

NORTH INDUSTRY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB MEMBER RULEBOOK

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1. GENERAL CLUB RULES

- a. **All current and valid club rules are contained within this rulebook. If it is not in this rulebook, it is not a rule. This rulebook shall supersede all previous rulebooks and renders them null and void.**
- b. Any violation of the laws of the state of Ohio which occurs on club grounds is considered a violation of the club rules as well.
- c. Members are required to treat each other with civility and respect. Should another member be seen violating a rule, they should be notified in a polite manner. Voices should only be raised if there is a safety concern.
- d. Members found to be violating the club rules should be reported to the NISC board of directors for review and possible discipline.
- e. Any questions or concerns regarding rules should be brought to the NISC board of directors for clarification, amendment, or addition.
- f. No signs may be hung on club grounds without the prior approval of the NISC board of directors.
- g. No structures of any type may be constructed on club grounds without the prior approval of the NISC board of directors.
- h. Membership dues must be paid by December 31st. The club has a zero-tolerance policy on this matter. Anyone attempting to pay their dues on or after January 1st will be required to join as a new member and pay the associated initiation fees.
- i. As per the CLUB bylaws, all members are required to accrue a minimum of 10 work hours on a club project of their choice except members aged 72 and older who have been members for at least 10 consecutive years. Lists of projects are posted around the club or a member can ask any club director. A schedule of work parties is also listed on the club's annual calendar. Work hours should be recorded in the binder on the outside of the still target building. Members should keep their own logbook of hours in the event of a discrepancy.
- j. Work hours must be completed prior to paying the next year's dues. Work hours shall reset to zero on December 31st, EXCEPT once a member has logged 10 hours, any additional hours logged after October 1st will be counted towards the following year. **EXAMPLES:** Bob has 80 work hours on October 1st and works an additional 30 hours in November. Bob's 30 hours will be counted for the following year. Frank has not worked any hours as of October 1st and works 10 hours in November. Frank's hours will count toward this year but not next year. Bill has 5 work hours as of October 1st and then logs 15 more hours in December. 10 of Bill's hours will count toward this year and 10 towards next year.
- k. Guidelines for the front gate are as follows:
 - i. Club members may not give the gate code to any non-members without the prior approval of the board of directors. This may be grounds for dismissal from the club.
 - ii. The gate may be left open when you are on club grounds.
 - iii. The last one leaving the club grounds should close and lock the gate.
- l. **The use of the club grounds, lakes, campgrounds, and ranges is limited to club members, their spouses, minor children and minor grandchildren. Guests can be brought onto the property only to be shown around but cannot use any of the club's facilities.**
- m. Club members are required to sign in and out of the logbook when on NISC grounds except for club meetings, club events, work parties and when hunting (hunters sign a separate sheet).
- n. Dogs shall be permitted inside all club buildings and at all club events. Dogs are required to be leashed when inside club buildings and under control at all club events. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs (except in fields and woods).
- o. ATV's, UTV's and other vehicles on club grounds are only to be used in conjunction with club functions, work parties, work projects, game stocking, etc. Recreational use on club grounds is prohibited.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES RULES

2. RENTALS

- a. The voluntary assessment is \$50 per day for members to reserve the clubhouse for private use, provided there are no club functions taking place. Reservations can be made with any board member.
- b. Members renting the clubhouse are responsible for all clean up including the kitchen, hall, restroom, parking lot, etc.
- c. Members renting the clubhouse should bring all their own supplies (including cleaning supplies). The use of the club's supplies is forbidden.
- d. Members renting the clubhouse are responsible for their guests and any damages caused to any club or personal property.

