

Pointer Fish and Game Club  
Incorporated 1919



Current Rules  
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## **Constitution & By-Laws: Article VIII – Rules**

1. At no time shall any member of the Club injure or destroy any signs, fences or property while fishing or hunting.
2. Members of the Club should observe anti-litter recommendations at all times, but especially when a guest of a landowner.
3. Should any member of the Club lose his/her dog by foul play (such as poisoning, shooting, theft) the Club by a majority vote of the membership shall offer a suitable reward to be paid to the person or persons giving information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.
4. It shall be the duty of every member of the Club to report at meetings any persons he/she may know of who have, or are, breaking the Fish and Game Laws of any State.
5. It shall be the duty of every member of the Club to promptly report to a Director or an Officer who is not related to the member by blood or marriage any charges brought against the member for any violation of any Fish and Game law or any criminal law.
6. Members visiting or utilizing the Club's fields should clean up the areas used. Should a member discover evidence of damage or vandalism at the fields, that member should report this to a Director, Officer or member of the Maintenance Committee.
7. Members shall treat all of the Club's property with respect and shall avoid damaging or harming any Club property. This includes avoiding unnecessary damage to target stands and other property on ranges.
8. Any member of the Club, who at any time is using woodlands and discovers a fire, should try to extinguish it, and summon help if necessary.
9. All members of the Club are urged to be practicing conservationists.
10. Whenever possible, members are encouraged to take a youngster shooting, fishing or hunting.
11. Club members are urged to wear or display the Club insignia which may be purchased from the Club.
12. Members are responsible for guests and minors under 18 years old and should practice the following policies:
  - A. Limit number of guests to a reasonable number of 2 – 3 maximum.
  - B. Do not take up more than one bench for shooting and sighting firearms when members are waiting to shoot and always be courteous.

- C. Members must provide active supervision of their guests as well as any accompanying minors.
- D. Members are responsible for all guests and will not allow them to wander around without supervision. Members are always responsible for their guest's behavior and safety, including ensuring that guests are aware of and follow all range rules.
- E. Members under the age of 21 shall not have guests on Club property except when attending a scheduled committee event.

**Rules Adopted by the Membership:**

1. The outer gate to the Bedford Field, located on South River Road, shall be locked at all times, except during Club functions. (adopted prior to January 2016)
2. The inner gate to the Bedford Field may be left unlocked while at least one member is present at the Field, shall be left unlocked during Club functions, but shall otherwise be left locked at all times. (adopted prior to January 2016)
3. Members may not shoot at any steel or other metal targets at any of the ranges at the Bedford Field. (adopted January 7, 2016)
4. Every member of the Club must execute a Release Agreement that meets the approval of the Board of Directors and Officers to remain a member of the Club. The Financial Secretary shall not accept any dues payment from a member that has not signed an approved Release Agreement. (adopted April 3, 2017)

**Range Rules Adopted by the Board of Directors and Officers:**

1. This facility is for the use of Pointer Fish and Game Club members and their guests only. (adopted prior to January 2016)
2. Membership ID must be worn at all times. The Town of Bedford Police patrols the property. If you do not have your ID displayed, you will be asked to leave. (adopted prior to January 2016)
3. All members must sign in before using the facility. (adopted prior to January 2016)
4. The main gate must be closed and locked after entering the facility, except during club functions. (adopted prior to January 2016)
5. All targets on all ranges are to remain in their respective positions in front of the impact berm. Under no circumstances are targets to be moved up range away from the berm and fired upon. (adopted prior to January 2016)

6. Only paper targets and clays are to be used. Exceptions to this rule are in the case of Hunter Safety demonstrations and Club events. (adopted prior to January 2016, altered by the Membership on January 7, 2016)
7. Purposely shooting the target uprights is not allowed and will be treated as vandalism. (adopted prior to January 2016)
8. Purposely destroying target stands with buckshot is not allowed and will be treated as vandalism. (adopted prior to January 2016)
9. No full automatic weapon fire, except by permission of the Officers & Board of Directors. (adopted prior to January 2016)
10. All firearms are to be unloaded with actions open, holstered, or cased when persons are down range. (adopted prior to January 2016)
11. Eye and hearing protection are to be used when firing or within close proximity to someone firing. (adopted prior to January 2016)
12. Other than field maintenance staff, no one is allowed to drive wheeled vehicles on the ranges. (adopted prior to January 2016)
13. The 100 yard range is reserved for 100 yard shooting or trap shooting only. (adopted prior to January 2016)
14. Shooting will be done from the designated station for the range being used. (adopted prior to January 2016)
15. Courtesy for other members using the range will be observed at all times. (adopted prior to January 2016)
16. If all shooting benches are in use and a member is waiting to shoot, guests may not occupy a shooting bench by themselves. (adopted prior to January 2016)
17. Members are responsible for their guests and will be held accountable for their actions. (adopted prior to January 2016)
18. All shooters are responsible for cleaning up their shell casings or any other refuse they might bring to the range. If you bring it, take it home. (adopted prior to January 2016)
19. Broad heads may not be used on archery range targets. (adopted prior to January 2016)

20. Alcoholic beverages will not be used while shooting and is not allowed in the vicinity of someone that is shooting. Anyone found to be using the ranges in a less than sober state will be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. (adopted prior to January 2016)
21. Use of illegal drugs on all club properties is strictly forbidden. Anyone found to be in possession of illegal drugs, while on club property, will be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. (adopted prior to January 2016)
22. Report all transgressions of these rules to your duly elected club officers along with any pertinent information. Do not get into a confrontation with others over rule violations. (adopted prior to January 2016)
23. Shooting hours are 8 AM to dusk. (adopted prior to January 2016)

**Guest Rules Adopted by the Board of Directors and Officers:**

1. Members are responsible for guests and minors under 18 years old and should practice the following ethical policies:
  - A. Limit number of guests to a reasonable number of 2 – 3 maximum.
  - B. Do not take up more than one bench for shooting and sighting firearms, especially during hunting season and always be courteous.
  - C. Members must provide hands on supervision of their guests as well as any accompanying minors.
  - D. Members are responsible for all guests and will not allow them to wander around without supervision. Members are always responsible for their guest's behavior and safety.

(adopted prior to January 2016)

2. If all shooting benches are in use and a member is waiting to shoot, guests may not occupy a shooting bench by themselves. (adopted prior to January 2016)

**Other Rules Adopted by the Board of Directors and Officers:**

1. All applicants must sign a release agreement approved by the Officers and Directors before being voted on by the membership to become a member of the Club. (adopted March 20, 2017)

**Discipline:**

Violating any of these rules will result in disciplinary action, which could result in loss of membership to Pointer's Fish and Game Club, Inc.