

# **GREENE COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION**

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## **GENERAL:**

These Rules Apply To All Areas and Activities, and All Members, Guests, and The Public While On GCF&G Grounds.

1. Chairmen in control of a club event are accountable for the conduct of all members, guests, and attendees at that event, and for any damages to club grounds, buildings, furnishings or equipment.
2. Members are limited to (5) guests per visit. Prior board approval is required for a larger group. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.
3. Guests are NOT PERMITTED to fish or hunt but may use the other facilities under the supervision of the member. Youth Guests may fish (catch and release only) as a guest of a member, (see Lakes section for details).
4. Board approved scheduled activities take precedence over individual, uncoordinated activities for use of facilities in all areas, i.e. lakes, archery, gun and trap ranges.
5. Members and guests participate in any activities on the grounds at their own risk; be careful! Don't take chances. Personal safety is of primary importance for everyone.
6. Parents must be present on the grounds and maintain control of their children under the age of 18. Parents are responsible for their children's actions and shall be held accountable.
7. No person shall tamper, disconnect, cut, connect to, shutoff, restrict or alter any Association utilities (water, sewer, electrical, or communication), delivery system(s) any way without prior Board approval. Emergency shutoff is permitted to prevent damage to equipment, or systems.
8. The speed limit is 15 MPH on club grounds.
9. ALL VEHICLES MUST STAY ON THE ROAD
  - a) Off-road operations are limited to work parties under the direction of committee chairpersons.
10. PARKING
  - a) Use parking lots ONLY!
  - b) Use edge of road and grass field west of clubhouse as overflow only.
  - c) NO PARKING ON DAMS!
  - d) No parking lakeside of roads except with Board approval.
11. Motorized Sports Vehicles are prohibited from operating on Association property, except with approval of the Board.

12. Motorized Sports Vehicles include, but are not limited to, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), Dirt Bikes, Mini-Bikes, Snow Mobiles, Dune Buggies, Golf Carts, or other types of 'off road' vehicles.
13. Discharging of firearms, shooting of Archery Equipment, Paintball, Pellet, BB, or Air-soft Guns, in any area of the club, other than the designated Target Ranges, outside of licensed hunting activities or other Association sanctioned event, is PROHIBITED.
14. Rifles, pistols, shotguns with slugs, pellet and BB guns may be used only on the appropriate rifle and pistol ranges. Shotguns firing shot shells may be used on the rifle ranges, for the purpose of 'patterning'. Shotguns with shot shells only may be used on trap ranges.
15. Absolutely no fireworks are allowed on the property, this includes, Sparklers, trick noisemakers & novelties.
16. Ohio hunting license required. Ohio hunting regulations apply and MUST be observed. All hunters are required by the Association, to wear a cap or hat, and a jacket, or vest that is either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange, (more than the legal minimum amount of hunter orange is strongly recommended.) Hunter orange is not required when hunting waterfowl.
17. Club lakes are private water. Ohio fishing licenses are not required.
18. Do not litter grounds. Place garbage and trash in plastic bags and deposit in dumpsters that are located by the clubhouse and in the campground. Trash barrels with tight fitting lids (required by Dept. of Health) are located around the club grounds for your convenience. Do not bring outside trash or yard debris to be burned or put into the dumpster without board approval.
19. Winter Weather Notice Policy  
With the arrival of winter comes the impending threat of hazardous weather conditions. In years past, inclement weather has at times disrupted GCF&G Board & Membership Meetings, and created a great deal of confusion.
  - If Greene County is under a Level 1 snow emergency and is listed as such in TV, radio, and news broadcasts at 3:00 pm the day of any scheduled board or membership meeting, that meeting will be postponed and rescheduled on the same day and time, of the following week unless otherwise indicated.
  - Common sense should always be used when deciding whether or not to attend any club function during inclement weather. Don't take unnecessary risks. To determine the status of other scheduled events at the club during these inclement periods, contact the Chairman in charge of the activity scheduled. Thank you for your cooperation.
  - [http://www.co.greene.oh.us/sheriff/snow\\_emergency\\_levels.asp](http://www.co.greene.oh.us/sheriff/snow_emergency_levels.asp) Is your guide as to current snow emergency levels.
20. Members in good standing are given one (1) pass card to the main gate. One additional pass card may be purchased. Members will be held accountable for the use of these cards. Cards are not to be loaned to other member and / or non-members. Members found to be loaning their pass cards to non-members could have their memberships revoked.

- Lost or stolen gate cards are to be reported to the Technology Chairperson as soon as possible.
  - No markings that identify the gate pass card as applicable to Greene County Fish and Game should be made to the card.
21. Horseback riding is not permitted except with approval of the Board in conjunction with an approved program on the grounds
  22. Any member making payment to the association with a check that fails to clear their bank must remit the original amount plus all costs incurred by the association in the form of cash, certified check or money order. A second occurrence of a failed check from a member shall result in their having to make all future payments to the association with cash, certified check or money order.
  23. Members possessing hunting permits (waterfowl, deer, etc.), camping permits, boat storage permits, or any other types of Association granted privileges may not, transfer, sell, donate, or trade said permits or privileges to another member without board approval.
  24. Members possessing special permits or privileges, which are not going to be utilized, should return them for re-distribution.
  25. In order to introduce youth 15 years of age and under to fishing the Board may approve special dates when Outside Structured Groups, with non-member children, may use our lakes on a catch and release basis. All such children involved must be under the leadership of a responsible adult.
    - Outside Structured Groups must furnish a list known participants and an estimate of the actual number of participants attending to the Board prior to the granting of the request.
    - Such groups must indicate the number of responsible assisting / supervising adults attending.
    - No Outside Structured Groups can charge an entry or participation fee, unless such fee is used directly to offset any rental/use fee imposed by Greene County Fish and Game.
    - No Outside Structured Groups shall have; raffles, games of chance, the selling of goods, or other fundraising activities while using the facilities of the Greene County Fish and Game without prior Board approval.
    - All Outside Structured Groups will complete a Greene County Fish and Game Rental Agreement, and agree to abide by all rules set forth in the agreement and the Ground Rules of this Association.
    - The groups can be scouts/church groups/youth organizations/or other recognized youth orientated philanthropic organizations.
    - To maintain control of numbers attending, the board reserves the right to place any and all restrictions on the group and event.

## **ARCHERY RANGES:**

- 1) Safety comes first! One person must stay near the target as a safety measure when lost arrows are being hunted.
- 2) Broad heads are not to be shot into any targets. Broad heads are to be shot into sandpit or other targets designated for broad head use.
- 3) No cross shooting on the target bales! Shoot only at the target bail in front of you.
- 4) An adult must supervise children under the age of 18 when using the range.
- 5) The target range is reserved for use by the Archery Committee League shooting on Wednesdays from April through September and is closed while 3-D open shoots are in progress. The practice bales will be open for use. (The practice bails are the ones located adjacent to the campgrounds)
- 6) Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed while participating in shooting activities or while on the ranges during events. Persons may not shoot on the ranges while under the influence of alcohol.
- 7) Archery ranges are closed during upland game hunting season with the exception of the practice bales located adjacent to the campgrounds.

## **CAMPGROUNDS:**

- 1) The Campground Committee supervises and enforces the association rules for activities in this area for the Board of Directors under their supervision.
- 2) Camping units must be registered with Campground Committee prior to entry to the grounds and may be parked only at a site approved by the committee after the penalties for nonpayment of camping and/or storage agreement has been read and signed by the member who is the titled owner of the unit. Also documents containing the member's name, address, phone numbers, description of camper / VIN and model numbers, must be signed by the titled owner / member.
  - Units on GCF&G grounds must have on file with the Association a CURRENT copy of the Units Title, in the Members name.
  - Members with units on GCF&G grounds must provide an updated copy of the Units Title whenever Unit information has changed,
- 3) Camping and air conditioning fees are to be paid in advance. When paid by the month fees are due and payable at the first of the month. Fees are to be mailed to: Greene County Fish & Game Association, P.O. Box 64, Xenia, Ohio 454385, Attn. Treasurer. A fine of \$10.00 for the camping unit and \$15.00 per AC unit will be assessed when those fees are not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month they are due. The Treasurer shall notify the owner by phone and mail when those fees are (30) days late and if not corrected within (10) days of notice the Secretary will send notice to the owner to appear at the next Board meeting to address the situation. Failure to appear could be grounds for loss of membership. Upon reaching (60) days late the unit will be impounded per the nonpayment agreement unless a solution has been reached with the Board of Directors.