3. CAMPGROUNDS

- a. Camping season dates are to be set by the NISC board of directors. The season typically runs from the day after the Kids' Fishing Derby (mid-May) until mid-October.
- b. Seasonal camping voluntary assessment is \$300 per season and is to be paid prior to any campers being moved onto club grounds.
- c. Overnight (transient) camping voluntary assessment is \$5 per night and is to be paid in advance.
- d. Those wanting to camp must sign a liability waiver prior to any campers being moved onto club grounds.
- e. The camping committee chair is required to:
 - i. Assign all campsites (by reservation only).
 - ii. Collect all camping fees.
 - iii. Collect all liability waivers.
 - iv. Enforce all camping rules.
 - v. Report all infractions to the NISC board of directors.
 - vi. Ensure that the campground is maintained, including mowing, trimming, trash removal and bathroom facilities. Campers are expected to share in those tasks.
- f. Music is to be kept low. Quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM.
- g. Air conditioner use is not permitted unless powered by a personal generator. Generator use must not disturb other campers. Discretion of generator use and hours of operation is up to the camping committee chair.
- h. Refrigerators are limited to small built-in units inside of campers.
- i. The building of a single deck is permitted at each campsite under the following conditions:
 - i. Overall deck dimensions must not exceed 8' x 12'.
 - ii. Decking must not exceed 12" above grade.
 - iii. Only pressure treated or other weather resistant materials may be used.
 - iv. No railings, awnings, roofs, or overhead structures of any type may be built. All awnings should be of the retractable type and must be attached to your camper only.
 - v. All deck plans must be individually approved by the NISC board of directors.
 - vi. Existing decks and structures will be allowed to remain until the current site holder leaves or moves to a new site, at which point non-compliant decks or structures must be removed. Replacement decks must then meet the above guidelines.
- j. End of season cleanup:
 - i. The only thing permitted to be left at the end of each camping season is your deck.
 - ii. All grills, steps, mowers, etc. are to be removed when you remove your camper.
 - iii. No personal property of any kind is to be stored in the shower house or any other club building.

4. RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES

- a. Rifle and pistol range use is for NISC members, spouses, minor children, and minor grandchildren only (**NO GUESTS**). All other groups and organizations must be approved in advance by the NISC board of directors.
- b. Range Times:
 - i. Ranges are open daily from dawn to dusk except Sundays (closed until 1:00 PM).
 - ii. Ranges are closed during pheasant hunting season, except after 1:00 PM on Sundays.

- iii. Ranges are closed during spring turkey hunting seasons, except after 1:00 PM all week.
- iv. The pistol range is closed every Tuesday evening (trap range in use) and anytime there is an event at the clubhouse. Members are required to drive up the hill and check the clubhouse before using the pistol range.
- v. All ranges will be closed during work parties, sporting clays shoots, scouting events, etc. as listed on the club annual calendar.
- c. No alcohol is permitted before or during range use.
- d. No loaded guns when anyone is down range. Keep all actions open and clear.
- e. If using the 200-yard range, extend the chain and "RANGE IN USE" sign across driveway that crosses the range. Store chain and sign when finished.
- f. Wear eye and ear protection.
- g. No vehicles on ranges. Do not drive on the grass. This applies to the rifle ranges, pistol range and trap range. Exceptions are only to be made for board authorized maintenance and repairs.
- h. Targets:
 - i. Paper targets are recommended.
 - ii. No glass, ceramic, or breakable plastic targets.
 - iii. No Tannerite, incendiary or explosive targets. Once Tannerite is mixed it is illegal in Ohio and a firearm related felony if convicted.
 - iv. Steel targets are allowed at the 100- and 200-yard rifle ranges only for anything more powerful than .22 long rifle (steel may be used at closer ranges for .22 LR – you are responsible for safe operation). Steel targets must be placed as close to backstops as possible. You are responsible for all ricochets.
 - v. Bowling pins and clay pigeons may be used as targets so long as they are placed on the ground, centered on the backstop and as close to the backstop as possible.
 - vi. Do not shoot the target frames (posts and cross beams). Shooting of target frames will be considered intentional damage to club property and may be grounds for dismissal from the club.
- i. Clean up all targets, spent casings, boxes, etc. before leaving.
- j. No incendiary (tracer), armor piercing or steel core ammunition.
- k. No fully automatic weapons or any devices that mimic fully automatic fire.

5. ARCHERY RANGES

- a. Field points only on archery range targets. Broadheads may only be used on targets specifically labeled for their use. Expandable points may not be used on any targets.
- b. Keep all arrows on designated targets. No stump shooting.
- c. No alcohol is permitted before or during range use.
- d. Crossbow bolts must not be loaded until standing in shooting station. Do not walk with loaded crossbows.
- e. Range Times:
 - i. Ranges are closed during pheasant hunting season, except on Sundays.
 - ii. Ranges are closed during spring turkey hunting seasons, except after 1:00 PM Monday through Saturday and all-day Sunday.
- f. No archery hunting of any kind is permitted on club grounds except for turkey hunting as outlined in the Turkey Hunting section of this rulebook.

