a safety issue!***
- h. A list of stand owners (club and IP) will be in the main map room at the club house with phone numbers.

7. Game Cameras.

- a. Game cameras are permitted on any of our properties and are the sole responsibility of the owner.
- b. The club requires that every camera be labeled with at least the owner's name and phone number.
- c. The club expects all members to respect other member's game cameras. So don't touch them!

8. Shooting Range.

- a. The shooting range is located on Radio Lane (tract 1), just inside the first gate on the right past the sign-in board.
- 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 12:00pm and 3:00pm 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.

9. Membership 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. (Example: If a member joins in June, that member's membership expires the following January 1st). All memberships cover the member, spouse, and children under 23 living with the member and in school full time.
- 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.** Additionally, **all dues must be paid in full before a member is allowed to hunt or scout on any of the properties.**
- c. The membership fees for 2022 are:
 - i. Basic Membership - \$750 if paid before March 1st and \$825 if paid after March 1st
 - ii. Standard Membership - \$950 if paid before March 1st and \$1025 if paid after March 1st
 - iii. Sportsman's Membership - \$1200 paid anytime

10. Membership requirements

- a. Basic, Standard, & Sportsmans memberships
 - i. All members (including Sportsmans) must provide and maintain a club approved stand; 4'x5' with a roof, sides, and 2 chairs.
 - ii. All members must provide feed and seed or pay a \$50 fee (see section 14 for details).
 - iii. All members must make mandatory work days as follows and 1 workday must be a fall planting day.
 - 1. Basic - 6 work days
 - 2. Standard - 4 work days



3. Sportsmans - 0 work days

- iv. All members must attend 1 of the 2 club meetings (dates will be announced as soon as they are determined)
- b. Sportsmans members
 - i. No feed and seed required.
 - ii. Must attend 1 of the 2 club meetings (dates will be announced as soon as they are determined)

11. **Membership Dues Refund.**

- a. Dues are generally non-refundable and subject to the availability of funds in the club's treasury.
- b. Exceptions:
 - i. Incapacitating illness of the member or member's immediate family.
 - ii. Job transfer.
 - iii. Military deployment.
 - iv. 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. Money for seed/fertilizer, and other assessments are not refundable.
- d. Optionally, paid dues can be credited towards the next year's membership.

12. **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 and after November 1st during deer season.
- c. Each member is allowed 1 guest per hunt at \$10 per hunt or \$20 for all day.
- d. A hunt is defined as a morning hunt *or* an afternoon hunt. Hunting all day is 2 hunts.
- e. Visitors must sign a Release of Liability Statement prior to hunting and these are good for the entire year. The release forms are available in the map room and should be left in the designated box/envelope in the map room.
- f. Both the visitor and the sponsoring member must hunt the same tract of land.
- g. Visitors must be present at the draw if hunting on Saturday and sign in and back out, like all other members.
- h. The sponsoring member is responsible for the visitor and must ensure the visitor signs the Release of Liability Statement prior to hunting and it is left in the designated box/envelope in the map room and ensure that the visitor is aware of the Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC rules.
- i. You can purchase a Visitor's Package for \$150 per year. With this package you can bring 1 visitor 5 times throughout the year, but as many visitors as you would like. However, you can still only have 1 visitor per hunt.
- j. If you do not purchase a visitors package, you can bring the same visitor a total of 3 times per year.
- k. You can also purchase individual visitor passes. These passes are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Each pass is good for 1 hunt (morning or afternoon) and the same visitor can still only come a total of 3 times per year. These passes are available only from our secretary/treasurer.
- l. Used passes must be put in the ammo box in the club house.
- m. ***Visitor's packages must be purchased no later than the last Club Meeting before deer season.***
- n. Visitors who are hunting under a member's Visitors Package can stay overnight in the clubhouse for free. Visitors not hunting under a Visitors Package must pay \$10 a night to stay in the clubhouse.

13. **Workdays.**

- a. There are 2 workdays per month starting in January and these are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month unless otherwise notified.
- b. **Everyone needs to sign in to get credit for the workday.**
- c. Workdays begin by meeting at 7:15am at the clubhouse for assignments. The morning session will go until about 11:00-11:30 and then we will break for lunch. The afternoon session will run until about 4:00-4:30, 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 or members who cannot make the scheduled workdays, special projects are available to make up workdays.
- e. Everyone is expected to bring his or her own tools.
- f. There is a \$50 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 unless you have met your workday requirements.
- h. Workdays are for club projects – not individual projects such as:
 - i. Working on club or IP stands.
 - ii. Scouting.

