

Standing Rules



Country Pond Fish and Game Club, Inc.

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We, the Members of Country Pond Fish and Game Club, Inc., insist on a safe environment for our Club activities. We, therefore, endorse the following rules as a minimum effort to ensure our members' and guests' wellbeing.

16 Aug 2001

1. Memberships and Contributions

From time to time it may be appropriate for Country Pond Fish and Game Club to make contributions to charitable groups, individuals, and other organizations. Similarly, CPFGC may wish to join certain other organizations and associations. All requests for CPFGC to make contributions and to join other organizations shall be presented to the Board of Directors (BOD) by a sponsor for its determination. In most cases the decision of the BOD will be final and acted upon accordingly.

7 Feb 2002

The exceptions are:

- (1) If the membership fee or requested contribution exceeds \$600, the matter must be presented to the membership at a General Meeting for their approval; and
- (2) If the sponsor wishes to appeal the BOD's decision to the General Membership. In the latter case, a notice of the request, the BOD's decision, the rationale for the BOD's decision, and the substance of the appeal will appear in the next issue of the Club's Newsletter and the membership will vote on the matter at the following General Meeting.

2. Advertising in Newsletter

Business advertising is allowed in the Newsletter at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Advertising rates shall be as posted in the Club Newsletter.

1 Apr 2010

3. Use of Clubhouse Hall

It is a general policy that hall rentals which require closing the indoor range will be limited to one weekend event per month, and that such rentals shall be arranged with sufficient lead time to be posted in the monthly newsletter.

4. Awarding Contracts

CPFGC members will be given priority consideration when the Club contracts for products and services, such as our annual snow plowing contract.

5. FFL

Only current club members are allowed to make any purchases through the Club's FFL. Any purchases made through the Club's FFL may not be resold or transferred within one year of purchase. There will be a fee charged on all FFL orders. See the Person in charge of ordering for more details.

4 Dec 2008

6. Club Activity Funds

All Club Leagues (e.g. Pistol League, Archery League, Trap League) and other regularly scheduled activities (e.g. CMP, Cowboy Action Shooting, Plate Shoots) must report their financial transactions on a monthly basis using the club's established format. All funds must be turned into the Club's general fund at the conclusion of their season. No League or ongoing activity shall at any time carry a balance of funds in excess of \$500 without permission from the Board of Directors.

2 Apr 2009

7. Trash

No personal trash or refuse is to be placed in the Club's dumpster.

8. New Members

The Club's membership year shall run from January 1st thru December 31st. Any new member joining the Club in October, November, or December will be entitled to membership for the balance of the current year and the entire following year for one year's dues (e.g. a member joining in October will have a fifteen month membership for the annual price).

4 Nov 2021

All new Club Members must complete the Club's Safety Test with a Club Range Officer prior to receiving range privileges.

9. Leagues, Activities, and Closures

Any request to hold an activity or event making use of any Club range or facility, that would restrict access to use by the general membership, must be presented to, and approved by, either the Board of Directors at a regular BOD Meeting, or the Members at a regular Monthly Meeting. (See Rule 11 below regarding Club Activities)

6 May 2021

10. Hall Rentals - Sufficient Notice

Requests for hall rentals should be received in sufficient time to be posted in the Newsletter for the month in which the rental will occur. As a rule of thumb, 45 days advanced notice should be provided. The Board of Directors may consider requests which are not made within this time frame. However, suitable opportunity to notify the membership of any range closures should be an important consideration.

11. Club Activity Information Form

Prior to initiating any CPFGC organized activity, representatives of the proposed activity must submit a Club Activity Information Form to the Board of Directors for approval. The Activity Information Form may be obtained from the CPFGC Secretary. The Activity Information Form will contain all relevant information concerning the activity and will enable the BOD to assess the value and impact of the activity upon the Club and ensure that it is in the best interest of the Club.

2 Jan 2003

12. Range Officers

Badges, patches, and any other insignia indicating that a person is a Country Pond Fish & Game Club Range Officer shall be distributed exclusively to all Executive Officers, Directors, and such persons as the Chief Range Officer shall designate.

2 Apr 2009

13. Signs

No one shall post any sign or notice pertaining to Club information, rules, customs, instructions, warnings, or prohibitions on Club property without prior approval of the Board of Directors. All signs or notices shall have "Per order of the Board of Directors" displayed across the bottom of the sign or notice. This rule shall not apply to "For Sale" or "Services Offered" postings, obituaries, or other notices of a personal nature that may be posted on Club bulletin boards.

7 May 2009

14. Law Enforcement Range Use

The President and Vice President may offer an annual Range Use Agreement to federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agencies, the terms of which shall be specified in each agreement. The cost of such an agreement shall be \$500 for NH agencies and \$1,000 for out-of-state agencies. Any such agreement must be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

2 Sep 2021

15. Newton Police

In keeping with the objectives of the Club, as outlined in Article II of the Club Constitution to provide community service, the President and Vice President may offer a membership to the Newton Police Department, subject to contractual parameters. Said membership would allow each member of the Newton PD to use any and all Club ranges to promote and maintain safe and proficient firearms handling. No other club rights or privileges are included in this membership. The cost of the membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors. This membership must be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

7 May 2009

16. Unsafe Behavior

Any member behaving in an unsafe manner on any Club range may have their range privileges suspended at the discretion of a Club Range Officer. Range privileges shall remain suspended pending their appearance before the Board of Directors to explain their behavior. The Member may request a special BOD meeting for this purpose, which shall be held no later than ten days following any such request. The BOD may take further action up to and including expulsion from the Club.

1 Sep 2011

17. Damaging Club Property

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any person damaging any Club property may be held personally responsible for cost and materials to repair such damages. All Club privileges may be suspended until said costs are fully paid. In addition, anyone who recklessly or purposely damages Club property may be expelled from the club and may be subject to criminal charges.

1 Dec 2011

18. Membership Cap

The total active membership of the Club, including all Regular, Military, and Life Members, shall not exceed 1,000. Honorary Members, Senior Members, and Junior Members are not considered as part of this number.

4 Nov 2021

19. Hunting on Club Property

Hunting on Club property is:

- a. restricted to Club Members only;
- b. only allowed by written permission of the Chief Range Officer;
- c. only permitted after the Member has attended a Safety Briefing session; and
- d. permission to hunt is only valid for the calendar year in which it is issued, but may be renewed by attending another Safety Briefing session.

2 Jun 2022

Revision History

2 June 2022

Rule 19 changed and read:

Club Members may hunt on Club property, as long as they sign in and out of the log book and are off the ranges by 09:00. As the property is posted "Private Property", no guests are allowed to hunt. No hunting is allowed when the Outdoor Range is closed for Club events.

4 November 2021

Rule 8 changed and read:

The Club's membership year shall run from January 1st thru December 31st. Any new member joining the Club in October, November, or December will be entitled to membership for the balance of the current year and the entire following year for one year's dues (e.g. a member joining in October will have a fifteen month membership for the annual price).

All new Club Members must complete the Club's Safety Demonstration with a Club Range Officer prior to receiving range privileges.

Rule 18 changed and read:

The total active membership of the Club, including all Regular, Military, and Life Members, shall not exceed 1,000. Honorary Members and Senior Members are not considered as part of this number.

2 September 2021

Rule 14 changed and read:

The President and Vice President may offer an annual Range Use Agreement to NH based law enforcement agencies. Said agreement would allow each member of the agency to use Club ranges to promote and maintain safe and proficient firearms handling. The cost of such an agreement shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall not be less than the annual rate for a Family Membership. Any such agreement must be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

6 May 2021

Rule 9 changed and read:

Any League activity that will result in any range closures must be presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors. (See Rule 11 below regarding Club Activities)

21 January 2021

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5 November 2020

Rule 19 changed to add:

No hunting is allowed when the Outdoor Range is closed for Club events.

19 September 2019

Rule 18 changed and read:

The total active membership of the Club, e.g. all Regular, Military, Senior, and Life Members, shall not exceed 1,000. Honorary Members are not considered as part of this number.

21 February 2019

Rule 19 added

7 July 2015

Rule 9 changed and read:

*Any League activity that will result in any range closures must be presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors.
(See Rule 22 below regarding Club Activities)*

6 June 2013

Revision History Section added

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