6. HUNTING

- a. General
 - i. All hunting and trapping regulations as set by the ODNR Division of Wildlife must be followed while hunting on club grounds.
 - ii. Hunting days are Monday through Saturday. No hunting of any kind is allowed on Sundays.
 - iii. All members must possess a valid Ohio hunting license to hunt club grounds. Deer or turkey hunters are required to have a valid tag.
 - iv. Hunting for groundhogs or squirrels is prohibited on club grounds.
 - v. Trapping may only be done with permission from the NISC board of directors.
 - vi. Coyote hunting may only be done with permission from the NISC board of directors.

- vii. To hunt either pheasant, turkey or deer on club grounds, a member must have a minimum of 20 work hours accrued for that year unless the member is age 72 or old and has been a club member for at least 10 consecutive years.
 - viii. Junior members (hunting members under 18 years of age):
 - 1. Do not need to accrue work hours.
 - 2. Shall not be allowed to hunt club grounds without an adult member (aged 21 years or over) who has a minimum of 20 work hours accrued.
 - 3. Must have passed a hunter safety course and have a valid license/tag.
 - ix. No member shall clean or dress game on club grounds except as outlined in the deer hunting rules.
 - x. Club members are not to hunt on the surrounding private properties without permission. If a wounded bird goes down on private property, the member shall leave their gun behind while retrieving the bird.
 - xi. A member hunting the surrounding private properties with permission may not hunt on club grounds (sign out before hunting other properties if you have permission to do so).
- b. Pheasant Hunting:
- i. The voluntary assessment is \$100 per year for members wanting to hunt pheasants. Junior members wanting to hunt will not be assessed a bird fee if a parent or guardian has already paid a bird fee.
 - ii. Morning hunt hours are from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. Afternoon hunt hours are from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
 - iii. A member with 20-99 work hours accrued may hunt a maximum of twice per week. A member with 100 or more work hours accrued may hunt a maximum of three times a week.
 - iv. Hunting twice in one day is the same as hunting twice in one week, so long as the maximum of two pheasants per day is still enforced.
 - v. A drawing will be held at the conclusion of the October general meeting to enable qualified members to reserve one pheasant hunting date, the rules for which are:
 - 1. There will be three categories in the drawing. The first drawing is for members with 100 work hours or more. The second drawing is for members with 20-99 hours.
 - 2. The drawing will be by names drawn from a hat. The first name drawn will get their pick of day and time (morning or afternoon), followed by the second name, etc. until all names are drawn.
 - 3. To participate in the drawing, a member must be present or must have given their requested date and time to either another member who is present or to the board of directors. No dates will be assigned to members not meeting these criteria.
 - 4. A maximum of four hunts may be reserved on any morning or afternoon. Each member with a reserved day may bring one guest, which in this context, shall mean another NISC member with 20 or more work hours accrued and bird fee paid.
 - 5. If a member cannot hunt on his reserved day, he may give that day to another member (who also has work hours accrued and bird fee paid) by doing so in writing.
 - vi. All hunters must sign in and out on the sheet in the still target building. Any member wanting to hunt who does not have a reserved day and is not a guest of a member with a reserved day may put their name on the wait list portion of the sign in sheet.
 - vii. Any member with a scheduled hunt that is more than 15 minutes late shall be replaced by the first person on the wait list.
 - viii. A maximum of 8 guns are allowed on club grounds at one time.
 - ix. During the duration of the pheasant season from Monday through Saturday, dogs are not permitted to be run on any club grounds unless they are being used for hunting. Sunday running of dogs on mowed lawn areas of the club and the small rifle range field is permitted.
 - x. Any member wanting to hunt after December 31st must be a paid member for the next year.
 - xi. Members are required to wear at least one article of hunter orange clothing while pheasant hunting.
 - xii. No hunting and no dogs within 50 feet of the pheasant pen.
 - xiii. Hunters are only permitted to park near the pavilion or still target building while pheasant hunting. Exceptions may be made, with the board's permission, for disabled hunters and special club events.
 - xiv. Pheasant Release Rules:

1. Only the bird committee shall release birds for Monday through Friday hunts. This includes all mid-week holidays (Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas, etc.). The head of the bird committee has the sole discretion of determining the number of birds to be released on any given weekday.
 2. Saturdays are the only days that regular club members may release birds. Guidelines for release of birds on Saturdays are as follows:
 - a. Morning hunt hours are from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. Afternoon hunt hours are from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. After the hunt time starts no birds are to be taken from the pen.
 - b. Anyone showing up to hunt after the hunt time has started may still do so (if the limit of 8 guns on the club is not exceeded) but may not get birds from the pen.
 - c. Only two birds per hunter present are to be released (not to exceed 16 birds total on any Saturday morning or 16 birds total on any Saturday afternoon).
 - d. The number of birds released must be recorded on the sign in sheet in the still target building.
 - e. Regardless of what time it is, no hunters are to enter the field until the members who are releasing birds have returned and had time to prepare for the hunt.
- c. Spring Turkey Hunting:
- i. The voluntary assessment is \$25 per year for members wanting to hunt turkeys. Junior members wanting to hunt will not be assessed a turkey donation if a parent or guardian has already paid a turkey donation.
 - ii. Turkey hunters must stop hunting at noon and be out of the field by 12:30 PM.
 - iii. A drawing will be held at the conclusion of the March general meeting to enable qualified members to reserve two turkey hunting dates, the rules for which are:
 1. Members must have completed 20 work hours over the previous year to participate in the drawing.
 2. The drawing will be by names drawn from a hat. The first name drawn will get their pick of day, followed by the second name, etc. until all names are drawn.
 3. To participate in the drawing, a member must be present or must have given their requested date and time to either another member who is present or to the board of directors. No dates will be assigned to members not meeting these criteria.
 4. A maximum of two hunts may be reserved on any morning.
 5. If a member cannot hunt on his reserved day, he may give that day to another member (who also has work hours accrued and donation paid) by doing so in writing.
 - iv. A maximum of 2 guns are allowed on club grounds at one time.
 - v. All hunters must sign in and out on the sheet in the still target building.
 - vi. Hunting will be on a first come first served basis for any days that have not been reserved.
 - vii. A hunter may be accompanied by an unarmed hunter provided they are a member.
- d. Deer Archery Hunting
- i. No club functions or other use of the club grounds will be restricted during deer season. All ranges, campgrounds, etc. shall remain open. Deer hunters are warned not to enter the area behind the rifle range. Members wanting to otherwise use club grounds for dog training, fishing, etc. or perform any club-related work shall be allowed to do so unimpeded during deer season.
 - ii. Deer firearm hunting is not allowed on club grounds but archery hunting during the week of deer gun season is allowed.
 - iii. The voluntary assessment is \$25 per year for members wanting to hunt deer. Junior members wanting to hunt will not be assessed a deer donation if a parent or guardian has already paid a deer donation.
 - iv. Deer hunting will only be permitted during the weeks specified by the club. No deer hunting during pheasant season.
 - v. The club will be divided into four zones (NE, SE, NW and SW) with a map of each zone posted. Each zone shall have only one hunter; a maximum of 4 bows are allowed on club grounds at one time.
 - vi. A drawing will be held at the conclusion of the September general meeting to enable qualified members to reserve one week, the rules for which are:
 1. Members must have completed 20 work hours over the previous year to participate in the drawing.

