

Alpine Hunting and Fishing Club

RULES AND REGULATIONS

July 24, 2017

ARTICLE I – PURPOSES

- 1.1 The purpose of these rules and regulations are to provide the membership with a safe and enjoyable experience when on the grounds of the AHFC.
- 1.2 As a requirement of membership all members must know the rules and sign an agreement letter to abide by all rules.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Membership to the AHFC is an individual membership, rights and privileges are those of the individual, at no time can the member give the access card to a non- member guest or family member. Family members and Guests are always welcome but member must be present. Alpine Member ID must be worn when engaging in any activity.

ARTICLE III – SIGN IN REQUIREMENTS

3.1 All members when on the grounds must stop at the tack room and sign in the log book their location of use, time and cell number. Members must also sign out when departing. Examples: Pistol Range, Lake, Trap Shoot, Forest 1 etc.

ARTICLE IV – SAFETY

4.1 Blaze Orange must be worn during all hunting activities and walking property during all hunting seasons. The amount of orange will be consistent with the Pennsylvania Game Commission base requirement, i.e. 250 sq. inches on head back and chest combined with 360 degree coverage.

ARTICLE V – LAKE POLICY

- 5.1 No Swimming in lake is allowed at any time.
- 5.2 No watercraft of any kind including remote control vehicles.

ARTICLE VI – FISHING

- 6.1 Minors (age 15 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times
- 6.2 All minor organized fishing events required one adult supervisor for every four minors.

6.3 Absolutely no harvesting of large- mouth Bass

6.4 Catch and release all fish EXCEPT in July & August (exception for small children fishing for bluegill) 2 trout per day limit during July & August

6.5 If a fish is hooked too deep – you must cut line and let hook dissolve.

6.6 Pennsylvania Fish & Game License and Rules apply

6.7 Alpine Member ID must be worn while fishing at all times

6.8 Trash & discarded fishing tackle must be discarded appropriately

6.9 ALWAYS check Tack Room for current advisories

6.10 From April 1st until September 1st, fishermen have priority over rifle range users.

ARTICLE VII – SHOOTING

7.1 Pistol Range - only pistols may be used in the pistol range area behind the bird pen.

7.2 Archery Range No firearms of any kind are ever to be used at archery targets.

7.3 Trap shoot area – Shotguns only

a.) Must be trained on automatic thrower before use.

7.4 Rifle Range – all calibers no fully automatic weapons.

7.5 You MUST ADHERE to NRA slow fire safety rules as follows:

a.) Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction

b.) Always keep your finger off the trigger with safety on until ready to shoot

c.) Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot

d.) Know your target and what is beyond

e.) Know how to use the gun safely before handling – learn how it operates!

f.) Be sure the gun is safe to operate

g.) Use only the correct ammunition for your gun

h.) Wear proper eye and ear protection

i.) Never use alcohol or over the counter prescription or other drugs before or while shooting

7.6 From September 1st until April 1st, rifle range users have priority over fishermen.

ARTICLE VIII – HUNTING

8.1 Contact Hunt Management Team to coordinate your organized hunt.

8.1 a. Organized hunts - Always follow the Hunt Masters directions – they control the hunt

8.2 Rules generally conform to the Pennsylvania Game Commission Regulations, which you would have received with you license. Please read them and keep with your gear at all times for reference

8.3 Member MUST have a current valid Pennsylvania Hunting License for small game and large game hunting. Members MUST have the appropriate migratory bird/waterfowl in accordance with Game Commission and Federal requirements.

8.4 Hunters are required to use the Log Book and Location Grid found in the tack room

8.5 Always ensure adequate clearance for your shot from all hunters, dogs and structures in and around your party. **DO NOT SHOOT BIRDS ON THE GROUND!**

8.6 Be aware of other hunting parties in your area including deer, archery, turkey or rabbit hunters and dogs as appropriate

8.7 Respect the land, game and other hunters Police all areas, remove all trash

8.8 All members who intend to hunt for preserve birds, small game or large game must attend the Club's Hunter Orientation Program each hunting year.

8.9 Members who bring guests are responsible for securing a signed Waiver form for each guest. Forms are available in the tack room. A new Waiver form is required in each new hunting year.

8.10 During an organized hunt or individual hunt, small game and large game is NOT in season, and shall not be pursued.

ARTICLE IX – CAMPING

9.1 Overnight Camping allowed in designated areas with OSC permit only.

ARTICLE X – DOG POLICY

10.1 Only club members are permitted to bring dogs on club grounds (no guest dogs). Guests' dogs are permitted during organized hunts and individual hunts.

10.2 Dog Handlers MUST leash dogs around club house and lake area during organized functions

10.3 No dogs are permitted around Club House on Wednesday or Friday dinners

10.4 All dog owners using club grounds must have shot records available if requested

10.5 All dogs in proximity of club building and lake must be kept on lead or e-collar

10.6 Dogs must be under control of individual exercising or training the dog.

10.7 Only dogs with a valid county license will be permitted on club grounds

10.8 Please use a pooper scooper to recover organic fertilizer in proximity to the building

10.9 Copies of dog papers can be provided to the Club for onsite record keeping

ARTICLE XI – ATV OFF ROAD VEHICLES

11.1 Absolutely no recreational use of ATV'S or any off-road vehicles.

11.2 ATVs, Quads and similar off-road vehicles may only be used as part of officially recognized and permitted events and activities under the control of the Outdoor Sports Committee (OSC) including: Organized Hunts under the direction of the Hunt Manager; bird planting and releases by the Alpine Club; bird plantings and releases by private members involved in legitimate dog training and/or hunting activities; cultivation of the fields; planting and removal of trees and shrubs; maintaining pathways or access roads.

11.3 ATV's may be used during private or club-sponsored hunts conducted by senior members or disabled hunters. OSC permit is required.

ARTICLE XII– OUTDOOR KITCHEN AND BEAVER PICNIC LODGE

12.1 Reservations required to use the outdoor kitchen and Beaver.

12.2 Small Fee will be charged to cover propane usage.

ARTICLE XIII - DRIVING ON GRASS

13.1 Handicap only: Must have Pennsylvania Handicap Placard and Permit from OSC. Handicapped Hunter, Fishermen and rifle range users may access fields and lake along perimeter by vehicle.

13.2 Driving is not permitted in the fields but must be limited to the perimeter access points. Driving to the Lake/Rifle Range is to be via the designated route (see map in Tack Room).

ARTICLE XIV – CAMP FIRES

14.1 Camp Fires permitted in designated areas only. Contact OSC for camp fire permit.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS

15.1 These rules may be amended from time to time by the OSC. When in doubt, ask an OSC member.

**ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN
MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION**