

# PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

## 2017 RULES & REGULATIONS

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# ARTICLE 1 - NAME

**SECTION I** The name of the hunt club shall be the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

# ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

**SECTION I** The purpose of this club is to provide a safe and organized place for the membership and guests of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. to engage in hunting activities and to enjoy the outdoors.

# ARTICLE 3 - MISSION STATEMENT

**SECTION I** The club will adopt a MISSION STATEMENT in which all club RULES & REGULATIONS will support. All members are strongly encouraged to support the MISSION STATEMENT and to use it as a guide to develop their own hunting ethics and attitudes toward the sport of hunting.

## PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC - MISSION STATEMENT

- Provide an affordable, safe and organized place to hunt for discriminating hunters who promote both Quality Deer and Turkey Management Practices.
- To actively seek out and acquire hunt leases on new properties in order to help ensure we have ample places to hunt in the future.
- To acquire a better understanding of wildlife management practices by attending appropriate seminars, reviewing literature and seeking information/advice from wildlife biologists.
- Achieve better quality game by enhancing/protecting the habitat by gating off roads, installing mineral licks, bush hogging, planting food plots and properly monitoring & managing game harvest.
- Encourage and promote quality hunting experiences for young hunters.
- Protect and enjoy our non-game species.
- Provide an environment/atmosphere which promotes camaraderie and encourages the sharing of helpful hunting/outdoor information.
- Be good stewards of our natural resources, demonstrate high ethical standards and obey all wildlife laws.
- Create good relationships with our hunt club neighbors, lessors, wildlife officers and community.
- Ensure the future of hunting by supporting appropriate hunting organizations/programs.

*M. Wayne Archie*

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President - PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB 3/1/2000

# **ARTICLE 4 - CLUB OFFICERS**

**SECTION I** The CLUB OFFICERS shall consist of a PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT and SECRETARY/TREASURER for a total of THREE CLUB OFFICERS. These CLUB OFFICERS of the Piedmont Hunt Club, Inc., a South Carolina Non-Profit Corporation also constitutes the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. They will serve as permanent members of the board as long as they remain officers of the club.

**SECTION II** The current PRESIDENT shall hold office for life unless he resigns or dies. Upon resigning, the original PRESIDENT may appoint a successor who will serve as PRESIDENT for life unless he resigns or dies. In the event, the reigning PRESIDENT dies; the position of PRESIDENT will be succeeded by the VICE-PRESIDENT. If the VICE-PRESIDENT cannot fulfill the office of PRESIDENT, it will be succeeded by the SECRETARY/TREASURER. The PRESIDENT will be responsible for making all major decisions regarding the operation of the club and will seek and consider input from BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS, WORK LEADERS and MEMBERS. In the event of conflict in resolution, the decision of the PRESIDENT will stand and shall be final. These decisions are varied but include acquiring property, large leases, major financial expenditures and decisions regarding disciplinary issues of the club. As founder of the club; leader and major decision maker and due to the extra time/effort put forth in organizing/managing the club, past and present; the current PRESIDENT shall possess a gratis lifetime GUEST MEMBERSHIP and all future campsite fees waived. The PRESIDENT is a BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER, will chair and serve on the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. BOARD.

**SECTION III** The VICE-PRESIDENT will be appointed by the PRESIDENT and will hold office indefinitely unless he resigns, dies, ceases to be a MEMBER, or does not perform his duties in a reliable, trustworthy and honest manner. At which time the PRESIDENT will appoint a new VICE-PRESIDENT. The VICE-PRESIDENT will be responsible for taking charge of club functions and activities in the absence of the PRESIDENT. In addition, the VICE-PRESIDENT will also take charge of club functions and activities as assigned by the PRESIDENT. The VICE-PRESIDENT will be responsible for input in making major decisions on the club. These decisions are varied but include acquiring property, large leases, major financial expenditures and decisions regarding disciplinary issues of the club. As a leader and major decision maker and due to the extra time/effort put forth in managing the club, the VICE-PRESIDENT shall possess a gratis GUEST MEMBERSHIP. This no cost membership will be in effect as long as the member holds this office. The VICE-PRESIDENT is a BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER and will serve on the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. BOARD.

**SECTION IV** The SECRETARY/TREASURER will be appointed by the PRESIDENT and will hold office indefinitely unless he resigns, dies, ceases to be a MEMBER, or does not perform his duties in a reliable, trustworthy and honest manner. At which time the PRESIDENT will appoint a new SECRETARY/TREASURER. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will also take charge of club functions and activities as assigned by the PRESIDENT. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will be responsible for input in making major decisions on the club. These decisions are varied but include acquiring property, large leases, major financial expenditures and decisions regarding disciplinary issues of the club. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will be the secondary contact with the LESSOR on all land leases. As a leader and major decision maker and due to the extra time/effort put forth in managing the club, the SECRETARY/TREASURER shall possess a gratis GUEST MEMBERSHIP. This no cost membership will be in effect as long as the member holds this office. The SECRETARY/TREASURER is a BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER and will serve on the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. BOARD.

**SECTION V** The CLUB OFFICERS shall hold meetings with the WORK LEADERS in order to receive their input on major club decisions and to define Work Leader projects. The PRESIDENT or his designee will schedule and preside over these meetings. The PRESIDENT and the other BOARD MEMBER/OFFICERS will use this input to make decisions for the betterment of the club.

## **ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION I** Membership shall consist of the CLUB OFFICERS, WORK LEADERS, ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS, MEMBERS and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. MEMBERS must be age 18 or older.

**SECTION II** MEMBERS upon invitation by the CLUB OFFICERS and receipt of DUES & LIABILITY RELEASE FORM will entitle individuals to become MEMBERS with all the rights and privileges of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

**SECTION III** ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Children who are age 17 or younger, spouse, mother and father shall be ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and will be covered by the MEMBER'S dues. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the MEMBERS unless prohibited by special contract or exclusion. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall not be permitted to have voice at club meetings. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS must be accompanied by a MEMBER while engaged in hunting or performing any other activities on the club. All ASSOCIATE MEMBERS will be required to hunt in the same hunt unit as the MEMBER and considerations/actions be taken to minimize impacts/conflicts with other MEMBERS who are hunting in adjacent hunt units. MEMBERS are fully responsible for any actions or problems brought about by their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

**SECTION IV** The ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP shall be increased or decreased as determined by the CLUB'S OFFICERS. The club's physical size consisting of the total number of huntable acres, the amount of the ANNUAL DUES in conjunction with the expenditures of the up-coming ANNUAL BUDGET will be the major factors in determining the number of MEMBERS for the upcoming year. The club strives to have an adequate ratio of MEMBERS to huntable acres so MEMBERS can safely hunt the club with minimal impacts and/or disturbances.

**SECTION V** Should a MEMBER decide to relinquish his membership, is dismissed or ceases to be a MEMBER in any way, he shall not be entitled to a refund of any portion of the dues paid for the current year or any previous years. Any improvements, donated equipment, material or items which were given to the club should not be removed, disturbed or altered in any way by the dismissed MEMBER.

**SECTION VI** Each NEW MEMBER is assigned a number when dues are received. This number represents your seniority ranking. Each year due to attrition, as MEMBERS leave the club, existing MEMBERS move up in the seniority ranking. This seniority ranking would be used to determine who would remain MEMBERS in the event we had to reduce the membership. This would only be deployed in extreme circumstances.

## **ARTICLE 6 - GUESTS**

**SECTION I** Upon approval of the CLUB OFFICERS, MEMBERS may either purchase a GUEST MEMBERSHIP or buy GUEST DAYS which will allow MEMBERS to bring GUESTS who are age 18 or older to hunt deer and turkey on the club. During deer and

turkey season, MEMBERS may bring as GUESTS (No cost and no limit): children who are age 17 or younger and full time students who are single whose age is 18 to 24.

**SECTION II** MEMBERS can purchase a GUEST MEMBERSHIP, which is twice the annual membership dues. This entitles MEMBERS to bring up to two GUESTS per day, anytime during deer and turkey season.

**SECTION III** MEMBERS can purchase GUEST DAYS as follows:

- 1) ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) purchases 2 GUEST DAYS.
- 2) TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) purchases 4 GUEST DAYS.
- 3) THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) purchases 6 GUEST DAYS.

This entitles MEMBERS to bring up to TWO GUESTS per day during deer & turkey season. Each attending GUEST will account for a used GUEST DAY, for example: Two GUESTS per day will account for two used GUEST DAYS.

**SECTION IV** MEMBERS must purchase GUEST MEMBERSHIPS and GUEST DAYS prior to SEPTEMBER 1. After this date, the cost of all GUEST MEMBERSHIPS and GUEST DAY purchases will be doubled. The maximum number of GUEST DAYS a MEMBER can possess is 6.

**SECTION V** MEMBERS can begin using their GUEST MEMBERSHIPS and GUEST DAYS beginning on the first day of turkey season and will terminate on the last day of deer season within the club's fiscal year. The use of GUEST MEMBERSHIPS and GUEST DAYS are required only during deer and turkey season.

**SECTION VI** MEMBERS are not allowed to hunt with more than TWO GUESTS and/or ASSOCIATE MEMBERS at any one time.

**SECTION VII** All GUESTS will be required to hunt in the same hunt unit as the MEMBER and that considerations/actions be taken to minimize impacts/conflicts with other MEMBERS who are hunting in adjacent hunt units.

**SECTION VIII** The MEMBER will be fully responsible for any actions/problems created by the GUESTS. The MEMBER must make sure all GUESTS are informed and abide by the CLUB'S RULES & REGULATIONS and that they fully understand the QUALITY DEER/TURKEY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

**SECTION IX** All GUESTS must be accompanied by a MEMBER while on the club.

**SECTION X** Annually WORK LEADERS will be given a gratis COMPLIMENTARY 6 GUEST DAYS, which is added to their MEMBERSHIP for the current Fiscal Year of the club. This no cost GUEST DAYS will be in effect as long as the member holds this office.

**SECTION XI** Annually ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS will be given a gratis COMPLIMENTARY 4 GUEST DAYS, which is added to their MEMBERSHIP for the current Fiscal Year of the club. This no cost GUEST DAYS will be in effect as long as the member holds this office.

# **ARTICLE 7 - VISITORS**

**SECTION I VISITORS will be allowed to accompany MEMBERS in and around the club property anytime with the exception of hunting season. At this time, controlled/restricted hunting activities will be permitted by MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS only, requiring the use of the club's SIGN IN & OUT procedures. MEMBERS will be fully responsible for any actions/problems created by their VISITORS.**

**SECTION II VISITORS will be allowed to accompany MEMBERS and participate on small game hunts and other activities when deer and turkey is not in.**

**SECTION III VISITORS will be allowed to accompany MEMBERS on duck hunts as appropriate during deer season.**

**SECTION IV VISITORS will be allowed to accompany MEMBERS and participate on club organized dove hunts.**

**SECTION V VISITORS will be allowed to accompany MEMBERS in and around the HUNT CAMP anytime.**

# **ARTICLE 8 - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**SECTION I Deadline for payment of annual MEMBERSHIP DUES for existing MEMBERS is MARCH 1. The ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES will be ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,450.00). If the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES are not paid by MARCH 1, the MEMBER ceases to be a MEMBER of the club. Existing MEMBERS who did not rejoin by the dead line of MARCH 1 and who are in good standing with the club may rejoin only if membership openings are available. By rejoining after the MARCH 1 dead line, they will lose their seniority ranking in the club and their name will be added at the end of the MEMBERSHIP LIST.**

**SECTION II Annually the MEMBERSHIP DUES can be increased or decreased as determined by the CLUB'S OFFICERS. The ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES are determined by several factors, some are: previous years dues, number of MEMBERS who can safely hunt the club with minimal impacts and/or disturbances, cost of the facilities/services provided by the club; but the most influential factor is monies needed to support the ANNUAL BUDGET. Operating costs especially land leases go up every year, therefore each year the costs associated with running the club are evaluated. The need to either increase the number of MEMBERS and/or increase the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES are determined. One of the major criteria for determining the number of MEMBERS is to provide at a minimum ONE HUNDRED (100) ACRES per MEMBER; this criteria along with determining the MEMBERSHIP VALUE as it applies to MEMBERS in regard to the facilities/services provided by the club. The CLUB'S OFFICERS labor hard on determining the number of MEMBERS and the annual MEMBERSHIP cost; the primary goal is to keep the MEMBERSHIP number low and operating costs down and continue to provide the MEMBERS with a quality hunt club.**

**SECTION III The majority of club funding each year is from the receipt of ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES which is derived from the number of MEMBERS; retention and/or recruitment of MEMBERS each year is unpredictable. The major club expense is LAND LEASES in which the price per acre typically increases annually and is also unpredictable. Due to these two unknown factors; it is very difficult to predict and**

plan on the amount of monies received to operate the club and to adequately know what will be the actual annual expenses. By mid summer the MEMBERSHIP number is known and most if not all of our LAND LEASES have been received. Therefore, on JUNE 1 the CLUB'S OFFICERS will review the MEMBERSHIP number and the ANNUAL BUDGET. If determined that the club is deficit of MEMBERS and/or the funds needed to operate the club, the deficit amount will be equally distributed to the MEMBERS for payment of an ADDITIONAL FEE. The ADDITIONAL FEE required of each MEMBER would be expected to be ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) and should not exceed TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00). If an ADDITIONAL FEE is needed, MEMBERS will be promptly notified and will be required to make payment by AUGUST 1. MEMBERS will not be allowed to hunt until all ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES, FEES and any MONIES owed the club are paid in full.

**SECTION IV** The club may sponsor a FUNDRAISING RAFFLE. This FUNDRAISING RAFFLE requires each MEMBER to participate. This FUNDRAISING RAFFLE will be structured so MEMBERS can sell all or portions of their tickets to recoup their raffle cost. MEMBERS will not be allowed to hunt until all money for the FUNDRAISING RAFFLE is paid in full.

**SECTION V** ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES, FEES and any MONIES owed the club to be paid in cash or check to the SECRETARY/TREASURER. For receipt purposes, it is preferred that all monies be paid by check payable to the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

**SECTION VI** NEW MEMBERS which were not MEMBERS the preceding year or MEMBERS who have been removed from the MEMBERSHIP LIST on MARCH 1 and are rejoining the same year, will be required to pay at a minimum ONE HALF of the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES up front with the balance paid within FOUR WEEKS.

**SECTION VII** A NEW MEMBERS MEMBERSHIP begins on the date dues are received after JANUARY 1 and runs through DECEMBER 31 of the same year.

**SECTION VIII** It is a firm policy of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. that all ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES, FEES and any MONIES owed the club are not to be refunded for any reason.

## **ARTICLE 9 - MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

**SECTION I** The MEMBERSHIP YEAR of the club shall begin on JANUARY 1 and ends on DECEMBER 31 of the same year.

## **ARTICLE 10 - FINANCIAL**

**SECTION I** The club has a Business Platinum Account with Wells Fargo Bank in the name of PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. The CLUB OFFICERS have access to the account. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will maintain the check register keeping it balanced with current bank statements. Upon request, MEMBERS can review the current club's financial statement at anytime.

**SECTION II** The SECRETARY/TREASURER to consult with the CLUB OFFICERS for any expenditure over FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) or any expenditure exceeding amounts estimated in the ANNUAL BUDGET.

**SECTION III** The SECRETARY/TREASURER will issue a MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT to the CLUB OFFICERS at the beginning of each month. This statement will indicate any and all revenues/expenses for the preceding month, totals to date and current membership status in regard to dues received.

## **ARTICLE 11 - ANNUAL BUDGET**

**SECTION I** Each fiscal year estimated expenses are evaluated based on the up-coming annual needs of the club. Based on input from The CLUB OFFICERS and WORK LEADERS and the previous year's expenditures, the SECRETARY/TREASURER will formulate the ANNUAL BUDGET. Any money to be spent exceeding the designated amounts in the ANNUAL BUDGET must be prior approved by the PRESIDENT. Expenses for the up-coming year will be appropriated for major areas requiring money, some are:

Leases

Food Plots/Bush Hog

Mineral Licks (Salt & minerals)

Posting (Printing of signs, boards, nails etc.)

Gates (Materials, repairs, paint, locks, keys etc.)

Stands (Materials, repairs, paint, wasp spray etc.)

Hunt Camps (Water, garbage disposal, portable toilets, repairs, roadways etc.)

Insurance

Magazine/Newspaper Ads

Promotional Shows

General/Operational Expenses (Incidentals - postage, printing, maps, booklets, brochures etc.)

**SECTION II** For operating reserves and emergencies the club strives to maintain a minimum balance of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00) in the bank at all times. Any excess above the ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00), the overage will be calculated into the ANNUAL BUDGET for the expenditures for the up-coming season.

**SECTION III** If revenues received are deficit for the ANNUAL BUDGET, priorities will be established for which major expenses are to be funded. Money appropriated for mortgage payments, taxes, hunt leases, insurance and food plots will take precedence over all other major expenses.

## **ARTICLE 12 - MEETINGS**

**SECTION I** CLUB MEETINGS will be held as necessary at a place and date as determined by the PRESIDENT. Notification of meetings may be either verbal or written and depending on the circumstances could result in short notice. However, general meetings will be scheduled with ample notification.

**SECTION II** LEADERSHIP MEETINGS will be held at the PIEDMONT HUNT CAMP on the FIRST SATURDAY in MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER and DECEMBER and other months as needed. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss the current Financial Statement, up-coming work tasks, club improvements, activities etc. These meetings allow interaction between the CLUB OFFICERS & WORK LEADERS to discuss issues/improvements and will keep the club on tract/schedule with our up-coming work tasks/plans.



# **ARTICLE 13 - WORK DAYS**

**SECTION I** For the club to be successful, it is necessary that work tasks get completed satisfactorily. Each year MEMBERS volunteer their time to make sure work tasks get completed according to plan and on schedule. Therefore, the club requests and strongly recommends that each MEMBER strive to participate in as many WORK DAYS as they can. The club fully understands that our long distance MEMBERS and/or MEMBERS with work constraints will not be able to participate. Because work efforts are so important to our club's success, we need as many MEMBERS as we can to schedule their time to help out on the club. The club thanks each MEMBER in advance whose personal schedules/commitments allow them to help the club through service on WORK DAYS. A plus in attending WORK DAYS, MEMBERS get better acquainted with each other and in some cases will build long lasting relationships. In addition, it also helps MEMBERS get more familiar with our club's organization, property and amenities.

**SECTION II** Several WORK DAYS will be scheduled throughout the year to accomplish a variety of club tasks. MEMBERS will be required to participate in at least THREE (3) WORK DAYS per year or pay fines for non-participation. TWO (2) WORK DAYS must be made with the MEMBERS assigned work team and ONE (1) WORK DAY and must be made on a CAMP WORK DAY. A sign-in sheet will be made available at each work day; it will be the MEMBERS responsibility to make sure the sign-in sheet is signed to have credit for participation.

**SECTION III** A ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR (\$100.00) FINE will be levied for each deficient WORK DAY a MEMBER does not work. All deficient work day FINE(S) which can total up to THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) must be paid before a MEMBER is allowed to hunt. Make-up days may be allowed as approved by the CLUB OFFICERS and/or appropriate WORK LEADER.

**SECTION IV** Because of their extra effort and duties, all CLUB OFFICERS, WORK LEADERS and ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS will be exempt from WORK DAY participation and any fines associated with same.

**SECTION V** For extreme hardships and/or long distances from the club, WORK DAY participation and associated fines may be waived for MEMBERS upon prior approval by the CLUB OFFICERS.

# **ARTICLE 14 - WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS**

**SECTION I** The PRESIDENT will appoint WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS to accomplish the many annual tasks on the club. WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS are selected based on their job capabilities, leadership qualities, interest and support of club goals & objectives, hunting ethics and integrity. The entire club is relying on the WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS to get their assigned tasks completed. The WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS must be a self-starter who is willing to take on the added responsibility and who can also be depended on to exercise extra initiative to make sure all work in his area of responsibility is completed on schedule.

**SECTION II** The PRESIDENT as necessary will provide WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS an annual work plan and may require input from the WORK

**LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS for estimating costs for the development of the ANNUAL BUDGET.**

**SECTION III The WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS will be fully responsible for making sure assigned tasks are completed on schedule.**

**SECTION IV The WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS will be responsible for completing tasks assigned to him and for coordinating work assignments with other MEMBERS on designated WORK DAYS.**

**SECTION V The WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS (With the exception of the lessors, who will only be contacted by the PRESIDENT or his designee) will be responsible for contacting individuals, organizations, businesses etc. as appropriate for information, advice and assistance to aid in the completion of assigned tasks.**

**SECTION VI The WORK LEADERS/ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS will be responsible for reporting status and requesting advice/assistance from the PRESIDENT or other OFFICERS as necessary.**

**SECTION VII Assigned tasks and areas of responsibilities are indicated below for the three CLUB OFFICERS and twenty four WORK LEADERS and their ASSISTANT WORK LEADERS:**

## **CLUB OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **1) PRESIDENT - CLUB OFFICER**

**In charge of Club Activities  
Makes Major Club Decisions  
Provides Guidance in Major Business Transactions  
Resolution to Problems  
New Member Recruitment  
New & Existing Leases  
Major Contact with Lessors  
Meeting Minutes for Major Meetings  
Annual Tasks List  
Prospective Membership List  
Rules & Regulations  
Maps/Aerial Photographs  
Wildlife Records  
Harvest Sheets  
Sign In & Out Sheets  
Work Leader Assignments  
Mission Statement  
Newsletters  
Club Files & Records  
Club Contacts  
Key Events Calendar  
Signs  
Newspaper/Magazine Adds  
Hunting/Outdoor Shows  
Counsels Members with Personal Issues/Problems as Required  
Non-Profit Incorporation Requirements/Responsibilities, By-Laws  
Quality Deer Management Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Property Watch Program**

**Take One - Make One Program**

**2) VICE-PRESIDENT - CLUB OFFICER**

**In charge of Club Activities as Required  
Provides Input/Guidance in Making Major Club Decisions  
Provides Guidance in Major Business Transactions  
Resolution to Problems as Required  
Counsels Members with Personal Issues/Problems as Required  
New Member Recruitment  
Food Plots  
Stands  
Hats, Patches, Apparel**

**3) SECRETARY/TREASURER - CLUB OFFICER**

**In charge of Club Activities as Required  
Provides Input/Guidance in Making Major Club Decisions  
Provides Guidance in Major Business Transactions  
Secondary Contact with Lessors  
Resolution to Problems as Required  
Issuance of Disciplinary Letters as Required  
Correspondence/Mailings to Members  
Finances - Banking /Checkbook  
Annual Budget  
Lease Payments  
Insurance  
Monthly Financial Statement  
New Member Contacts  
Membership List  
Membership Cards  
Member Handbooks (Graphics)  
Club Brochures (Graphics)  
Vehicle Stickers (Graphics)  
Piedmont Hunt Camp  
Work Days  
Collection of Annual Dues & Liability Release Forms  
Collection of Fines, Assessment Fees, Campsite Fees & Guest Fees  
Payment of Club Bills, Dues, Fees, Mortgage Payments etc.  
Tax Preparation  
Annual Awards  
New Member Recruitment**

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**WORK LEADER / ASSISTANT WORK LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1) PIEDMONT CAMP FACILITATOR - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT  
WORK LEADER**

**Coordinates the Upkeep, Maintenance of Hunt Camp Areas etc.**

**2) FOOD PLOTS - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**

**Upkeep, Maintenance of Existing Food Plot Areas  
Establishing New Food Plot Areas**

**3) SOIL MANAGEMENT - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**

**Lime, Fertilize & Herbicide Existing and New Food Plot Areas**

- 4) **STANDS - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Upkeep, Maintenance of Existing Club Stands  
Building & Installing New Club Stands  
Location/Safety of Personal Stands
- 5) **GATES - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Upkeep, Maintenance of Existing Gates  
Building & Installing New Gates
- 6) **POSTING/SIGNS - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Re-posting of Existing Borders  
Posting New Borders  
Installing Hunt Unit Signs  
Installing Parking Area Signs
- 7) **ROAD MAINTENANCE/CLEARING - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Bush Hog/Clearing of Roadways, Trails and Food Plot Areas  
Clearing of New Food Plot Areas
- 8) **MINERAL LICKS - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Replenishing Existing Mineral Licks  
Establishing New Mineral Licks
- 9) **CAMP SHEDS/SECURITY - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Upkeep, Maintenance of Meeting & Cleaning Shed and Adjacent Grounds  
Monitors Camp for Unauthorized Entry
- 10) **SIGHT IN RANGES - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Upkeep, Maintenance of Firearm Range and Archery Range
- 11) **ELECTRICAL - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Upkeep, Maintenance of Electrical Lines Inside the Camp
- 12) **WATER LINES - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Upkeep, Maintenance of Waterlines Inside the Camp
- 13) **STATE LAW REVIEW - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Reviews and Advises Club of Up-coming/Proposed Changes to State Laws
- 14) **SAFETY COMPLIANCE - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Holds Hunter Safety Classes  
Instructs the Youth in Safe Gun Handling  
Addresses Safety Precautions/Guides at Club Meetings/Outings  
Determines and Reviews Safety Issues on the Club and Recommends  
Corrective Actions
- 15) **MEMBER EDUCATION - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Orientation to new members  
Seminars/discussions on hunting techniques, gear selection and wildlife  
biology
- 16) **EVENTS/ACTIVITIES - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
Plans & Prepares Food/Snacks for Club Events/Outings

- 17) **CHAPLAIN/BEREAVEMENT - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Counsels Members with Personal Issues/Problems**  
**Acknowledges Personal Illness/Bereavement**
- 18) **WEB SITE - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Upkeep, Maintenance of Web Site**
- 19) **PROMOTIONAL SHOWS - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Attends, Plans & Prepares Presentations for Hunt Shows & Events**
- 20) **WILDLIFE SCORING & AGING - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Collects Wildlife Data, Scores Deer and Turkeys, as Necessary Collects**  
**Deer Jaw Bones for Age Analysis**
- 21) **SPORTING CLAYS - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Upkeep, Maintenance of Sporting Clay Range**  
**Development & Training of Wing Shooting of Youths and Members**
- 22) **PREDATOR/FERAL HOG CONTROL - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Reviews and Advises Club of Predator/Feral Hog Issues and Concerns**
- 23) **PHC APPAREL - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Provides, Sells and Distributes PHC Apparel**
- 24) **MAPS/MEMBER HANDBOOKS - WORK LEADER/ASSISTANT WORK LEADER**  
**Provides & Development of Maps & Member Handbooks**

## **ARTICLE 15 - SIGN IN & OUT PROCEDURE**

**SECTION I Beginning after turkey season through August 15, MEMBERS can access the club's hunting properties without using the SIGN IN & OUT Procedure. However during hunting season (September thru May) MEMBERS must SIGN IN & OUT before accessing the club's hunting properties. The number of HUNT UNIT(S) allowed at Sign In and the number of HUNT UNIT(S) allowed per hunt day based on the open hunt season are as follows:**

- **Deer Season (September thru December) One hunt unit selected at each sign in, with a total of two sign ins per day.**
- **Small Game, Feral Hog & Coyote Season (January & February) Four adjacent hunt units selected at each sign in, with unlimited sign ins per day.**
- **Turkey Season (March, April, May) Two adjacent hunt units selected at each sign in, with unlimited sign ins per day.**

**SECTION II MEMBERS must sign in "IN PERSON"; no signing in before 5:00 AM of the same hunt day.**

**SECTION III HUNT UNIT(S) selection and SIGNING IN & OUT is "First Come - First Choice Each Hunt Day" beginning at 5:00 AM. However to avoid jockeying for position at the 5:00 AM SIGN-IN and to make signing in easier, more fair and less chaotic, MEMBERS will participate in a drawing process. This drawing process will determine who has first choice of HUNT UNIT(S) selection only at 5:00 AM. The lowest number drawn will have first choice of HUNT UNIT(S) and the highest number drawn will have the last choice of HUNT UNIT(S). After the drawing process at 5:00 AM and**

during the remainder of the day, HUNT UNIT(S) selection is determine by “First Come - First Choice” by selecting HUNT UNIT(S) which are available.

**SECTION IV** Each MEMBER must place their designated numbered magnet within the selected HUNT UNIT(S) on the appropriate map. In the SIGN IN & OUT LOG each MEMBER to fill out the SIGN IN & OUT SHEET with the current Date, MEMBER Number, MEMBERS full name and the full name of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS. Also enter the Sign In & Out Time with corresponding AM & PM and the appropriate selected Hunt Unit(s). Each HUNT UNIT(S) must be appropriately signed out before signing in for the next HUNT UNIT(S) selection (Please do not erase or modify the initial or first hunt unit selection as this is a record of your hunt).

**NOTE:**

Following the Hunt Unit Numbers use W, H, M or B as appropriate:

(W - for White Oak)      (H - for Horse Branch)  
(M - for Minton Creek)    (B - for Bull Skin Creek)

**SECTION V** MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS are to hunt in their selected HUNT UNIT(S) and not disturb surrounding hunt units unless it is an emergency.

**SECTION VI** ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS must hunt in the same HUNT UNIT(S) as the responsible MEMBER.

**SECTION VII** More than one MEMBER, ASSOCIATE MEMBER and/or GUEST may hunt in same HUNT UNIT(S), if the reserving MEMBER grants permission. MEMBERS hunting with other MEMBERS in the same Hunt Unit are described as a non-reserving MEMBER.

**SECTION VIII** MEMBERS are to place their designated numbered magnet on the selected HUNT UNIT(S) on the map when signing in and must remove it when signing out.

**SECTION IX** MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS hunting with another MEMBER in their selected hunt unit, must sign in for the same hunt unit as the reserving MEMBER. Each non-reserving MEMBER must place their designated numbered magnet within the selected HUNT UNIT(S) on the appropriate map as the reserving MEMBER and sign in on a separate line on the SIGN IN & OUT SHEET. In the event one of the MEMBERS terminates his hunt and leaves, the HUNT UNIT(S) will remain reserved by the other MEMBER. Each ASSOCIATE MEMBER and/or GUEST name must be indicated with the responsible MEMBER when signing in. These requirements will indicate where each MEMBER, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS are hunting at any given time and due to any unforeseen emergency, can be located quickly. In addition, this will free up more HUNT UNITS and place hunters in their respective HUNT UNIT(S) that they are indeed hunting. MEMBERS hunting with another MEMBER in their selected HUNT UNIT(S) relinquishes one of their HUNT UNIT(S) selections each time they hunt with a reserving MEMBER.

**SECTION X** If a MEMBER decides to continue to hunt in the same selected HUNT UNIT all day, it is not necessary to sign out but just remain signed in until the end of the day.

**SECTION XI** During DEER SEASON, only ONE HUNT UNIT at one time may be signed out by a MEMBER. Only one more HUNT UNIT may be selected only after

appropriately signing out of the previous HUNT UNIT with only TWO HUNT UNITS allowed per hunt day.

**SECTION XII** During SMALL GAME SEASON, FOUR ADJACENT HUNT UNITS at one time may be signed out by a MEMBER. Another FOUR ADJACENT HUNT UNITS may be selected as many times as required only after appropriately signing out of the previous FOUR ADJACENT HUNT UNITS, with unlimited Sign Ins per hunt day.

**SECTION XIII** During TURKEY SEASON, TWO ADJACENT HUNT UNITS at one time may be signed out by a MEMBER. Another TWO ADJACENT HUNT UNITS may be selected as many times as required only after appropriately signing out of the previous TWO ADJACENT HUNT UNITS, with unlimited Sign Ins per hunt day.

## **ARTICLE 16 - QUALITY DEER/TURKEY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TRACTS IN FAIRFIELD & CHESTER COUNTIES**

**(Wateree Creek Tract)  
(Minton Creek Tract)  
(White Oak Tract)  
(Horse Branch Tract)  
(Bull Skin Creek Tract)**

The club's properties possess one or more of the following distinctive characteristics: 1) High existing game populations 2) Trophy buck potential 3) Large centralized tract size 4) Isolated tract location and 5) Adjacent cooperative land owners/hunt clubs who are also practicing Quality Deer Management. Due to these unique and varied features these properties will be managed to improve game habitat, balance sex ratios and maintain appropriate game numbers. The following rules have been established to enhance both the Deer and Turkey hunting opportunities. Implementing these rules will prevent the over harvesting of game and will help minimize the hunting/human pressure during hunting season. Executing these rules will provide for better control/management of the club's properties and create better hunting/outdoor experiences for our MEMBERS.

**SECTION I** ONLY QUALITY BUCKS and DOES are to be harvested. Hunters are encouraged to harvest does but to be extremely careful not to harvest any button bucks, spikes or small antlered bucks. QUALITY BUCKS must have a 15 INCH WIDE OUTSIDE ANTLER SPREAD. It is very important to use much restraint and scrutiny in judging a buck's antlers before shooting and not mistakably shoot a Non-Quality Buck; much emphasis is put on this. If a hunter has to hesitate or ponder if a buck meets the minimum 15 inches wide requirement, this buck should not be harvested. On an acceptable buck, a hunter should not have to second guess whether it meets the size requirement (you will know).

**SECTION II** The measuring and weighing of all QUALITY BUCKS must be witnessed by at least TWO other MEMBERS, preferably one of these MEMBERS being a CLUB

**OFFICER or WORK LEADER. A photograph (Digital preferred) taken of the QUALITY BUCK with the hunter is requested; this photograph to be given to the SECRETARY/TREASURER.**

**SECTION III NON-QUALITY BUCKS are bucks, which do not meet the quality criteria in SECTION II. These bucks are not to be harvested. NON-QUALITY BUCKS includes all button bucks, spikes or small antlered bucks.**

**SECTION IV Youth hunters who are age 17 or younger, are strongly encouraged not to harvest NON-QUALITY BUCKS or take game over the harvest limits of the club. However, due to the young hunter's inexperience, they will be exempted from ONE QUALITY HARVEST VIOLATION each hunt season.**

**SECTION V Hunters who are older than age 17 who have never harvested a buck will be exempted from one NON-QUALITY BUCK VIOLATION.**

**SECTION VI A concerted effort must be made in the retrieval of shot and wounded deer; hunters must seek help, failure to do so may result in a fine. Deer found by 12:00 midnight the next day will be counted in the harvest; deer found after this time will not be counted in the harvest.**

**SECTION VII Hunters harvesting bucks with both antlers shed, will be exempted from a QUALITY HARVEST VIOLATION.**

**SECTION VIII Hunters harvesting bucks with only ONE antler will result in a NON-QUALITY BUCK VIOLATION.**

**SECTION IX The club will reimburse any fine paid for harvesting a NON-QUALITY BUCK upon visual proof to the CLUB OFFICERS within ONE year that the NON-QUALITY BUCK harvested was indeed mounted by a reputable taxidermist. The mount must consist of a shoulder mount or equivalent.**

**SECTION X DEER/TURKEY SEASON LIMITS and HARVEST REQUIREMENTS as follows:**

- **Hunters will be allowed to harvest 5 BUCKS and 5 DOES per season. Hunters will be required to harvest only 1 BUCK and 1 DOE per tract: (Wateree Creek Tract) (Minton Creek Tract) (White Oak Tract) (Horse Branch Tract) (Bull Skin Creek Tract). Archery Hunters will be allowed to harvest 1 ARCHERY DEER of CHOICE. This 1 ARCHERY EXEMPTION can be used to harvest a quality buck, a non-quality buck or a doe. This provision allows Archery Hunters to take only 1 ADDITIONAL DEER of choice for the entire season and in only 1 TRACT. Button Bucks and Spikes with antlers 2 inches or less will be considered a doe in overall harvest per tract. Total annual deer harvest per hunter not to exceed 5 BUCKS AND 5 DOES.**
- **Hunters will be allowed to harvest 3 GOBBLERS per season; each GOBBLER to be harvested in a separate tract, 1 GOBBLER per tract: (Wateree Creek Tract) (Minton Creek Tract) (White Oak Tract) (Horse Branch Tract) (Bull Skin Creek Tract). Similar to the archery exemption for deer hunting, Archery Hunters will be allowed to harvest 1 ADDITIONAL GOBBLER with archery equipment in tract of choice. Total annual turkey harvest per hunter not to exceed 3 Gobblers. Seasoned turkey hunters are strongly encouraged not to harvest juvenile gobblers (Jakes).**



# ARTICLE 17 - DEER & TURKEY QUALITY/HARVEST VIOLATIONS

**SECTION I DEER & TURKEY QUALITY/HARVEST VIOLATIONS** will result in the following fines and suspensions:

- **BUTTON BUCKS & SPIKE BUCKS** (Button Bucks with antlers above or below the hairline & Spike Bucks with antlers above the hairline) harvested will result in fines of **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)** for each offense.
- **NON-QUALITY BUCKS** (Bucks with branched antlers with point(s) 1 INCH or longer with antler widths less than 15 INCH WIDE OUTSIDE ANTLER SPREAD harvested will result in a fine of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)**. Effective immediately, violators will not be allowed to hunt on the PHC for 15 consecutive days. Second offense in the same season, the NQB fine will be **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200)** with a 30 consecutive day suspension from hunting will be implemented. Although the suspension period prevents hunters from harvesting deer, as not to disrupt hunting opportunities for others, violating members, associated members and/or guests will be allowed to access club property in a non-hunting capacity. Suspension days if applicable will continue into the following deer season beginning first day of deer season (September 15). This regulation does not apply to youth hunters, first time buck kills or NQBs taken with our archery exemption.
- Harvesting any **DEER** over the club's 1 **BUCK** and 1 **DOE** in each Tract, will result in a fine of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each offense.
- Harvesting any **GOBBLER** over the club's 1 **GOBBLER** in each Tract, will result in a fine of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each offense.

**SECTION II All DEER & TURKEY QUALITY/HARVEST VIOLATION FINES** to be paid to the **SECRETARY/TREASURER** within 7 DAYS. **MEMBERS** are fully responsible for payment of fines for any violations of their **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and/or **GUESTS**. Accumulating 3 **QUALITY/HARVEST VIOLATIONS** within a hunting season could result in **MEMBERS** being reviewed for possible dismissal from the club.

**SECTION III MEMBERS** including their **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and/or **GUESTS**, who displays flagrant activities/actions and/or willfully abuses the **DEER & TURKEY QUALITY/HARVEST RULES**, will be reviewed for possible dismissal from the club.

## ARTICLE 18 - GAME HARVEST

**SECTION I All** deer harvested will be weighed (Live Weight), antlers measured and data recorded at the hunt camp on date killed. **MEMBERS** are required to indicate on the posted **HARVEST SHEETS**: the Deer #, Date Killed, Hunter's Name, Weapon, Sex, Live Weight, Number of Points, Outside Antler Spread, Time of Kill, Hunt Unit and note if a Quality Buck. The measuring and weighing of all **QUALITY BUCKS** must be witnessed by at least 2 other **MEMBERS**, preferably one of these **MEMBERS** being a **CLUB OFFICER** or **WORK LEADER**. A photograph (Digital preferred) taken of the **QUALITY BUCK** with the hunter is requested. Photograph to be given to the

**SECRETARY/TREASURER.** Failure to apply to these requirements will result in a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), to be paid to the SECRETARY/TREASURER within 7 DAYS. MEMBERS are fully responsible for payment of fines for any violations of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS.

**SECTION II All** turkey harvested will be weighed (Live Weight), beard & spurs measured and data recorded at the hunt camp on date killed. MEMBERS are required to indicate on the posted HARVEST SHEETS: the Turkey #, Date Killed, Hunter's Name, Weapon, Spur Length, Beard Length, Live Weight, Time of Kill and Hunt Unit. Failure to apply to these requirements will result in a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), to be paid to the SECRETARY/TREASURER within 7 DAYS. MEMBERS are fully responsible for payment of fines for any violations of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS.

**SECTION III All** feral hogs and coyotes harvested will be weighed (Live Weight) and data recorded at the hunt camp on date killed. MEMBERS are required to indicate on the posted HARVEST SHEETS: the feral hog or coyote #, Species (feral hog or coyote) Date Killed, Hunter's Name, Weapon, Sex, Live Weight, Time of Kill and Hunt Unit. Failure to apply to these requirements will result in a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), to be paid to the SECRETARY/TREASURER within 7 DAYS. MEMBERS are fully responsible for payment of fines for any violations of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS.

**SECTION IV HARVEST RECORDS** are collected and reviewed at years end. Statistical data is extracted from this data and is added to the club's web site. Some of this data includes the following:

**(DEER) DEER HARVEST SUMMARY ENTIRE CLUB**

**Total Deer Harvest (Number and percent of total Deer Harvest):**  
**Total Buck Harvest (Number and percent of total Deer Harvest):**  
**Total Doe Harvest (Number and percent of total Deer Harvest):**

**Total QB's Harvest (Number and percent of Buck Harvest):**  
**Total NQB's Harvest (Number and percent of Buck Harvest):**  
**Total Spikes's Harvest (Number and percent of Buck Harvest):**  
**Total BB's Harvest (Number and percent of Buck Harvest):**

**Youth largest buck harvested with details of antler size/weight and other data:**

**Adult largest buck harvested with details of antler size/weight and other data:**

**Widest antler spread/points:**

**Heaviest buck harvested:**  
**Heaviest doe harvested:**

**Last date a QB was taken:**

**Number of AM kills (Number and percent of AM kills of Total Harvest):**  
**Number of PM kills (Number and percent of PM kills of Total Harvest):**

**Number of deer harvested by youths:  
Number of youths harvesting their first deer:**

**Number of adults harvesting their first deer:**

**Number of deer taken with a bow:**

**Number of deer taken with a muzzleloader:**

**(DEER) DEER HARVEST PER TRACT**

**Total Deer Harvest:  
Total Buck Harvest:  
Total Doe Harvest:  
Total QB's Harvest:  
Total NQB's Harvest:  
Total Spikes's Harvest:  
Total BB's Harvest:**

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**(TURKEY) TURKEY HARVEST ENTIRE CLUB**

**Total Turkey Harvest (Number and percent of Turkey Harvest):  
Total Adult Gobbler Harvest (Number and percent of Turkey Harvest):  
Total Juvenile Gobbler Harvest (Number and percent of Turkey Harvest):  
Total Bearded Hen Turkey Harvest (Number and percent of Turkey Harvest):**

**Number of AM kills (Number and percent of AM kills of Total Harvest):  
Number of PM kills (Number and percent of PM kills of Total Harvest):**

**Number of turkeys harvested by youths (Number and percent of total harvest):  
Number of youths harvesting their first turkey:  
Number of adults harvesting their first turkey:  
Number of turkeys taken with a bow:**

**Number of turkeys called in (Number and percent of total harvest):  
Number of turkeys not called in (Number and percent of total harvest):**

**Typical turkeys scoring 60 plus (Number and percent of total harvest):  
Non-typical turkeys scoring 70 plus (Number and percent of total Harvest):**

**Heaviest Gobbler Harvested:  
Longest Beard Harvested:  
Longest Spurs Harvested:**

**(TURKEY) TURKEY HARVEST PER TRACT**

**Total Turkey Harvest:  
Total Adult Gobbler Harvest:  
Total Juvenile Gobbler Harvest:  
Total Bearded Hen Turkey Harvest:**

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**(FERAL HOGS) FERAL HOGS HARVEST ENTIRE CLUB**

**Total Feral Hog Harvest (Number and percent of Feral Hog Harvest):**  
**Total Male Harvest (Number and percent of total Feral Hog Harvest):**  
**Total Female Harvest (Number and percent of total Feral Hog Harvest):**

**(FERAL HOGS) FERAL HOGS HARVEST PER TRACT**

**Total Feral Hog Harvest:**

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**(COYOTES) COYOTES HARVEST ENTIRE CLUB**

**Total Coyote Harvest (Number and percent of Coyote Harvest):**  
**Total Male Harvest (Number and percent of total Coyote Harvest):**  
**Total Female Harvest (Number and percent of total Coyote Harvest):**

**(COYOTES) COYOTES HARVEST PER TRACT**

**Total Coyote Harvest:**

## **ARTICLE 19 - HUNT CAMPS**

**SECTION I** The Hunt Camp is located in Fairfield County will be referred to as the **PIEDMONT HUNT CAMP**. The camp's physical address is:

**Piedmont Hunt Club, Inc.  
4557 Wateree Road  
Winnsboro, SC 29180**

**SECTION II** In the Hunt Camp Area, ATV's or vehicles are to be driven only on the roadways and should **not** be driven through the common areas in and around the sheltered areas.

**SECTION III** As not to interfere with on-going club activities, ATV's or vehicles are **not** allowed to enter or park under any sheltered areas in the Hunt Camp.

**SECTION IV** For safety concerns and to keep the dust down, ATV's and vehicles are **not** to be driven over 5 MPH (Walking speed) on any of the roadways in and around the Hunt Camp Area. Although caution should be taken, speeds on the ATV trail cannot exceed 5 MPH (Walking speed). At all times with no exceptions, **all** ATV's are to remain on the designated ATV Trail and are **not** permitted to create new cut through trails. No ATV riding is permitted on the camp roads or ATV Trail after 9:00 PM. Riders are encouraged to wear a safety helmet at all times. ATV's must yield to all pedestrians and vehicles. **MEMBERS** are fully responsible for their **YOUTH ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** behavior and are requested to help monitor any violations in riding ATV's in the camp area.

**SECTION V** Prior approval must be obtained from the **SECRETARY/TREASURER** for the initial placement or relocation of any camper, trailer, building or structure. Campers/buildings should be located in a uniform manor and should line up with any

existing campers/buildings. Campers/buildings may be rejected due to abnormal size, shape, construction or material etc. Non-standard structures must be reviewed and approved before installation.

**SECTION VI** Due to fluctuating utility expenses, the ANNUAL FEE for a campsite will be determined each year based on the budgeted Hunt Camp expenses. The current ANNUAL FEE will be TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00). To reserve a campsite, contact the SECRETARY/TREASURER for selection and availability. The ANNUAL FEE must be paid to the SECRETARY/TREASURER prior to camping and annually by MARCH 1.

**SECTION VII** Water is provided to each camping space at the PIEDMONT HUNT CAMP. A one time charge of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) is required for each new camp space assignment. This charge helps pay for the initial water installation and any future repairs due to unforeseen leakage or rupture problems. Payment for water usage is included in the camp site ANNUAL FEE.

**SECTION VIII** Electricity is provided to each camping space at the PIEDMONT HUNT CAMP. A one time charge of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$375.00) is required for each new camp space assignment. This charge helps pay for the initial electrical installation and any future repairs due to unforeseen problems. Based on individual usage monthly electricity costs varies, MEMBERS are responsible for payment for electrical usage; Meters are read periodically, charges determined with payment to be made to the SECRETARY/TREASURER. Due to their excessive noise, generators are not allowed.

**SECTION IX** HUNT CAMP QUIET TIME - No loud activity (Loud music, radio, television, talking, laughing etc.) is allowed after 10:00 PM. MEMBERS are to use common sense, respect your neighboring campers and keep noise down as appropriate as not to disturb campers who turn in early.

**SECTION X** All Camp sites to be kept litter free at all times. Proper trash containers are to be used and emptied as necessary.

**SECTION XI** At no time should any camp fire be left unattended and should be properly extinguished before leaving the camp site.

**SECTION XII** No discharge or dumping of any sewage (solid or liquid) on club owned or leased land. Any contaminants of any type should be discarded in the proper location and manor.

**SECTION XIII** All parking at the PIEDMONT HUNT CAMP will be on the POWER LINE RIGHT OF WAY. Members coming to sign in and out or visiting should not park on any of the roadways, however parking is allowed at your individual camp space along these roadways as long as the road is kept open. At no time should anyone park blocking roadways or blocking access into the skinning shed.

**SECTION IX** MEMBERS who possess a campsite will be responsible for paying any local taxes on any improvements. These improvements include but are not limited to: construction of cabins, decks, porches, storage sheds or outbuildings.

# **ARTICLE 20 - GAME ENTRAILS/CARCASSES**

**SECTION I MEMBERS** are responsible for removing deer entrails/carcasses from the hunt camp area and properly disposing of them in the designated waste area or disposing of them by other suitable means. Failure to apply these requirements will result in a fine of **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)** per incident, to be paid to the **SECRETARY/TREASURER** within **7 DAYS**. **MEMBERS** are fully responsible for payment of fines for any violations of their **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and/or **GUESTS**.

## **ARTICLE 21 – RANGE/SIGHT IN AREAS**

**SECTION I** In an effort to maintain safe **RANGE/SIGHT IN AREAS**, the **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** has adopted the following **RANGE RULES**. All **MEMBERS**, their **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and **GUESTS** are to read and comply. The following **RANGE RULES** are posted at each range as appropriate:

### **FIREARM RANGE RULES**

#### **Please Read Before Using Range**

- 1) **The Firearm Range is for the sole use of PHC Members, Associate Members and Guests. All Associate Members and Guests must be accompanied by a Member at all times while at the range. Members are responsible for Range Safety and the actions of their Associate Members and Guests that accompany them.**
- 2) **No Members, Associate Members or Guests are allowed to use the Firearm Range during or after consumption of alcohol during the same day. Any abuse of this rule will not be tolerated along with any unsafe actions or disorderly conduct of anyone while on the Firearm Range.**
- 3) **Members must Sign In at the camp shed prior to using the Firearm Range and Sign Out when finished using the range. All accompanying Associate Members and Guests are to be listed on the Sign In & Out Sheet. All Associate Members and Guests must sign a PHC “Liability Release Form” prior to using the Firearm Range.**
- 4) **The Firearm Range is designed for both target shooting and sighting in for muzzleloaders, rifles, shotguns and handguns. The Firearm Range can be used all day from January 15 through September 15, except during Turkey Season. During both Deer and Turkey season the Firearm Range has time restrictions and can only be used for “Sight Check Only” from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Also, during Deer and Turkey season, no target shooting is allowed or the use of Non-hunting handguns.**
- 5) **While using the Firearm Range caution, safety and common sense is greatly emphasized. Before discharging any firearm, walk down range and make sure the range is clear. Eye and ear protection are required while at the Firearm Range. When guns are not in use, they must be stored in the gun rack unloaded and cleared with the bolts or breach open; this should be done before moving down range.**
- 6) **Firearms with new scopes/mounts should be bore sighted prior to using the range. All shots are to be fired down range between the earthen berms into the identified wood frames at the 50 yard and/or 100 yard backstops. Never fire or point a**

firearm outside of these wood backstops. Targets are to be placed in the center of the identified wood frames. Targets are not to be set in the pathway between backstops or attached to trees outside of the range berms. With the exception of hunting handguns, both shotguns and handguns must be fired into the 100 yard backstop. For safety concerns, no rapid fire is permitted with any firearm.

- 7) The Member signing for the Firearm Range is responsible for ensuring that all brass; cartridges, targets and trash are removed prior to Sign-Out of the range.
- 8) Due to the orientation of the Archery Range being perpendicular with the Firearm Range, the Archery Range cannot be used while someone is using the Firearm Range. This is to ensure that an inadvertent release of an arrow does not travel past the backstop of the Archery Range and into the Firearm Range. When using either of the ranges, physically check and make sure no one is using as appropriate, the Firearm Range or the Archery Range.

Recommendations on improving the Firearm Range or safety concerns should be directed to the club's Sight In Range or Safety Compliance Work Leaders.

## **ARCHERY RANGE RULES**

### **Please Read Before Using Range**

- 1) The Archery Range is for the sole use of PHC Members, Associate Members and Guests. All Associate Members and Guests must be accompanied by a Member at all times while at the range. Members are responsible for Archery Range Safety and the actions of their Associate Members and Guests.
- 2) No Members, Associate Members or Guests are allowed to use the Archery Range during or after consumption of alcohol during the same day. Any abuse of this rule will not be tolerated along with any unsafe actions or disorderly conduct of anyone while on the Archery Range.
- 3) Members must Sign In at the camp shed prior to using the Archery Range and Sign Out when finished using the range. All accompanying Associate Members and Guests are to be listed on the Sign In & Out Sheet. All Associate Members and Guests must sign a PHC "Liability Release Form" prior to using the Archery Range.
- 4) The Archery Range can be used all day throughout the year. Prior to shooting your bow; inspect all archery equipment for damage. Examples: bent/cracked arrows shafts, frayed or damaged bow strings or cables, cracked limbs, missing or damage fletching, etc. Any of these defects can affect accuracy and present safety issues.
- 5) While using the Archery Range caution, safety and common sense is greatly emphasized. All shots should be fired down range into an appropriate backstop. All arrows should be shot into targets designed for the bow being used. Note: Crossbows and some fast compound bows require a backstop that can stop arrows with speeds up to 400 fps. All archery targets are to be placed inside the archery target stand. 3D archery targets are to be placed no more than 5 feet directly in front of the archery target stand.
- 6) Before shooting any bow, walk down range and make sure the range is clear. Archers can only shoot their bows from the Archery Shooting Lane, which is 20 ft. wide and extends from the archery target stand back to the road and is bounded

on the left side by the range markers. No shots are to be taken from or across the road or outside this 20 ft. wide Archery Shooting Lane.

- 7) The Member signing for the Archery Range is responsible for ensuring that all trash is removed prior to Sign-Out of the range.
- 8) Due to the orientation of the Archery Range being perpendicular with the Firearm Range, the Archery Range cannot be used while someone is using the Firearm Range. This is to ensure that an inadvertent release of an arrow does not travel past the backstop of the Archery Range and into the Firearm Range. When using either of the ranges, physically check and make sure no one is using as appropriate, the Firearm Range or the Archery Range.

Recommendations on improving the Archery Range or safety concerns should be directed to the club's Sight In Range or Safety Compliance Work Leaders.

## **SPORTING CLAY RANGE RULES**

### **Please Read Before Using Range**

- 1) The Sporting Clay Range is for the sole use of PHC Members, Associate Members and Guests. All Associate Members and Guests must be accompanied by a Member at all times while at the range. Members are responsible for Range Safety and the actions of their Associate Members and Guests that accompany them.
- 2) No Members, Associate Members or Guests are allowed to use the Sporting Clay Range during or after consumption of alcohol during the same day. Any abuse of this rule will not be tolerated along with any unsafe actions or disorderly conduct of anyone while on the Sporting Clay Range.
- 3) Members must complete a "Range Safety Certification" before using the Sporting Clay Range (administered by James Strack or Chase Cutts). Members must Sign In at the camp shed prior to using the Sporting Clay Range and Sign Out when finished using the range. All Associate Members and Guests are to be listed on the Sign In & Out Sheet. All Associate Members and Guests must sign a PHC "Liability Release Form" prior to using the Sporting Clay Range. All Associate Members and Guests must be accompanied by a Member while using the Sporting Clay Range. Members are responsible for the actions of their Associate Members and Guests; and are required to explain the rules and safety precautions to them prior to using the range.
- 4) The Sporting Clay Range is designed for shooting clays thrown from manned mechanical throwing machines which are provided. In the event a mechanical throwing machine becomes damaged or is in need of repair, attach a "DO NOT USE/NEED REPAIR TAG" (tags are located in range tool box at the ready rack, also call and alert James or Chase). The mechanical throwing machines are not to be moved or altered and upon leaving must be covered up with a tarp which is provided. Hand throwers or any other personal throwers are prohibited. Shotgun use only using shot size no larger than 7 1/2. Pistols and rifles are prohibited. Participants must provide their own clay targets, unused targets can be left for others to use. The Sporting Clay Range can be used all day from January 15 through September 15. However during both deer and turkey season the Sporting Clay Range has time restrictions and can only be used from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



- 5) While using the Sporting Clay Range caution, safety and common sense is greatly emphasized. Everyone on the range must wear safety glasses and ear protection. No one is allowed to be on the range (beyond barricade) while range is "Open". Spectators and awaiting shooters must stay in "Observation Area" while range is open. Awaiting shooters must place (unloaded shotguns) in the ready rack prior to shooting. Only one shooter is allowed to shoot at a time (allowed to have shotgun in hand). No one to be in the empty shooting station while the other shooting station is occupied. Shotguns should ALWAYS be pointed in a safe direction, kept unloaded with action or breech open while walking to and from the shooting stations. Shotguns are to be loaded only in the shooting station. Not over "TWO SHELLS" to be loaded into gun prior to shooting a clay. Shooter to keep finger off trigger until ready to shoot. Shots may only be fired from a shouldered position. Thrower to audibly yell "Ready" alerting the shooter that the clay is ready. The shooter will audibly yell "Pull" when ready to shoot. When exiting the shooting station the shooter to "double check" making sure shotgun is empty (unloaded) with action or breech open. When the round is over the responsible Member will check with the throwers making sure the mechanical throwing machines are not loaded and then announce the range is clear. At this time, the participates will pick up their spent hulls.
- 6) With the exception of the broken clays, the Sporting Clay Range must be kept clean at all times. All spent hulls and other trash must be removed by the participates. The Member signing out the Sporting Clay Range will be responsible for ensuring that all spent hulls and trash are properly removed and the mechanical throwing machines are properly covered prior to signing out the range.

Recommendations on improving the Sporting Clay Range or safety concerns should be directed to the club's Sporting Clay Range Work Leaders or Safety Compliance Work Leaders.

## **ARTICLE 22 - HUNTING METHODS/BAITING**

**SECTION I** Only STAND, STILL and STALK HUNTING METHODS will be permitted for deer. No Man Drives or Dog Hunting will be allowed.

**SECTION II** No baiting of any type will be allowed at any time on the club for deer or small game, including raccoon. No baiting of any type will be allowed in conjunction with scouting cameras at any time. Bait is defined as containing any type of food products as an attractant.

**SECTION III** No turkey is to be shot from the roost.

## **ARTICLE 23 - SMALL GAME HUNTING, FERAL HOGS & COYOTES**

**SECTION I** SMALL GAME HUNTING will not be allowed during DEER & TURKEY SEASON.

**SECTION II** SMALL GAME HUNTING will not be allowed until after the YOUTH DEER HUNT which is normally held the first SATURDAY in JANUARY (Check S.C. Rules &

Regulations for date). **SMALL GAME HUNTING** will be allowed after the **YOUTH DEER HUNT** and continue until **SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASON** ends on **MARCH 1**.

**SECTION III MEMBERS** may encounter **FERAL HOGS** and **COYOTES** during **Deer and Small Game Season**, it is allowed and strongly encouraged to harvest these animals at this time, this applies to all tracts.

**SECTION IV Dogs** will be allowed in conjunction with **SMALL GAME HUNTING**. **No running of dogs** is allowed other than the times as defined for **SMALL GAME HUNTING** in **SECTION II** above.

**SECTION VI NO RACCOON HUNTING ALLOWED** due to the many infractions to our club rules brought about by this hunting activity, it is in the best interest of the club to prohibit **RACCOON HUNTING**. Typically due to the late hours associated with this hunting the club has been subjected to many problems and liability risks; some are: abuse to our secondary roads, driving on food plots, entering unauthorized areas, leaving trash, illegal baiting and problems with our bordering neighbors.

**SECTION VII GROUP RABBIT HUNTING** will require a **MEMBER** to be present during the entire hunt and to take charge, making sure the group follows and abides by the club's rules and regulations. Participants must get approval of the **MEMBER** in charge to hunt with his group. The **MEMBER** in charge will fill out the **SIGN IN & OUT SHEET** and select four adjacent hunt units. No sign in will be made before **5:00 AM** each hunt day. The **MEMBER** in charge will place his designated numbered magnet in the center of the four adjacent hunt units. Each participant's name must be indicated on the **SIGN IN & OUT SHEET**. The **MEMBER** in charge will be responsible for making sure all participants (**Guests**) have filled out and signed as appropriate, the **LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**. Each group may hunt more hunt units but must follow the above procedure for each group hunt. These guidelines will help identify: where other groups are hunting during the same hunt day and where the most hunting pressure has been etc.

**SECTION VIII SMALL GAME HUNTERS** be aware that **PREDATOR TRAPPING** and/or **FERAL HOG** and **COYOTE HUNTING** is also taking place during this time, therefore for safety reasons it is imperative that a hunter orange vest or hat be worn and no one wander outside the **MEMBERS** selected hunt unit(s).

## **ARTICLE 24 - FOOD PLOTS/BUSH HOG**

**SECTION I** The club plants and maintains numerous **FOOD PLOTS** for the purpose of attracting deer, turkey and small game. Three types of **FOOD PLOTS** are normally planted/and are maintain: 1) Year round plots consisting of white clovers and chicory, 2) Annual plots consisting of winter wheat & crimson clover and 3) chufa for the turkeys. **FOOD PLOTS** are usually located near club stands or trees suitable for climbing. It has been determined that **FOOD PLOTS** are a major contributing factor for our deer, turkey and small game hunting success. Care should be taken **not** to disturb **FOOD PLOTS** in any way; **MEMBERS**, **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and/or **GUESTS** are **not** to ride any vehicles and/or **ATV/s** into or through any of our established **FOOD PLOTS**.

**SECTION II** Food plot areas, roadways and trails are bush hogged annually or as needed.

# **ARTICLE 25 - MINERAL LICKS**

**SECTION I MINERAL LICKS are installed in strategic locations throughout the club. Each lick is charged annually with appropriate minerals. Our primary objective is to supplement the deer with the necessary minerals to aid in reproduction and antler development.**

# **ARTICLE 26 - STANDS**

**SECTION I In most cases, CLUB STANDS will be designed, constructed and sized for two hunters to hunt from comfortably.**

**SECTION II CLUB STANDS will be installed and located in conjunction with powerline right of ways, food plot areas, natural food sources, established openings and game crossing areas.**

**SECTION III CLUB STANDS will be depicted on club maps as appropriate.**

**SECTION IV Trash and other debris should not be left in and around CLUB or PERSONAL STANDS. No smoking or spitting tobacco to be allowed inside or around any CLUB or PERSONAL STANDS. Everything packed in should also be packed out, leaving the stand in good condition for the next hunter.**

**SECTION V All PERSONAL STANDS must be installed in a safe manner and kept in good condition at all times. Special care should be taken when placing PERSONAL STANDS near powerline right of ways, food plot areas and near CLUB STANDS; as any PERSONAL STANDS should not interfere with the hunting of these special areas. MEMBERS are to work out any conflicts in the event someone's PERSONAL STAND placement interferes with another MEMBER'S PERSONAL STAND.**

**SECTION VI PERSONAL STANDS should be constructed of metal or similar long lasting material and should not be constructed of wood or any other disintegrative material. When installing PERSONAL STANDS, nails are not to be driven into trees or the use of wire being wrapped around trees. PERSONAL STANDS are to be camouflaged and should blend into the natural surroundings.**

**SECTION VII Although popular with many hunters, due to safety concerns the club strongly discourages the use of "Lock On or Platform Type Stands". In addition, all "Lock On or Platform Type Stands" and "Metal Ladder Stands" are to be securely fastened to a tree or post with a metal chain and tightened with a turnbuckle. The same fastening requirements apply to any ladder type climbing devices (Climbing Sticks) used to access "Lock On or Platform Type Stands". Chain and turnbuckle fastening requirements are to be used in conjunction with the manufacturer supplied fabric ratchet type straps.**

**SECTION VI All PERSONAL STANDS are subjected for use by other MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS. Out of courtesy, anyone accidentally breaking someone's PERSONAL STAND should inform the owner immediately to apologize and to advise restitution for correcting. Any MEMBER who is associated with altering, relocating or removing a PERSONAL STAND without permission of the owner will be reviewed for possible dismissal from the club.**

**SECTION VII All PERSONAL STANDS, BLINDS, CAMERAS etc. must be clearly marked/tagged with the MEMBERS name. If not properly labeled, PERSONAL STANDS, BLINDS, CAMERAS etc. are subjected to being confiscated by the club,**

removed, destroyed or relocated. Any labeling violations or other problems should be reported promptly to a CLUB OFFICER or WORK LEADER.

## **ARTICLE 27 - GATES/ROADS/PARKING**

**SECTION I** To help minimize noise and disturbances during both hunting & non-hunting season and to help minimize impacts to secondary roads, **no** driving of Vehicles on Secondary Roads will be allowed. Vehicles are to be driven on “Main Roads Only” and **not** allowed on any “Secondary Roads” at any time (Main Roads are indicated on the Tract Maps).

**SECTION II** Under **no** circumstances are Vehicles or ATV’s to drive onto food plots.

**SECTION III** Vehicles and ATV’s are to park only in their DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS (Orange Signs for Vehicles – Green Signs for ATVs). “ATV’s Only” are allowed to drive on “Secondary Roads” to: access ATV Parking Areas, to retrieve game during deer season, to hunt and scout during Small Game Season and to scout during May, June, July and through August 15. DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS are located in strategic locations. Locations are selected based on the following:

- Vehicles and ATV’s will be somewhat shielded by terrain features as not to be so intrusive to nearby hunting locations and club stands.
- Convenient access to nearby hunting areas
- Safety for vehicles and ATV’s while parked

**SECTION IV** ATV’s should be used to retrieve game. In the event that a member does not own a ATV and one is not available from a fellow member, a vehicle may be used to retrieve game, but only as a last resort. In retrieving game, please remember; “Do **not** drive onto food plots or abuse the roads” Vehicles are **not** be used anytime on any roads during wet and/or adverse conditions where roads are subjected to being impacted by vehicle travel. To minimize impacts to food plots, game should be manually transported across food plots to ATV and/or vehicle. “Under **no** circumstances are ATV’s or vehicles to enter onto food plots”.

**SECTION V** Upon prior approval from the CLUB OFFICERS, special permission may be granted to members to drive vehicles on secondary roads to perform work and/or to install or remove stands etc.

**SECTION VI** During both DEER & TURKEY SEASONS, vehicles and ATV’s are to be driven from the highway via the main roads directly to and from the DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS to hunt. During this time vehicles and ATV’s are not allowed to access or travel to other hunt units. By observing this requirement will help minimize impacts to other hunters.

**SECTION VII** No vehicles or ATV’s are to be driven on the POWER LINE RIGHT OF WAY to access DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS and/or stand locations. Only during the recovery of game and emergency situations will vehicles and ATV’s be allowed to leave the main roads and drive on secondary roads and access trails. Common sense and courtesy should be used when passing through other Hunt Units. Noise and other disturbances should be kept to a minimum. Times for leaving and accessing stand locations should be coordinated with other hunters as appropriate as to minimize impacts.

**SECTION VIII** All gates are to be closed and locked at all times. At no time are vehicles or ATV's to park in front of or behind gates, blocking access thru gates. Care to be taken not to lock out timber company or power company locks when closing/locking gates. Vehicles or ATV's are not to be driven around gates in lieu of opening gates. This activity indicates laziness/irresponsibility and encourages unauthorized persons to enter our property.

**SECTION IX** Upon prior approval from the CLUB OFFICERS, special provisions may be allowed for hunters who have medical implications which affect their walking, to have permission to park in alternate locations other than the DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS in order to gain appropriate access to their hunting area.

**SECTION X DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS** will be clearly marked with signs (Orange Signs for Vehicles – Green Signs for ATVs) and will be indicated on club maps. Failure to park in appropriate DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS will result in a fine of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00), to be paid to the SECRETARY/TREASURER within 7 DAYS. MEMBERS are fully responsible for the payment of fines for any violations of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and GUESTS.

## **ARTICLE 28 - POSTING/SIGNS**

**SECTION I** All exterior club boundaries and all major roadways will be posted with the appropriate signs.

**SECTION II** PARKING SIGNS and HUNT UNIT SIGNS will be installed as needed.

**SECTION III** All signs to bear the club's name "PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB".

## **ARTICLE 29 - LOGO/PATCH**



**SECTION I** The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC., established in 1986 and located in the up state of South Carolina is primarily a big game hunt club pursuing the WHITE-TAILED DEER and the WILD TURKEY. A LOGO/PATCH was designed with that in mind. The subdued colors of the LOGO/PATCH should blend in with any of the camouflage clothing that you may be wearing a field. The following represents the background for the components of the LOGO/PATCH:

- 1) PIEDMONT means "lying or formed at the base of mountains" therefore our club, being situated in the rolling hills of the piedmont region between the flat coastal plains and the more rugged mountains is appropriately named.

- 2) The silhouette of the WHITE-TAILED BUCK and it's tracks on a BROWN BACKGROUND represents the "FALL HUNTING" of this magnificent animal.
- 3) The silhouette of the WILD TURKEY GOBBLER and it's tracks on the GREEN BACKGROUND represents the "SPRING HUNTING" of this wary and elusive creature.

## **ARTICLE 30 - CLUB SPONSORED ASSOCIATIONS**

**SECTION I** The club supports the QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION. Each MEMBER is encouraged to join. The cost is tax deductible and includes a subscription to their bi-monthly magazine "QUALITY WHITETAILS", a membership patch, decal and other promotional items. This organization is dedicated to ensuring a sustainable future for the white-tailed deer and white-tailed deer hunting. Through education, it promotes ethical hunting, sound deer management and positive relationships among hunters, non-hunters, landowners and biologists. This information should help educate MEMBERS on deer management and should also help each MEMBER have a better understanding of why the club places so much emphasis on the management of our deer harvest and the importance of accurate record keeping. MEMBERS are strongly encouraged to share this information with their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and GUESTS.

**SECTION II** The club supports the NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION. This is a national organization, which has it's headquarters in Edgefield, S.C. Each MEMBER is encouraged to join. The cost is tax deductible and includes a subscription to their bi-monthly magazine "TURKEY CALL", a membership patch, decal and other promotional items. This organization is dedicated to ensuring a sustainable future for the wild turkey and turkey hunting. Due to their restocking efforts the wild turkey has been brought back to huntable numbers in all of North America and Canada. Through education, it promotes ethical hunting, turkey management and positive relationships among hunters, non-hunters, landowners and biologists. MEMBERS are strongly encouraged to share this information with their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and GUESTS.

**SECTION III** The club participates and supports the TAKE ONE - MAKE ONE PROGRAM. This program is sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) and promotes interest in the outdoors of youth hunters by creating incentives for both the youth hunters and the club. Interest in hunting and the outdoors is on the decline by our youth and if we don't get our children interested in hunting we may one day lose our hunting heritage. Our club greatly supports participation by our youth in all of our club goals and activities. Next time you go afield, take a kid with you!



# **ARTICLE 31 - AWARDS**

**SECTION I LARGEST BUCK AWARDS** - Annually a plaque, trophy or certificate will be awarded to the hunter who harvests the largest **QUALITY BUCK** on club property. This award will be based on the official Boone & Crockett scoring. Candidates who have buck(s), which may qualify, are responsible for getting buck(s) officially scored by a qualified scorer and submitting a copy of the score sheet to the **PRESIDENT** by **MAY 15**. In addition to the largest **QUALITY BUCK** a plaque, trophy or certificate will also be awarded to the Youth Hunter, age 17 or younger who harvests the largest buck on the club property.

**SECTION II LARGEST GOBBLER AWARDS** - Annually a plaque, trophy or certificate will be awarded to the hunter who harvests the largest **GOBBLER** on club property. This award will be based on **GOBBLERS** scoring 60 plus for typical turkeys and 70 plus for non-typical turkeys. In addition to the largest **GOBBLER AWARD** a plaque, trophy or certificate will also be awarded to the Youth Hunter, age 17 or younger who harvests the largest gobbler on the club property.

**SECTION III FIRST DEER and/or TURKEY AWARDS** - Annually a plaque, trophy or certificate will be awarded to each hunter who harvests their first deer and/or turkey on club property.

# **ARTICLE 32 - INSURANCE**

**SECTION I** The club maintains **LIABILITY INSURANCE** on all leases. It is either secured by the club or is included as part of the lease fees from our Lessor's. Coverage details and amounts vary with each Lessor, but the amount of coverage is at a minimum of **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000)** to fully protect the club and landowner from any and all liability arising from any nature, character and kind.

**SECTION II** The club maintains a **NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION LIABILITY INSURANCE**. This insurance is for the protection of liability claims, which are directed toward the management of the club. The amount of coverage is **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000)** and includes defense costs.

# **ARTICLE 33 - LEASES & ADDITIONAL LAND**

**SECTION I** The main criteria for having a successful club is to have huntable land in which the club has control. The club needs to maintain huntable acreage on a long-term basis in which the club can properly manage the game, make habitat improvements and create a safe hunting environment. Because of the ever existing threat of losing leases associated with the booming development industry, our club is taking appropriate measures to ensure we have huntable land today as well as into the future. Our goal is to manage approximately **10,000 ACRES** and based on our **ANNUAL BUDGET**, have a membership which will provide at a minimum of **100 ACRES** per **MEMBER**. To accomplish this, the club obtains several leases from both reputable timber companies and private individuals. If for some reason the club loses a lease it will not be such a detrimental issue. Some of the main reasons for having a large amount of huntable land with several leases are as follows:

- The club will not have to worry about losing the entire lease due to development or other reasons.

- The club will have more acreage/habitat to hunt with better management control for establishing a quality deer herd & turkey population.
- The club having ample huntable acreage, MEMBERS will not have to rely on WMA/private lands for additional hunting opportunities.

## **ARTICLE 34 - MAPS/AERIAL PHOTOS**

**SECTION I** Detailed Topographical Maps will be available to each MEMBER. These maps will depict location of boundary lines, numbered hunt units, hunt camps, roadways, trails, gates, mineral licks, club stands designated parking areas and other features. As acquired, Aerial Photos will be made available to the MEMBERS.

## **ARTICLE 35 - CLUB CONTACT LIST**

**SECTION I** A CLUB CONTACT LISTING is assembled which lists current and past contacts the club has used in the many business transactions and operations of the club. This listing is used primarily by the CLUB OFFICERS and WORK LEADERS.

## **ARTICLE 36 - MEMBERSHIP LIST**

**SECTION I** A MEMBERSHIP LIST will be formulated each year and will include the following for each MEMBER:

- Membership #
- Formal Name
- Address
- Home Phone
- Work Phone (As desired)
- Mobile Phone
- Email Address
- Corporate Membership or Guest Days (CM or GD2, GD4, GD10 respectively)

**SECTION II** Address, Email and telephone changes should be submitted to the SECRETARY/TREASURER for revision.

## **ARTICLE 37 - CLUB FILES & RECORDS**

**SECTION I** CLUB FILES & RECORDS consisting of all present and past club documents will be kept by the PRESIDENT for future reference and retrieval.

## **ARTICLE 38 - MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

**SECTION I** MEMBERSHIP CARDS will be issued to each MEMBER annually by the SECRETARY/TREASURER. MEMBERS should carry their MEMBERSHIP CARD at all times while accessing the club property and used as necessary to show current proof of membership. The MEMBERSHIP CARD will include the PROPERTY WATCH PROGRAM NUMBER. This number will provide proper authorization for entry when confronted by law enforcement for possible trespass.



# **ARTICLE 39 - VEHICLE STICKERS**

**SECTION I** VEHICLE STICKERS to be appropriately displayed on all vehicles, which are parked or used to access club property. Vehicles not displaying club VEHICLE STICKERS should be questioned and suspect for possible trespass. Wildlife officers will be looking for the VEHICLE STICKER on vehicles parked on our property.

# **ARTICLE 40 - LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

**SECTION I** A signed LIABILITY RELEASE FORM will be submitted by the MEMBER to the SECRETARY/TREASURER. This form provides updates to any address and telephone changes but most importantly it acknowledges that each MEMBER relinquishes any liability to the club and that he has read, understands and will abide by the lease agreements and the club's RULES & REGULATIONS (See form for details). In addition at the landowners request, each MEMBER may also be required to sign appropriate forms acknowledging that they will observe rules/requirements as outlined in their lease.

# **ARTICLE 41 - WEB SITE**

**SECTION I** The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. WEB SITE name and address to be: [www.piedmonthuntclub.com](http://www.piedmonthuntclub.com) The WEB SITE serves basically two purposes:

- 1) To provide ongoing information to our MEMBERS
- 2) To provide information about our club to PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

**SECTION II** To protect our MEMBERS, the WEB SITE will not contain the MEMBERSHIP LIST or any other information, which may be of a confidential nature. The WEB SITE will consist of the following:

- Home (Home Page)
- Club Overview
- Annual Dues
- Lease Statistics
- Maps
- Mission Statement
- By-Laws
- Rules & Regulations
- Club Officers
- Leadership Org Chart
- Key Events Calendar
- Upcoming Events
- Deer Harvest
- Turkey Harvest
- Photos
- Awards
- Forms
- Fairfield Hunt Camp
- Misc Information
- PHC Apparel
- FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)
- Featured Links
- About Our Website

## **ARTICLE 42 - SAFETY**

**SECTION I** In an effort to maintain a safe hunting environment, the **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** has adopted the following **SAFETY GUIDES**. All **MEMBERS**, their **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and **GUESTS** are encouraged to read and comply. Any comments and/or changes should be directed to the club's **SAFETY & COMPLIANCE WORK LEADER** who will review and present recommendations to the **CLUB OFFICERS** for adoption and inclusion into the club's **SAFETY GUIDES**.

### **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC - SAFETY GUIDES**

In an effort to maintain a safe hunting environment, the **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** requires **all MEMBERS** to read the club's **SAFETY GUIDES** which have been incorporated into the club's **RULES & REGULATIONS**. In addition, the **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** also encourages **MEMBERS**, their **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and **GUESTS** to attend the "ANNUAL SAFETY BRIEFING" usually held at the club's **ANNUAL COOKOUT** in August. More often than not, safety is taken for granted and that is when incidents happen. As **MEMBERS** please ensure that you, your **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** and **GUESTS** place a constant emphasis on safety so that the **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** can remain a safe place to hunt. The club's **SAFETY GUIDES** are as follows:

The **SAFETY GUIDE** consists of 4 main categories:

- 1) **WEAPONS SAFETY**
- 2) **TREE STANDS**
- 3) **ATV's / UTV's (Utility Terrain Vehicle)**
- 4) **GENERAL PRACTICES**

#### **1) WEAPONS SAFETY**

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- **Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm.**
- **Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry your firearms safely, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
- **Identify your target and what is beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.**
- **Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you are carrying.**
- **Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the actions open. Firearms should be carried empty in cases to and from shooting areas.**
- **Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm.**
- **Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log, with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.**

- **Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. During target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.**
- **Store firearms and ammunition separately beyond the reach of children and careless adults.**
- **Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting.**
- **Aside from the designated firing range, loaded firearms are strictly forbidden at either of the two main hunt camps, sign-in areas and cleaning sheds. Weapons should be unloaded and properly stored before returning to the camps.**
- **Extreme caution should be observed when utilizing the club's firing range facilities.**

## **2) TREE STANDS**

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**There are two main safety problems associated with hunting from tree stands.**

### **1. Injuries or death as a result of a firearm or archery equipment.**

- **Never climb a tree or elevated stands while carrying a firearm or bow.**
- **Always use a hauling line to raise or lower firearms, bows and arrows.**
- **Always make sure the firearms are unloaded and arrow points are covered when raising or lowering them.**

### **2. Falls while climbing and using tree stands.**

- **The majority of treestand accidents happen while the hunters climb up or down their stands.**
- **Only one third of falls happen while settled in the stand**
- **Always use a good fall restraint (a full body harness works best) while setting up, climbing and using treestands.**
- **Use only safe, reliable treestands and climbing devices that you have practiced using close to the ground.**
- **Carry a whistle, cell phone or noise making device with you in the event of a fall.**
- **Check all club and existing stands for stability and safety before climbing. This is best done during pre-season scouting.**

## **3) ATV's / UTV's**

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**Modern day ATV's /UTV's move as fast as automobiles. These vehicles require extreme caution when operating. The following is a list of guidelines to follow when operating an ATV / UTV.**

- Riders are encouraged to wear an approved helmet at all times.
- Only carry firearms unloaded and cased or in approved gun racks.
- Never carry a firearm slung across your back.
- Drive with caution and never go straight through intersecting trails or roads. Tread lightly.
- Never cross a main road without stopping and checking for traffic in both directions.
- Never attempt a hill at an angle. Never attempt hills you are unsure of.
- Operate vehicles at safe speeds. Seldom is there a reason to exceed 15 mph.
- The use of goggles or protective glasses is strongly encouraged.

#### **4) GENERAL PRACTICES**

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- The use of hunter orange clothing is required while moving or hunting on club leases.
- If hunting near a bordering hunt unit, coordinate with other hunters in the same vicinity to ensure each others whereabouts.
- Never shoot at a noise, color or movement. Clearly identify your target before firing.
- Store firearms correctly around the clubs. You may know that there is a bullet in the chamber, but your partner may not when showing your weapon to someone else.
- Know the location of club first aid kits and emergency contact numbers for EMS. Never leave the last man unaccounted for, wait for him to arrive before leaving.
- Always carry 2 forms of fire starting products with you in weatherproof containers. Becoming disoriented on a cold night is a real possibility.
- Questions or safety concerns should be communicated to a Club Officer or Work Leader as quickly as possible.

## **ARTICLE 43 - PROPERTY WATCH PROGRAM**

**SECTION I** The **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** on March 25, 2013 registered the club with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to be enrolled into the **PROPERTY WATCH PROGRAM**. This program authorizes the SCDNR and appropriate agents to patrol our property for unauthorized entry and acting on our lessors approval, gives full permission to law enforcement to prosecute as necessary for trespass.

**SECTION II** Club property will be marked with PROPERTY WATCH PROGRAM signs which bears our PROPERTY WATCH PROGRAM (PWP) NUMBER 47-0084. During the year, law enforcement officers will be monitoring the club's property for trespassers. MEMBERS to identify legitimate entry when confronted by law enforcement should present a current PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD bearing the PWP NUMBER 47-0084. Failure to present proper identification to law enforcement for legitimate access may result in a trespassing charge.

## **ARTICLE 44 - MISCELLANEOUS RULES & REGULATIONS**

**SECTION I** No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed on our leases, camp common area, maintenance shed, firearm and archery ranges. Alcohol is allowed only within the confines of the member's camping area and should be consumed in moderation. Individuals should drink responsibly; any unruly, disorderly or rowdy activity will not be tolerated. Discretion should be demonstrated when youths are present. No MEMBER, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS are allowed to hunt, access our leases, perform work activities or use the firearm or archery ranges after the consumption of any alcohol during the same day. In addition, any disorderly conduct is not tolerated and is strictly enforced.

**SECTION II** During firearm season for DEER & SMALL GAME SEASON and FERAL HOG & COYOTE HUNTING; MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS are required to wear a hunter orange vest or hat while moving about or hunting on club leases.

**SECTION III** No access or scouting allowed before hunting season as follows: August 15 prior to Deer Season and March 1 prior to Turkey Season.

**SECTION IV** Although very infrequent, MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS may encounter BLACK BEARS on some of our property. In most cases they will avoid humans and therefore no need to be alarmed. MEMBERS are reminded that these elusive animals are highly protected and should not be harmed. The South Carolina Game Laws have placed severe penalties/fines associated with the killing/harming of any BLACK BEARS in our Game Zone.

**SECTION V** All local, state and federal laws will be observed.

**SECTION VI** MEMBERS are not permitted to escort non-members through our gates or club property to access WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LAND (WMA) or other adjacent properties during DEER & TURKEY SEASONS.

**SECTION VII** Due to safety concerns, MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS are asked whenever possible to hunt deer from elevated stands and not shoot at grade level in both creek and road beds. Please use common sense.

**SECTION VIII** Due to the installation of the PIEDMONT HUNT CAMP no hunting will be allowed in HUNT UNIT 117.

**SECTION IX** At no time, under any circumstances will the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS be allowed to hunt Mr. John D. McLeod's Property which is located adjacent to our property on Highway 21. We are only allowed to pass thru Mr. John D. McLeod Property to access our club property or other properties in which our club has permission to hunt.

**SECTION X** All shot shell hulls and other associated debris to be picked up and removed promptly from any areas used for skeet shooting and other related activities. This is considered littering which is not allowed anywhere on our club property or leases.

**SECTION XI** When a MEMBER exits the club whether it be by dismissal or a decision not to rejoin; all property, whether it be stands, campers, structures etc. must be removed from the club within 45 days after receiving notification. After the 45 days, any property remaining will be regarded as abandoned and will become PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. property. Unsafe, unusable abandoned property will be demolished and removed from the Club property accordingly. Usable abandoned property will be disposed of at the discretion of the CLUB OFFICERS. Generally, non-returning MEMBERS will be sent an exit notification immediately after MARCH 1. All PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. keys must also be turned in by the departing member at this time.

**SECTION XII** Because we are a “Family Oriented Club” MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS are to refrain from arguing, using profanity or any other vulgar language. In this regard, MEMBERS are not only responsible for their actions but are also held accountable for the actions of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and/or GUESTS. If someone is promoting this type of activity they will be asked to cease at once. If situation continues, his membership may be terminated.

**SECTION XIII** Although the Leadership of the club strives very hard to satisfy the majority of the MEMBERS, due to the many and varied opinions of the membership, all MEMBERS will not be pleased by the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. RULES & REGULATIONS. MEMBERS should refrain from discussing problems/issues with individual members and should discuss any problems/issues directly with the CLUB OFFICERS. Discussing problems/issues with other MEMBERS starts unfounded rumors and creates chaos and controversy in the club. If someone is promoting this type of activity they will be asked to cease at once. If situation continues, his membership may be terminated.

## **ARTICLE 45 - ADOPTION, REVISION & INFRACTION OF RULES & REGULATIONS**

**SECTION I** The club shall adopt and adhere to the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. RULES & REGULATIONS per the latest revision.

**SECTION II** The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. RULES & REGULATIONS may be changed revised or altered at any time as deemed necessary by the PRESIDENT. The CLUB OFFICERS will review major changes and will have input for final adoption/inclusion.

**SECTION III** MEMBERS may make recommendations for changes to the club’s RULES & REGULATIONS by submitting them in writing to the CLUB OFFICERS. All recommendations will be carefully reviewed and adopted as necessary.

**SECTION IV** MEMBERS violating any of the RULES & REGULATIONS may result in a fine. The amount of the fine will be determined by the CLUB OFFICERS, based on the severity and/or circumstances of the infraction. The fine to be paid to the

**SECRETARY/TREASURER within 7 DAYS. MEMBERS are fully responsible for the payment of fines for any violations of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and GUESTS.**

**SECTION V Any MEMBER who knowingly violates or willfully abuses the RULES & REGULATIONS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. may be dismissed from the club at any time with no refund of dues.**

**SECTION VI MEMBERS are fully responsible for the conduct and actions of their ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, VISITORS and/or GUESTS. Violations of the club's RULES & REGULATIONS by the ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, VISITORS and/or GUESTS may result in dismissal from the club of the responsible MEMBER with no refund of dues.**

**SECTION VII The PRESIDENT and CLUB OFFICERS will carefully review any infractions of the club's RULES & REGULATIONS. The circumstances/severity of the problem will determine the disciplinary action to be taken. At any time, MEMBERS may be dismissed from the club for such reason if it is determined to be in the best interest of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. with no refund of dues.**

**These RULES & REGULATIONS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. are hereby adopted this 1st day of August 2017.**

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