2. The hunter's reserve week will run from Monday through Saturday.
 3. The drawing will be by names drawn from a hat. The first name drawn will get their pick of week and zone, followed by the second name, etc. until all names are drawn.
 4. To participate in the drawing, a member must be present or must have given their requested week and zone to either another member who is present or to the board of directors. No dates will be assigned to members not meeting these criteria.
 5. Additional drawing will be held to assign any unclaimed week/zone that was not claimed during the first drawing.
 6. A member cannot transfer any part of his reserved week to any other member. A member who chooses to trade or give their full week to another member must register the change with the head of the deer committee.
- vii. Deer hunters are permitted to park anywhere within their zone that they choose, but must stay on established roads or trails. ATV's or UTV's are not permitted.
 - viii. Each hunter may harvest only one deer per season from the club grounds.
 - ix. If a wounded deer runs off the club grounds, it is the responsibility of the individual hunter to receive the landowner's permission prior to retrieving his or her deer.
 - x. All hunters must sign in and out on the sheet in the still target building.
 - xi. A hunter may be accompanied by an unarmed hunter provided they are a member.
 - xii. Hunters will be permitted to field dress their deer on club grounds.
 - xiii. Stands/blinds:
 1. A hunter may not construct, place, or use a permanent type of tree stand/blind, or place spikes, nails, wires, or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on club grounds.
 2. Any stand/blind on club ground may be installed the Sunday before the hunter's reserve week.
 3. Any stand/blind on club grounds must be removed by the end of Sunday after the hunter's reserve week.
 4. Any hunter using an elevated stand must wear a safety harness.
 - xiv. Baiting of deer is legal on private land in Ohio and will be allowed on club grounds. The club will not participate in the purchase or distribution of bait. Feed plots may be planted. The location, size and type must be approved by the field committee.

7. FISHING

- a. General
 - i. All fishing regulations as set by the ODNR Division of Wildlife must be followed while hunting on club grounds.
 - ii. A member must have a minimum of 10 work hours accrued for that year before he or his family members may fish on NISC grounds.
 - iii. Building fires along the shore is not permitted.
 - iv. Use of boats is not permitted.
 - v. No cleaning of fish on club grounds.
 - vi. No minnows for use as bait on club grounds.
 - vii. No members may stock fish without the approval of the board of directors.
- b. Size and Daily Limits shall be as follows:
 - i. Bass = 15" minimum, 1 per day per person
 - ii. Bluegill and Sunfish = no size limit, 5 per day per person
 - iii. Catfish = 12" minimum, 1 per day per person
 - iv. Perch = no size limit, 3 per day per person
 - v. Grass Carp = catch and release only, handle with care

8. SCOUTING RULES

- a. Prior to using NISC grounds, the scout troop MUST have a certificate of insurance (COI) sent from the Buckeye Council to the NISC board of directors. This is required every time a troop uses NISC grounds (not just once per season). The COI must list the troop and dates at NISC.
- b. Prior to using NISC grounds, the scout troop leader MUST sign the NISC Scouting Compliance Affidavit and return it to the NISC board of directors. This too must be done every time the troop uses NISC grounds.
- c. The use of NISC grounds by any troop is at the discretion of the NISC board of directors. Individual troops must display good conduct and show respect for all NISC grounds, property, and members if they wish to use NISC grounds in the future.
- d. Consumption of alcohol by anyone affiliated with the scouts is strictly prohibited.
- e. Camping may only be done in the designated Scout Camp in the north central part of the NISC property.
- f. Reservations for the use of the Scout Camp must be made at least two months in advance. Reservations can only be made AFTER the NISC board of directors has published its annual calendar of events (February). Scout use of any part of the NISC grounds must not be done on the same day as any other scheduled club event. The NISC board of directors shall have the final word in determining any dates regarding NISC grounds.
- g. Scouts are not permitted to be on NISC grounds during pheasant hunting season or the spring turkey hunting season (dates determined by the ODNR Division of Wildlife).
- h. No swimming or boating on NISC lakes, ponds, or streams.
- i. Fishing is permitted by catch and release only.
- j. Firearms are forbidden. All gun ranges and the areas next to or behind the ranges are off limits. Use of firearms for the purpose of earning merit badges must be approved in advance by the NISC board of directors.
- k. No felling of any trees, alive or dead. Firewood may be harvested from downed trees or branches only. Any standing tree(s) that pose a safety hazard should be brought to the attention of the NISC board of directors immediately.
- l. Campfires are only permitted in the designated fire pit. Scouts must ensure that the area around the fire pit is free of combustible material before use. Scouts must possess the equipment and supplies to extinguish any fire that they start.
- m. Parking only in designated areas. No driving or parking in any fields.
- n. Any use of club utilities (electric) must be approved in advance by the NISC board of directors.
- o. All trash must be collected and taken to the dumpster next to the clubhouse (on top of the hill).
- p. Scouts must make every effort to leave the Scout Camp and the NISC grounds in better condition than they found it.