14. Non-rejoining members.

- a. Any member not rejoining Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC should notify anyone on the club's leadership team 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 should only take place after the January youth day hunt and before 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.

15. Family members wishing to hunt alone.

- a. **Must be 18 years of age or older.**
- b. Must have a valid SC hunting license.
- c. **Minors are never allowed to hunt a stand alone.**

16. Food Plots.

- a. Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC makes every attempt to attract and keep wildlife on its properties.
- b. Each member is required to provide one 40lb bag of fall food plot seed, one 40lb bag of fertilizer, and two 40 lb bags of pelletized lime. NO ryegrass or millet.
- c. Members can avoid providing food plot seed, fertilizer, and lime by paying a fee of \$50; we will pick it up for you locally when we get the seed, fertilizer, and lime for planting days.

17. Rabbit and Coon Hunting. Rabbit and coon hunting is conducted on certain tracts of land only.

- a. Rabbit and coon hunters must contact the rabbit hunting coordinator to reserve a tract to hunt.
- b. Rabbit and coon hunters are limited to 5 guns per hunt.

18. Clubhouse

- a. You must sign in and out of the 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 located at the main door. 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 \$100. This covers your immediate family.
- e. **No electric heaters are allowed in the clubhouse.**
- f. We **DO NOT** have a maid service, so **CLEANUP YOUR MESS.**
- g. Empty the refrigerator of any items you brought with you when you leave the clubhouse.
- h. If you find anything that is expired/spoiled, please throw it out too.
- i. 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.

19. Camping/Campers.

- a. For camping at the club house, you must sign in and out of the in/out book in the clubhouse.
- b. Camper parking is available at the clubhouse.
- c. There is an initial \$100 hook up fee for new campers.
- d. Camper parking is \$250 for deer season (Sept - Dec) and then \$25 per month after deer season, or you have the option to pay for the parking/storage of a camper for the entire year in advance and get \$100 off (\$350 annually).



- e. Camping Fees:
 - i. Overnight stay fee is \$10. This is a per person fee.
 - ii. Unlimited camping fee is \$100 a year. This covers the immediate family.
- f. 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.
- 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.**

20. Club Meetings.

- a. Two club meetings will be held during the year. The first will take place some time in April and the second sometime in August. All club members are required to attend at least 1 of these meetings.
- b. These meetings include lunch after the morning work session and are used to review the club rules.

21. Rules Violations.

- a. 1st offense - verbal warning
- b. 2nd offense - \$100 fine and loss of hunting privileges for 2 weeks
- c. 3rd offense - permanent dismissal from club
- d. All Safety violations are subject to review by the club's leadership and 2nd offenses of safety violations will result in immediate dismissal from the club.

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 most immediate concern.

2022 Club Leadership Team:

- President, Coordinator tracts 1, 2 & 9 - **Phil Hurt** - (864) 980-0617
- Vice President, Tractor operator, Coordinator tracts 2, 3, 6, & 9 - **Rob Edmondson** - (803) 509-2477
- Secretary/Treasurer - **Jeff LaCount** - (803) 608-1770
- Web Site Administrator, Communications, Coordinator tracts 5 & 10 – **Curtis Gibson** – (803) 600-4741
- Hospitality Coordinator, Coordinator tracts 4 & 7 - **John Sightler** – (803) 318-5931
- Stand/sign coordinator - **Donnie Hipp** - (864) 993-1476
- Tractor operator - **Joey Werts** - (803) 944-5971
- Rabbit hunter coordinator - **Jason Rinehart** (803) 334-1964
- Club house & club house grounds custodian – **Jim Merchant** (864) 377-4317



Amendments:

The below amendments were discussed and approved by the Rack & Spur Hunt Club's board on September 14th 2022 and are effective as of September 15th, 2022.

1. Section 1b is amended as follows: **Minors.** No one under the age of 16 can hunt on the property without a parent or guardian sitting in the stand with them. The parent or guardian must be a Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC member or covered under a member's membership (i.e. spouse or adult child). All minors must provide proof that they have successfully completed the SCDNR Hunter Safety Course. They also must have successfully completed the Rack & Spur Hunt Club, LLC Young Hunter's Quiz.
2. Section 15a is amended as follows: **Must be 16 years of age or older.**