



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

Effective January 1st, 2023

1. **Safety:** Safety is the key proponent to enjoying the outdoors. Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC, follows all laws and regulations declared by South Carolina Law and enforced by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and other South Carolina Law Enforcement agencies. All laws and regulations related to hunting and other activities will be followed and adhered to. In addition to the laws of the state of South Carolina, Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC has additional Rules, Regulations, and Policies and safety standards in place that must be adhered to at all times. Failure to follow these safety standards can result in dismissal from the club. These additional safety standards can be changed at any time by the club leadership for the purpose of safety on club property. Additional club safety standards are:
 - a. **Alcohol.** There will be **ABSOLUTELY** no consumption of alcoholic beverages anywhere on the property during daylight hours. We highly encourage moderate consumption at other times keeping in mind the presence of young and upcoming hunters, and our neighbors.
 - b. **Minors.** No one under the age of 18 can hunt on the property without a parent or guardian who is a Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC member AND present with that person on the same tract of land. Any hunter under the age of 18 wanting to hunt alone must have successfully completed the SCDNR Hunter Safety Course, the Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC young hunters quiz and received verbal confirmation from a club officer prior to hunting alone.
 - c. **Blaze Orange.** During deer Primitive Weapon and Rifle Season, everyone must wear blaze orange (hunters orange) at any time they are entering or exiting a hunting area, entering or exiting a stand, or are on the ground for any reason.
 - d. **Flashlight.** Everyone must use a flashlight during hours of darkness when entering or exiting the property or on the ground during hours of darkness for any reason.
 - e. **Direct Route.** **Always** take the most direct route in & out of the property every time. For morning hunts, if daylight has broken, do not go past anyone that has already taken a stand until **10:00 AM** and for evening hunts, do not go past anyone that has already taken a stand within **2 hours** of dark until after legal shooting time. You should stay in your stand until 10:00am and until after legal shooting time in the evenings, unless you have a medical emergency or **MUST** retrieve a harvest.
 - f. **Always** have a means to communicate with someone, i.e., a cell phone.
 - g. **Never** leave a hunting area at night unless you know everyone in that hunting area is accounted for. Don't leave a fellow member in the woods unaccounted for.
 - h. **All** members and visitors must sign a release of liability statement prior to participating in any activity on Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC property.
2. **Profanity.** Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC promotes a family atmosphere. Please refrain from using excessive profanity. Set the example for our young and upcoming hunters.



3. Signing out and back in from hunting areas.

- a. Accountability is paramount.
- b. There will be a draw at the clubhouse every opening day of Turkey Season, Deer Bow Season, Deer Primitive Weapon Season, and Deer Rifle Season, and every Saturday of that particular season.
- c. The draw is held at 5:30am at the clubhouse. Those that wish to hunt their club or IP stands may hunt these without participating in the draw, however you must be at the draw where you will be given the opportunity to claim your stand prior to those that are participating in the draw. Those arriving after the draw may hunt stands that are not taken keeping in mind the direct route rule in "1e" above.
- d. On Saturdays, all stands are signed out at the clubhouse for both morning and afternoon hunts **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- e. On Saturdays only, you can sign out at the clubhouse for a hunt and place the letters "NCB" for "Not Coming Back" in the sign-out book in the comments section. This eliminates the need for you to travel back to the clubhouse to sign back in. If you want to hunt the stand all day and not come back to the clubhouse, put "NCB – ALL DAY" in the comments section.
- f. On days other than draw days, members can go directly to the tract of land to sign out and back in keeping in mind that **everyone must sign out and back in.** **You cannot use NCB at the individual tracts of land.** You must put the TIME OUT and TIME IN in the sign out book; *do not put "Dark" as a time out.*
- g. Sign out with COMPLETE name and information such as the example below:

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

4. Accessing the property.

- a. **ATV travel will be restricted on all tracts after Labor Day weekend** unless the member is retrieving a harvest, or there is a medical emergency.
- b. **ATV travel is allowed on certain designated ATV trails during hunting seasons.** These trails are clearly defined as a red trail on the club maps or by red dots to mark the end of a designated ATV trail. With the exceptions of retrieving a harvest or a medical emergency, travel beyond the end of a designated ATV travel is by foot only. See a club leader or tract coordinator if you have questions about this.
- c. Foot travel for scouting after Labor Day is available between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Sundays only. Members must sign out and back in to scout a hunting area. Please ensure there are no hunters in the area you intend to scout.
- d. **Always** take the most direct route in & out of the property every time. For morning hunts, if daylight has broken, do not go past anyone that has already taken a stand until **10:00 AM** and for evening hunts, do not go past anyone that has already taken a stand within **2 hours** of dark until after legal shooting time. You should stay in your stand until 10:00 AM and until after legal shooting time in the evenings. unless you have a medical emergency or **MUST** retrieve a harvest.



- e. Any member confirmed to be on club property after Labor Day weekend without special consideration through the club's leadership, other than times provided by the club rules, will be assessed a fee of **\$25** for each occurrence.

5. **Record your harvest.**

- a. Please record all harvest at the place of sign in and as soon as possible on the main harvest board in the map room at the clubhouse.
- b. Fill out all information on the harvest board to include the stand number you hunted.
- c. Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC encourages mature harvest in accordance with SCDNR Rules and Regulations.
- d. **All sightings of any wildlife (deer, turkey, coyotes, foxes, etc.) must be recorded on observation cards and placed in the collection box in the map room. This is very important for us to maintain our leases, as this is a requirement of the lease terms.**

6. **Stands.**

- a. Every member is required to provide a club approved all weather covered stand that will seat an adult and a child. Everyone must provide a club stand.
- b. Stands are required to be in place prior to September 1st.
- c. Stands are to be safe and in good repair at all times.
- d. Each member is responsible for ensuring shooting lanes at their stand are trimmed, cleared, and ready to hunt by September 1st.
- e. Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC will monitor all club stands. Stand owners who are neglectful in maintaining their stand will be notified of the required corrective action to be taken. If that corrective action is not taken, Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC reserves the right to make repairs and charge the member appropriately and/or limit club activities of that member until corrective actions are complete.
- f. Please take all your trash when you leave a stand. If it is found that a member is leaving trash behind/littering the property, Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC reserves the right to limit/eliminate club activities for the member and/or assess that member with a fine of **\$25**.
- g. Under certain circumstances, club members will be allowed to "rent" a stand for **\$100** a year. This will eliminate the requirement for a member to put up an all weather club approved stand. This is an annual fee, not a one-time fee. The member is responsible for the upkeep of the rented stand.
- h. **IPS (Independent Personal Stands)** – IPS stands are available only to members that are in at least their 2nd year with the club.
 - i. IPS stands are \$150 per year. This is an annual fee, not a one-time fee.
 - ii. An IPS stand is a stand that can only be hunted by the owner or by another member or guest if permission is requested and granted by the owner of the IPS.
 - iii. No one may hunt within 200 yards of an IP stand.
 - iv. **IP stands must be approved by the tract coordinator and club president PRIOR to installation.**
- i. Climbers, lock-ons, and portable ladder stands are allowed, but due to the portability, the tract coordinator must approve the placement of these.



7. **Shooting Range.**

- a. The shooting range is located on Radio Lane.
- b. The range is available at any time up until September 14th with the following exceptions:
 - i. During Turkey and Deer season, the range is available between 12:00pm and 3:00pm.
 - ii. Members must sign in and out at the clubhouse on Saturdays and the tract 1 sign-out board other days to use the range. ***YOU MUST ENSURE NO-ONE IS BEHIND THE RANGE BEFORE YOU USE THE RANGE!***
 - iii. There will be no hunting within 300 yards of the shooting range from 12:00pm and 3:00pm during Deer and Turkey Season.
- c. Please police behind yourself when using the range. This includes brass, targets, and any other trash.

8. **Annual Membership Dues.**

- a. Membership for Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC is based on a calendar year from January 1st to January 1st of the next calendar year regardless of when the member joins. (Example: If a member joins in June, that member's membership expires the following January 1st).
- b. Partial payments are allowed, however, **there is a 10% surcharge for partial payments, and full payment is required within 60 days of the initial payment.** Additionally, **all dues must be paid in full before a member is allowed to hunt or scout on any of the properties.**
- c. Any memberships not paid in full by March 1st will incur a late fee of **\$75.00**.
- d. Membership levels and requirements.
 - i. **Basic membership**
 - 1. \$800 per year
 - 2. 1st year members must rent a stand or install a club approved stand.
 - 3. A club approved stand is 4x6, with a roof and 2 seats.
 - 4. Optionally, the member can purchase a club approved stand from a local builder that we have approved. These stands will be built and delivered to the club house and come with a floor, ladder and roof. The sides and window wrapping must need to be provided by the member.
 - 5. The member must make 6 work days with 1 work day being a fall planting day.
 - 6. The member must make 1 of the 2 club meetings (dates TBD).
 - ii. **Sportsman's membership**
 - 1. \$1100 per year.
 - 2. The member must be in their 2nd year of membership.
 - 3. The member must install a club approved stand if they rented a stand in their 1st year.
 - 4. Optionally, the member can purchase a club approved stand from a local builder that we have approved. These stands will be built and delivered to the club house and come with a floor, ladder and roof. The sides and window wrapping must need to be provided by the member.
 - 5. The member must make 3 work days with 1 work day being a fall planting day.
 - 6. The member must make 1 of the 2 club meetings (dates TBD).



9. **Membership Dues Refund.**

- a. Dues are generally non-refundable
- b. Exceptions:
 - i. Incapacitating illness of the member or member's immediate family.
 - ii. Job transfer.
 - iii. Other exceptions can be granted through the club's president (only in rare circumstances).
- c. If a refund is granted, the maximum refund will be 50% of the dues that have been paid and is dependent on the availability of funds in the club's treasury.
- d. **Visitors.**
 - i. Visitors are allowed anytime for Turkey season and starting November 1st during deer season.
 - ii. You must purchase a Visitor's Package to be able to bring visitors. The Visitor's package is \$150 per year and the package must be purchased by opening day of Turkey season, if you plan on bringing visitors for turkey season or by the opening day of deer season, if you plan on bringing visitors for deer season.
 - iii. The visitor's package allows you to bring as many visitors as you want during the year, but the same visitor can only come a maximum of 5 times during the year and only 1 visitor per hunt is allowed.
 - iv. Visitors who are hunting under a member's Visitors Package can stay overnight in the clubhouse for free.
- e. **Definition of a Visitor:**
 - i. One person
 - ii. A man, woman, a child
 - iii. No more than one stand may be occupied by your visitor at one time
- f. Definition of a hunt is a morning hunt or an afternoon hunt. An all day hunt counts as 2 hunts and is therefore 2 visits.
- g. Visitors must sign a Release of Liability Statement prior to hunting. The visitor only needs to sign one statement. These releases are available in the map room and should be left in the box in the map room.
- h. The visitor and the member must hunt the same tract of land.
- i. Visitors must be present at the draw if hunting on Saturday and sign in and out in the sign out book just like a regular member.

10. **Workdays.**

- a. There are 2 workdays per month starting in January.
- b. Workdays are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.
- c. Workdays begin at 7:30am at the clubhouse. The morning session will go until about 11:30-12:00 and then we will break for lunch. The afternoon session will run until 4:00pm, but this is subject to change based on summer heat. If you only work one of the sessions, you only get credit for ½ a workday.
- d. Everyone needs to sign in to get credit for the workday.



- e. Everyone is required to make workdays according to the membership package purchased. For late joining members, special projects are available to make up workdays.
- f. Everyone is expected to bring his or her own tools.
- g. There will be a **\$75** assessment per missed workday according to the membership package purchased.
- h. If you are on the club property during workdays, you are expected to participate in workday activities.
- i. Workdays are for club projects – not individual projects such as:
 - i. Working on club provided or individual stands.
 - ii. Scouting.

11. Non-rejoining members.

- a. Any member not rejoining Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC should notify anyone on the club's leadership prior to February 15th.
- b. Those not rejoining should remove any personal stands (not your club stand) or other personal property from the club. Removal of this property should only take place between January 2nd and February 15th.
- c. Any property not removed by February 15th will be considered abandoned and become Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC property and disposed of/used as Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC sees fit.

12. Members, family members and/or guests wishing to hunt alone.

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

13. Food Plots.

- a. Rack and Spur Hunt Club, LLC makes every attempt to attract and keep wildlife in our hunting areas.
- b. All members are required to make 1 planting day in the fall.

14. Rabbit and Coon Hunting.

- a. Rabbit and coon hunting is conducted on certain tracts of land only.
- b. Rabbit and coon hunting guidelines will be posted at the campsite/clubhouse prior to rabbit season.
- c. Rabbit and coon hunters must contact the rabbit hunting coordinator to reserve a tract to hunt.



- d. Rabbit and coon hunters are limited to 5 guns per hunt.

15. Turkey Hunting.

- a. Turkey hunting is conducted on certain tracts of land only. Those tracts will be identified during turkey season.
- b. Turkey hunting guidelines will be posted at the campsite/clubhouse prior to turkey season.
- c. Sign in and out rules, visitor policies, and draw times are the same as for deer season.

16. Clubhouse

- a. You must sign in and out of the sign-in book for overnight stays.
- b. Your money for the stay should be put in an envelope and placed in the ammo box on the wall. You should write your name and what is being paid for on the outside of the envelope.
- c. Overnight stays are \$10 per night. This is a per person fee.
- d. Unlimited stay package is \$100. This covers the entire family.
- e. We **DO NOT** have a maid service, so **CLEANUP YOUR MESS**.
- f. Empty the refrigerator of any items you brought with you when you are leaving the clubhouse and not coming back.
- g. If you find anything that is expired/spoiled, please throw it out too.
- h. If the outside trash cans are full, take the bag with you and drop it off at one of the trash collection sites around Saluda.

17. Camping/Campers.

- a. Whether camping or staying in your camper, you must sign in and out of the sign in book in the clubhouse.
- b. Camping and Camper parking is available at the clubhouse.
- c. Fees for campers are a \$150 annual fee and a \$100 initial hookup fee. (This is a family fee – not an individual fee)
- d. Camping Fees:
 - i. Overnight stay fee is \$10. This is a per person fee.
 - ii. Unlimited camping fee is \$100 a year. This covers the entire family.
- e. Your money for the stay should be put in an envelope and placed in the ammo box on the wall. You should write your name and what is being paid for on the outside of the envelope.
- f. No electric heaters are allowed in the clubhouse.
- g. There is a \$10 per night fee for the use of A/C units in the campers.
- h. When leaving your camper and not coming back for a day or more, please make sure to empty your refrigerator and unplug your camper. **If you leave your camper plugged in and it is determined you will not be back for a day or more, your camper will be unplugged.**

18. Annual Club Meetings.



- a. There are two club meetings per year. The first is normally held in the springs and the last is held just prior to the start of deer season. Club members will be notified in advance when these meetings will take place.
- b. All members are responsible for the content of this meeting regardless of attendance.

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

Club Officers:

- President, Tract 2 & 9 coordinator - **Phil Hurt** - (864) 980-0617
- Vice President, Tract 1, 3, & 6 coordinator - **Rob Edmundson** - (803) 509-6089
- Sec/Treasurer - **Jeff LaCount** - (803) 608-1770
- Web Site Administrator, Tract 5 & 10 coordinator – **Curtis Gibson** – (803) 600-4741
- Hospitality Coordinator, Tract 4 & 7 coordinator - **John Sightler** – (803) 318-5931
- Rabbit Coordinator - **Jason Rinehart** – (803) 334-1964
- Club house grounds custodian – **Jim Merchant** (864) 377-4317