- 4) No campers shall leave the grounds and leave their A/C units on overnight.
- 5) Campers paying the total fee for the (6) month camping season prior to May 10, may take a 10% discount on camping fees only, but they must include the full mandatory A/C surcharge fee with their payment. A/C surcharge is \$20.00 per A/C unit and is mandatory for the months of June, July, August and September. (A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed when fees are (10) days late when paying by the month.)
- 6) Fees for the camping season from May 1 through October 31 including primitive camping and A/C surcharges shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors and shall be posted on the member information board located at the intersection in the center of the campgrounds.
- 7) Camping units that are on the grounds from November 1 through April 30 are in storage mode. The Board of Directors will set storage fees annually for this six-month period. The storage fees are due and payable on the first day of the storage period. Storage fees may be paid only through December of the current year until membership dues for the following year have been paid. All storage fees paid for the following year shall be forfeited if the membership has not been renewed by the cut-off date set by the Board of Directors.
- 8) Campers are responsible for keeping the area around and under their unit neat, clear of trash, leaves and mowed to less than (6-8) inches in height. Caretakers and/or persons working for the campground committee are not responsible for damage to hoses and electric cords. When permanently vacating an assigned site, the site must be clean and free of all debris. The Campground Chairman or committee member must inspect and approve the site prior to leaving.
- 9) All campsites will be inspected monthly by the committee. Along with this various State, and Local agencies may inspect campsites and campers from time to time. If minor violations are found the member will be contacted and allowed fifteen (15) days to resolve the problem. After which the work will be done by the committee at a rate of \$35.00, per hour assessed to the member. All materials and supplies used in correcting the problem will be assessed and paid for by the member / camper. Any member that must be assessed a second time must remove the unit from the campgrounds. Any unit that deemed to present a health, safety or other major problem must be corrected within ten (10) days of notification. The member shall notify the committee upon completion of all corrective work. All work done shall be inspected and approved by the committee, officer(s) of the club or their designee. Corrective work not meeting the approval of the fore-mentioned shall be remedied post haste, or the member will be required to remove the unit from the campground. Those members failing to remove the unit will have the unit removed by the committee, officer(s) or their designee, and will be assessed the actual cost of the removal
- 10) Sanitation in the campground is a primary concern. Gray water may be dumped only at designated sites. Black water is to be emptied at one of two (2)-dumping stations. (Located at the latrine in the corner of the campground and at the latrine located below the clubhouse.) The latrines or port-o-lets will be used when toilets are not available in camping

units. By state law there will be no hard or direct plumbing from any camper to grey or black water dump sites permitted.

- 11) Campers are responsible for maintaining all electrical and water connections from the hydrant or electrical junction box to their camper.
  - Leaking water lines, and or frayed or damaged electrical lines will be repaired by the camper owner as soon as found.
  - Campers who have not repaired said lines shall have the utility disconnected until such repairs are made.
  - The Chairman and or the Campground Committee are NOT responsible for repairs to camper connections.
- 12) Electric heaters are not permitted.
- 13) Backflow preventers are required.
- 14) The non-graveled road running east/west along the south edge of the campground to the west grass field from the graveled lane running from the archery building to the main road is designated for work parties only. There will be no camping to the south side of this work lane.
- 15) Camping units are not permitted outside the designated campground area except with specific approval from the Board of Directors.
- 16) Camping units are not permitted within 75 feet of the small lake.
- 17) Personal vehicles and / or Service vehicles are not permitted in the campground without prior approval of the campground chairman; please refer to General Ground Rule #9 and #10. If approved you have a 30 minute time limit. This time limit may be extended with Chairman's permission.
- 18) Build campfires only in fire rings. Do not burn refuse in campfires. Fire rings are not to be moved.
- 19) Only one picnic table per campsite.
- 20) No children under 18 may camp unless accompanied by a member.
- 21) Pets are permitted in the campground if all litter is cleaned up in a reasonable manner and provided they do not cause a disturbance. All pets are required to be leashed or on a chain. If any pet is deemed a nuisance to others, the member will be asked to remove the pet from the property. In addition all guest pets must be registered with the campground chairman or committee annually before being brought into the campgrounds.
- 22) A primitive camping area is established in a remote area on the north side of the road for tents and shelters. Wheeled camping vehicles excluded. Vehicles are permitted in the area for 30 minutes to on/offload with approval of the campground chairman.
- 23) Alcoholic beverages are permitted in the camping area. Over indulgence and foul language are not permitted.

- 24) There is a 12-midnight curfew on loud noises or other activities that would interfere with campers sleeping. Exception would be following a scheduled event with prior notice and approval of the Board of Directors.
- 25) No bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc, are permitted around vehicles. They are also not permitted on roads or campground area after dusk.
- 26) Children under age 18 years of age must be at their campsite or accompanied by a responsible adult after 10:00 PM.
- 27) The campground committee will establish a waiting list by name, phone number and date of request when the grounds are full. This list shall be updated and presented to the secretary and treasurer at each monthly board meeting. When a site becomes available the committee shall contact the member with the oldest date of request. If the member's camping unit size and type is one that maintains the minimum spacing requirement they will be offered the sight. If they do not want the spot the member on the list with next oldest date of request will be contacted. Anyone refusing a site will be moved to the bottom of the list and the date of request will be changed to the date of refusal. Members wishing to bring larger camping units into the campgrounds may be faced with longer waiting periods until a spot of adequate size that maintains proper spacing becomes available.
- 28) Decks cannot exceed the length of the camping unit and not exceed 8 feet in width. Decks must not be attached or permanent in nature.
- 29) After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, no campers exceeding 35 feet in length will be permitted to be brought into the campgrounds.
- 30) All recreational vehicles must meet standards set by the state of Ohio regarding operating or towing of said vehicle.
- 31) The camping unit's tires must be kept at least 2 inches above ground on patio blocks or non-rotting materials.
- 32) One (1) Storage unit is allowed on site and must not exceed 4'X4'X6' in width, length, and height. The unit must be at least 6-12 inches off the ground. Storage units must not be permanent in nature. Storage units must be appealing, in good repair, not attract rodents, snakes, or insects, and be kept free of flying and stinging insects. Only one storage unit is allowed per campsite.
- 33) Wood piles on campsites must be stacked and kept 6-12 inches off the ground. Wood piles must not attract rodents, snakes, or flying and stinging insects.
- 34) Any member with a unit registered in the campground may replace that unit with another after the committee has been notified and the original unit has been removed from the grounds if his or her camping unit is of a size and type which still maintains the proper spacing requirements. Only one unit per member is permitted.
- 35) Any member purchasing a unit that is currently registered must remove it from the grounds and go through the waiting list process prior to returning the unit. A member with a unit that is registered in the campground may remove the unit after notifying the committee to

have the spot held for the period of time for which the member has paid. The member shall still be responsible for maintenance of the area.

- 36) Slide-in truck camping units are not permitted.
- 37) Any changes or improvements done at any campsite must be pre-approved by the Campground chairman and must be removed from the site when the camping unit moves out.
- 38) Campers use the campground and facilities at their own risk. Greene County Fish and Game Association are not responsible for the loss or damage to any camper's property.
- 39) Any changes or improvements done at any campsite **MUST** be pre-approved by the campground chairman and must be removed from the site when the camping unit moves out.

### **CONSERVATION:**

- 1) Cutting, digging or damaging of trees and plants is prohibited unless the work is being done under the supervision of the conservation committee or is specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.
- 2) Only the conservation committee or those duly authorized may work in the area dedicated to the Conservation Reserve Program.
- 3) No activity is permitted within 20 feet of the deer pen, pheasant pen or nesting geese that will disturb those animals.

### **LAKES:**

- 1) This being a sportsperson's lake the use of barb-less hooks and catch/release programs while fishing is advocated. For those members who wish to keep their catch the daily bag limits are as follows:
  - BASS- MANDATORY RELEASE
  - BLUE GILL (Common) no limit.
  - BLUE GILL (Hybrid) 10" min.-2 per day
  - CHANNEL CATFISH-3 per day
  - ALL OTHER CATFISH — 3 per day (species are combined)
  - COMMON CARP- no limit, Remove all
  - CRAPPY- no limit, Remove all
  - " OL" WHISKERS-MANDATORY RELEASE
  - TROUT-5 per day
  - ALL OTHER FISH- no limit.
  - All daily limits are subject to change. Notification of changes will be clearly posted at each lake and published in these annual ground rules or the monthly newsletter prior to the date of change. It is your responsibility to stay current on the limits!

- 2) Fishing is permitted anywhere on and around the two fishing lakes. Boats and canoes are permitted only on the large lake. Electric trolling motors may be used. All other motors are prohibited
- 3) Frog hunting, jug fishing, trotlines and anchored bank lines are prohibited.
- 4) Youth Guest Fishing. Members wishing to bring non-member youth to fish may do so under the following provisions.
  - Youth is defined as a person 15 years old or younger.
  - Unlike other club activities; no more than three (3) youth guests per membership per day.
  - Youth guests must fish catch and release only.
  - Adult members will accompany and be held responsible for their youth guest(s).
  - Members may not bring the same guest more than six (6) times per year.
  - Greene County Fish and Game reserve the right to limit the numbers, dates and times of the guest fishing program.
- 5) The Youth Activity Chairman, in conjunction with the Lakes Chairman, at their discretion, may invite non-member youths to participate in Youth Activity sponsored fishing tournaments.
- 6) All boats and canoes are required to be registered with the lake chairperson and must display a current GCF&G permit sticker prior to being placed on the lake side storage rack. Any boat placed on the rack before the Monday after Spring Cleanup weekend and without first being registered, and boats remaining on the rack after November 1<sup>st</sup>, will be placed in storage and the owner will be assessed a storage fee of \$25.00 per month until the matter can be been resolved.
- 7) Only (1) boat per member can be placed on the rack and stored annually.
- 8) Boat storage will be made available The Monday after Spring Cleanup weekend (usually around mid April) through November 1<sup>st</sup> annually, unless short term removal is directed by the lake committee to perform maintenance or other reasons. A storage fee of \$2.50 will be charged each year for this storage privilege. A waiting list will be maintained by the committee, if necessary.
- 9) All boats must be off the rack by November 1<sup>st</sup>, annually.
- 10) The names of those members who have not paid their fees or removed their boats will be presented to the Board of Directors with a recommendation that their membership not be renewed.
- 11) Registered units are to be locked in place in their assigned location with oars, anchors, and paddles removed
- 12) Boats are to be removed from the water and placed on the rack when unattended. They are not to be left on the launching ramp or where they block access to the ramp.
- 13) The Association assumes no responsibility for boats left on the grounds or for the safety of boaters or those fishing. Everyone must adhere to the Ohio Division of Watercraft rules.

- 14) The use of Float Tubes is permitted for fishing only. Float Tubes will be of commercial manufacture, and designed for use while fishing. No inner tubes or home made devices allowed.
- 15) A personal floatation device shall be worn while using a float tube.
- 16) Ohio Division of Watercraft rules and regulations apply with regards to Float Tubes.
- 17) No swimming or playing in the water of the lakes and/or streams on the grounds. Absolutely no playing on the ice. Ice fishing permitted at your own risk.
- 18) White Amur (grass carp) is stocked in both fishing lakes to help control weeds. They are not to be removed if caught.
- 19) Fire-rings have been placed and secured in strategic locations around the lakes for your convenience and comfort when fishing at night or hi cold weather. DO NOT FILL THEM WITH TRASH OR ATTEMPT TO MOVE THEM.
- 20) Members using minnows for bait must hook the minnow through the backbone. DO NOT dump live minnows into the lakes. They may grow into fish that are undesirable for the balance of our lakes.
- 21) Tent camping at either lake is prohibited without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- 22) No plastic, metal, or wooden chairs may be left at the lakes without prior board approval. Individuals responsible for doing so will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **RANGES:**

#### Range and Safety Rules:

- 1) Adults supervising minors in a shooting activity shall have instructed the minor in basic firearms safety prior to allowing them to shoot. Minors are required to be under the direct supervision of an adult member while participating in a shooting activity. You must be 21 to use a handgun unsupervised.
- 2) The Association strongly recommends that every minor or person new to shooting attend and pass the basic hunter education safety course or a qualified firearms safety course.
- 3) Adult members supervising minor shooters are responsible for the minor's actions and conduct.
- 4) Each range has a sign designating open or closed and a master sign placed at the entrance to the ranges designates whether ALL ranges are open or closed. These signs are for the safety of all members and are to be obeyed at all times.
- 5) On those occasions that the Board must close the ranges for events or work reasons a reasonable effort will be made to post an announcement in the newsletter and / or on the webpage, prior to the closing.
- 6) No unauthorized person is to tamper with or change the Range Open / Closed indication signs.

- 7) Every gun on the firing line must be empty with the action open and the muzzle pointed down range until the line is cleared for live fire.
- 8) Semi-Automatic firearms which lack a bolt hold open device shall have a visible empty chamber indicator (ECI) in place during a cease fire.
- 9) Black Powder Muzzle Loading Firearms shall be considered safe when the primer pan is emptied, and / or the ignition source is removed.
- 10) All guns being carried to and from the ranges shall be unloaded with the action open and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. It is preferable to transport them in cases.
- 11) Firearms carried on your person for personal protection (concealed or open carried) are exempt from the above.
- 12) Every gun on the line will be emptied and grounded with the action open when targets are being checked during a called cease-fire.
- 13) When going down-range, coordinate a cease-fire, with all other shooters on the range.
- 14) Make sure that all others on the firing line have acknowledged the cease fire and that all firearms are safe.
- 15) Whenever anyone is down-range, everyone else must be away from the bench/firing line and behind the ready line.
- 16) No firearm or ammunition is to be touched, moved or handled while the ceasefire is in effect.
- 17) Those shooters who are approaching the range area are to wait until all clear is called before proceeding to uncase or deploy a firearm.
- 18) The shooter calling the cease fire is responsible for calling the line All Clear.
- 19) All shooters must personally verify that there are no others downrange before resuming.
- 20) Shooting will be done from designated firing positions to established target positions. Mid range shooting could result in ricochets.
- 21) No cross shooting of targets.
- 22) Rapid fire shooting is not permitted unless required in a sanctioned competition.
- 23) Rapid fire is defined as anything more than a three (3) round burst, in a one second interval. Such bursts shall be followed by a marked lull or pause before continuing to fire.
- 24) Place ALL duds in the boxes provided. Do not throw them on the ground or in the trash barrels where waste is burned.
- 25) Safety precautions MUST be observed! To do otherwise is to endanger yourself and others.
- 26) Members observing violations of range safety rules are responsible for bring such violations to the attention of the offending party.
- 27) Members should point out the violation in a calm and constructive manner and ask that the offender alter their behavior.

- 28) Any continuation of the unsafe behavior should be reported to any available board member or officer. Such Violators should be asked to leave. But at no time should a member put themselves or others in jeopardy when confronting a violator, step away and report it as soon as possible to an officer or director.
- 29) When sharing ranges with organized events, shooters will follow and obey all range commands and directions as given by the event coordinator.
- 30) During Upland Game Season, November 1- January 31 ranges are only open on Sundays and Wednesdays unless otherwise announced.
- 31) All Ranges will be closed after 3:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving.
- 32) During Clean-up Weekend all Ranges will be closed from 3:00 PM Friday, until sunrise the following Monday.
- 33) Use of the ranges will be during daylight hours only, sunrise to sunset, except with the expressed written consent of the chairman of the respective shooting events / activities, and / or with approval from the Board.
- 34) No fully automatic weapons are permitted on the ranges. No tracer or armor piercing ammunition may be used.
- 35) Targets are to be:
  - Hung on the parallel wires / roping provided.
  - Broken wires / roping are to be repaired (tied back together).
  - Paper hung on cardboard. (Come prepared, bring them with you).
  - Clay targets may be used if suspended in a manner that creates no risk of breaking the suspension wires / ropes and the resulting mess is cleaned up.
  - Suspending or propping of targets on support posts is prohibited.
  - The intentional shooting of support posts will be treated as a dangerous act, (ricochet) and as destruction of club property, whether the round impacts or not. Such violations will be acted upon as defined in the Association's Constitution and By-Laws
  - Breakaway steel targets are acceptable when they are designed for the type and caliber of firearm being used.
  - BOTTLES, CANS OR OTHER MATERIALS MAY NOT BE USED.
- 36) Police the Area of all used targets, empty shell casings, (except .22 rim fire) and trash generated during your session. Clean up a little extra too.
- 37) Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed while participating in shooting activities or while in the shooting area. Persons may not take part in this event while under the influence of alcohol.
- 38) Destruction of club property, littering and safety violations will not be tolerated and are cause for disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.
- 39) The Mining of lead, copper, and other metals from the backstop / berm is considered destruction of club property. The picking up of found lead, copper, or other metals that do not require digging or disturbing the soil is permitted.

WE CAN NOT AFFORD OR ALLOW CARELESSNESS TO CAUSE PROBLEMS ON THE RANGES. IF YOU SEE VIOLATIONS OCCURRING REPORT IT FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

**CARD SHOOT RANGE:**

- 1) All shooting on this range is done at Board authorized events under supervision of the chairperson for the event.
- 2) This range is closed to all other casual shooting use.

**COWBOY ACTION RANGE:**

- 1) The Cowboy Action Range is located between the 7 yard pistol and 25 yard rifle range.
- 2) This range is closed to all other casual shooting use.
- 3) During Cowboy Action Events the 7 yard range will be closed for safety. As long as the 15 yard range is not in use during those times; members wishing to shoot at 7 yards may move up on the 15 yard pistol range, and shoot from 7 yards there. Do not set targets 7yds out from the firing line on the 15 yard range. That would cause a 'short shooting situation' and is prohibited; instead move your shooting position forward, keeping your and others safety always in mind.
- 4) During an event, only cartridges using soft lead bullets, may be used. No gas checks, no copper washed, or jacketed bullets of any kind are allowed, except for copper washed .22 rim fire rounds, (if and when a .22 shoot comes to pass). Only lead shotgun shot; no larger than #7, is permitted.
- 5) All shooting on this range is done at Board authorized events under supervision of the chairperson for the event.

**RIFLE RANGES:**

- 1) The rifle ranges are the three East facing 25 yard, 50 yard and 100 yard ranges.
- 2) Pistols may be used on the rifle ranges, unless such use would interfere with a person wishing to utilize the rifle range for rifle shooting.
- 3) The last half of the 100-yard range firing line is closed when the traps are in use. Closure is for the safety of range users.

**PISTOL RANGES:**

- 1) The pistol ranges are the three 7, 15, and 25 yard ranges that face the North, located well behind the 25-yard rifle range.
  - Shooting on these ranges is to be done from the designated firing lines only.
  - The 7-yard range is for handgun use only, no rifle or shotgun of any gauge or caliber is allowed.
  - The use of any firearm other than a pistol on the 15 and 25 yard pistol ranges, with the exception of a rim-fire .17, or .22 caliber rifles is strictly prohibited, without board approval.

### **TRAP SHOOTING RANGE:**

- 1) Trap shooting ranges are for the use of Shotguns firing shot shells only, no slugs or buckshot (No's. 4 or larger) are permitted on the trap range.
- 2) Observe safety rules. Do not point your gun at another, even if it is unloaded, (never treat a gun as unloaded). On the firing line, always keep your gun pointed toward the ground or the trap house.
- 3) When in the clubhouse all guns are to be kept in the rack provided, actions completely open, or enclosed in a case.
- 4) Cases are not to be placed on tables.
- 5) Do not shoulder, mount or point a shotgun while inside the clubhouse walls, never close the action, never dry fire. All such activity should be done outside, in an unused area adjacent to the trap line.
- 6) Maintain muzzle awareness at all times, do not 'sweep' a person with the muzzle, even when removing or placing the shotgun in the rack or case.
- 7) Move from the clubhouse to the trap line with the action open and the muzzle pointed in the safest possible direction (usually straight up).
- 8) When Clubhouse activities are scheduled during a trapshooting event, trapshooting participants are to use the trap equipment storage room as their operations and lounge area, reserving the Clubhouse as much as possible for the scheduled Clubhouse activity.
- 9) All shell casings, boxes and other trash should be policed at the conclusion of a trap event.

### **WILDLIFE:**

- 1) Hunters must register at the clubhouse before starting to hunt and must report game harvested and sign out before they leave club grounds. Only hunters with permits issued by the president may waterfowl hunt. Hunters must designate whether they are Squirrel, Coyote, Deer, Upland or waterfowl hunting at the time they sign-in. Hunters may not harvest upland game when waterfowl hunting or harvest waterfowl when upland game hunting.
- 2) Hunters with the proper permits may change the type of hunting they are engaging in by first signing out on one sign-in sheet, then in on the other sign-in sheet. All hunters must wear proper blaze orange attire when upland game hunting as specified in General Section, Item number 16 of these rules. Blaze orange is not required when waterfowl hunting. All hunting must take place in the designated hunting areas. The conservation committee reserves the right to limit the number of hunters and / or the acceptable hunting hours on any given day in the interests of safety.
- 3) Authorized hunting hours for upland game are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in that season and posted in the newsletter on the web site, and by the sign-in sheet.

- 4) Only shotguns loaded with shot shells, muzzle loading shotguns and archery equipment maybe used.
- 5) Hunting is permitted only in designated zones.
- 6) Turkey and quail may not be hunted.
- 7) Squirrel hunting, is to be allowed with shotgun only; all state rules and limits apply. No hunting in campground. Squirrel hunters are to follow Association Blaze Orange rules as specified in General Section item number 16 of these rules.
- 8) Due to the nature of Squirrel hunting and late summer / early fall activities at the Club. The opening of Squirrel season at GCF&G will coincide with the opening of Upland Game Season, as established by the ODNR. Closing of Squirrel season will be the established Closing date as determined by the ODNR.
- 9) Deer Hunting, with BOW only.
  - A lottery drawing will be held for the hunting zones to be designated annually.
  - The drawing will be held at the archery shack.
  - To be eligible for the drawing you must be determined to be proficient in the use of archery equipment by the archery chairman.
  - If drawn, you will be able to hunt the two week period that you are drawn for.
  - One deer only; buck or doe with proper ODNR permit, Urban Deer Permits are not valid.
  - Portable Tree stands or blinds only; which must be placed at least twenty yards away from property line.
  - All other hunting rules apply.
  - Hunters must sign in and out indicating the date time and zone they are hunting in.
- 10) Coyote hunting during restricted time and fields .
  - Shotgun only, with shot shells
  - Dusk to Midnight
  - No hunting on Sunday
  - Hunters must sign in and out indicating the date time and zone they are hunting in.
  - Coyote hunters shall place the visible hunting indicator in the parking area to alert others of their presence in that zone.
- 11) Greene County Fish and Game Hunting Seasons may or may not coincide with Ohio Department of Natural Resources Game Seasons. When in doubt contact the conservation chairman for clarification. Below is a guide to assist members in determining GCF&G game seasons.
  - Squirrel, Rabbit, Pheasant season – Opens same day as ODNR Upland Game Season.
  - Squirrel Season closes according to ODNR Date
  - Rabbit Season closes January 31
  - Pheasant Season closes according to ODNR Date
  - Deer Bow Season Opens and Closes according to ODNR Date
  - Coyote Season: see Wildlife section item 10.

- 12) Trapping is restricted to members with written permission of the president, on the recommendation of the Chairman, Conservation (Wildlife) Committee.
- 13) Waterfowl hunting is allowed. The board of directors will set waterfowl dates set forth by the Conservation Committee, in conjunction with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
  - A written permit issued by the president with the authority of the Board of Directors is required. Hunting is restricted to the area surrounding the big lake and the field located East of the big lake and trap range, (designated as field # 6).
  - Permits will be issued by lottery at the August membership meeting. The number of permits to be issued will be determined at the August Board meeting. Members in good standing must present a valid and current Ohio hunting license and be present at the drawing in order to be eligible to participate. Waterfowl permits are only transferable after contacting the wildlife / conservation chairman a minimum of 48 hours prior to the first hunting day scheduled.
  - Two (2) permits will be drawn for each week of the waterfowl season, with each permit holder permitted to bring two (2) member hunting partners with him/her.
  - Permits will be issued by the president with the authority of the Board of Directors and will be valid for just the days they are dated for. Hunting is restricted to the area surrounding the big lake and the field located just East of the big lake the trap range, (designated as field #6).
- 14) Waterfowl hunting hours will be by rules of the U. S .Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 15) Dove hunting rules are by state regulations, with one exception. Hunting cannot begin until the Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday. Dove hunters may only hunt dove in the field East of the big lake, (designated as field #6.)
- 16) Sunday hunting is not permitted at the Greene County Fish & Game Assn. Except for board approved waterfowl hunting.
- 17) No hunting will be permitted after 3:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 18) Hunting behind the gun ranges on Wednesdays during upland game season is strictly prohibited.
- 19) Dogs may not be trained or exercised on GCF&G property from May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Dog training on club grounds is strictly prohibited at any time including Sundays, from the date of the annual youth hunt throughout the remainder of upland game season. Dogs or other pets must be kept out of those areas likely to be inhabited by game animals during this time. Training activities may only be conducted in accordance with the dates set by the Ohio Division of Wildlife for the times when training activities can legally take place on public lands unless specific approval by the board of directors has been given.
- 20) All training must take place in areas that will not interfere with the activities of others. Hunting dogs must otherwise be kept on a leash as a pet when in the campground and clubhouse areas.

- 21) The training and / or exercising of dogs immediately following a bird release is strictly prohibited. The conservation chairman with the prior approval of the board of directors has the authority to close any hunting area on club grounds to dog training for any period of time at his discretion.

## **CLUBHOUSE:**

### **RENTAL GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS & RATES**

- 1) Individuals or groups that have signed the proper rental agreements and have paid the correct security deposit will be permitted access to the clubhouse (whenever possible) at 5:00 pm the day prior to the scheduled rental to setup, decorate, or otherwise prepare for their event.
- 2) All decorations, literature, food, etc. related to the rental function must be removed from the clubhouse and the house swept & cleaned immediately following the rental unless indicated differently in the original rental agreement.
- 3) All GCF&G furnishings (wildlife mounts, art work, bulletin & menu boards, etc.) are to be left in place and not tampered with.
- 4) The GCF&G has no phone service available to renters. Emergency Calls only may be made at the emergency phone located inside the main entrance to the clubhouse.
- 5) Renters and their guests are not allowed to fish, participate in and / or interfere with any other ongoing activity that is being provided by this organization for our membership unless they are members themselves, at which time all club ground rules will apply. Guests should exercise caution at all times while on the grounds.
- 6) The renter is solely responsible for making sure their guests conduct themselves in a satisfactory manner and that no personal injury or property damage occurs.

### **FACILITIES RENTAL RATES**

- 1) Rental Rates for GCF&G Facilities will be set by the Board annually. Such Rates will be posted on the Website and available by contacting the House Chairperson.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Deposit must be paid 30 days prior to the date of rental. The remainder must be paid before you will receive full access to the facility. **NO POST DATED CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
2. There will be a 25% penalty charged for all cancellations unless otherwise determined by the house committee.
3. All rental fees are based on 8 hours usage. Extra charges may be levied by the house chairman for any additional time up to midnight. No additional time will be given beyond 12:00 am.
4. A full deposit will only be returned if the house is cleaned, undamaged, and is left exactly as it was found. Otherwise a cleaning fee may be assessed and the deposit forfeited.

5. Proper cleaning of our facility will include wiping the tabletops, emptying all trash cans, sweeping and mopping the floors, and cleaning restrooms. Individuals renting the kitchen must clean and put away all utensils and equipment that has been used
6. Security must be provided by non-members while using any of the club's rented facilities, as the renter will be held legally accountable for the conduct of the persons in their party and financially responsible for any damage that might occur.
7. Non-members who rent the clubhouse or shelter house are not permitted to use any other club facilities. They do not receive the privilege of using the lakes, ranges, campgrounds, etc. with a clubhouse rental. All renters must be aware of what is taking place at the club on the date of their rental and must not interfere themselves or allow their guests to interfere with any club activities, i.e. waterfowl hunting, upland hunting, work parties, and etc.
8. Member rental requests and rates will only be granted to members and/or their immediate family members, and only for events at which that member and renter will be present. All other rental requests shall be handled as a non-member rental and fees will be charged accordingly.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The Association may sponsor several special events annually as desired by the membership such as fish fries, picnics, banquets, turkey shoots and coon dog field trials.

The Association may hold one annual fish fry for the membership on a date to be designated by the Board of Directors.

A membership picnic may be held annually in the summer season on a date designated by the Board of Directors.

Card Shoots may be held on a dates designated by the Board of Directors.

## **PENALTIES:**

For general violations that are not safety or felony oriented.

Article IV, Section 8 Greene County Fish and Game Constitution outlines the procedures and processes for hearings arising from violations of the constitution, by-laws or ground rules.

According to the severity of the offense, sanctions up to and including revocation of membership may be applied for the violation of any GCF&G ground rules.

**ANY INFRACTION THAT IS DEEMED TO BE A SAFETY ISSUE OR IS OF A FELONIOUS NATURE WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDINGLY.**