

Sitting Ducks LLC

Rules and Regulations

1. Laws and Regulations - Each member and guest will hunt in accordance with all Federal and State laws and regulations

2. Emergencies – In the event of an emergency, please dial 911. It is recommended that member knows how to provide directions to the Property and how to get to the area hospitals. Please note that safety is the highest priority of Sitting Ducks LLC (SD) and it is strongly encouraged that all youth guests hunt with at least one adult (member or guest).

3. Blind Selection –Subject first, to paragraph 6, there will be two “formal” blind selections each hunting period. Once normal blind selection has occurred, members who enter the Club after the selection process, will select blinds on a first-come-first serve basis, coordinating as much as practical with members already in the field to minimize conflicts.

For example, a member in the field may have an open spot, but may be planning to hunt with another member or guest who has not yet arrived at the Club. Be courteous please.

The “formal” blind selections will be performed 45 minutes before shooting time at the location of the club blind designation sign (the time may be adjusted by SD). The second "formal" blind selection is at 2:00 pm, while guests do not have to be present for the selection (for example, the member may place their tags after blind selection to reflect the location of guests who have not yet arrived at the Property), we suggest they be present.

The selection process will begin with “discussion” to see if a draw is necessary. If the members which are present for “formal” selection come to agreement without a draw, the process is complete. Otherwise, the members will select numbers from a bottle. There will be two draws for each the morning and afternoon hunts. The first will be for members without guests and the second will be for members with guests. During each draw, the lowest number has the first selection of the blinds, the second lowest number selects second, and so forth until all members without guests have selected a blind. The same process shall be followed for members with guests. A member may not prohibit a blind from being operated at capacity if other members would like to use the blind. This process will occur after any owners select their blinds.

Once blind selection is complete, the members will locate their nametag on the sign-in board on the blind that they are going to use. If they have guests, they will place the tag(s) of the member whose hunt/billet they borrowed, upside down, on top of their name tag on the peg corresponding to the blind they plan to use. By placing the borrowed members tag upside down on top of your tag, it will indicate:

§ A guest is in the blind,

§ Who brought the guest

§ Which member gave up his hunt for the day in order for the other member to bring a guest

Again, once the formal blind selection has occurred, blind selection for the rest of the day is

performed on a first-come-first-serve basis (including blinds which are partially full). This process will occur after any owners who elect to do so, select their blinds.

4. Vacating a blind – A member may leave the Property for up to 1 hour without relinquishing his blind position (for lunch, supplies, errands, etc.). When a member has completed his hunt, which includes leaving the Property for more than one hour, he/she will remove his/her tag from the blind location and will relinquish his/her blind position. Once a member vacates a blind, another member may assume the position in the blind. Please adjust the tags on the board accordingly.

5. Bringing/Recording Guests – Each member may bring up to two guests per day on weekdays and one guest per day on weekends. However, a member may only bring guests if he has permission to use another member's hunt for that hunting period. Each hunting day will be divided into two hunting periods:

§ Morning - From morning shooting time until 1:00 PM

§ Afternoon - From 2:00 pm until the shooting time ends that day

For a member to have a guest in either shooting times he/she must have received permission from a corresponding number of members to use their hunts for that time period. Once a member relinquishes his/her hunt to a guest for a specific shooting period, they may not hunt during that period regardless of whether the corresponding guest has finished his/her hunt for said period. (i.e. if Bill gives up his morning hunt to Steve so that Steve can bring a guest, Bill can't enter the club to hunt until noon regardless of whether Steve and his guest have finished hunting before noon)

In order to bring a guest all day, a member may receive the morning hunt from one member and the afternoon hunt from another member (of course he/she can also receive both the morning and afternoon hunt from a single member). Please note that the board should always reflect who is in the blind, who has guests, and whose hunt is being used to bring the guest. Therefore, when a member brings a guest all day and uses the morning hunt from one member and the afternoon hunt from another member, the member must leave the blind and adjust the tags on the board accordingly (or radio/call/arrange to have someone else move the tags for you).

Permission to use another member's hunt for a guest must occur at least one day prior to the hunt and may not be a recurring agreement. The other members are NOT obligated to relinquish their hunt for the time period even if they are not planning to hunt on that day. A guest is any non-member, including a family member of the member. Guests who do not plan to hunt (do not bring guns) shall be treated the same as hunting guests.

Each member may bring guests for a total of 6 hunting days during the season. Each member may bring the same guest a maximum of 3 times, unless a child, then they may bring them a total of 6 times. The maximum times to bring a guest including children remains at a maximum of 6. No guest, regardless of hosting member, is allowed to hunt Sitting Ducks more than 3 times per year.

The ownership of Sitting Ducks LLC reserves the right to alter guest policy at any point in the season for any reason.

6. Owners of SD; Selection of Blinds - If any owners are present, they will pick their blinds first and any of their guests will accompany them. This is the one and only benefit to their ownership. They may choose to participate in the regular drawing, but that is their decision. Once they pick their blind, other members may join them if there is room in their blind. The owners of SD are not required to receive hunts from other members in order to bring up to 3 guests apiece. In a similar manner, other members of the Club may not use the owners' of SD's hunts/billets to bring guests.

7. Blind Capacity – Do not exceed the capacity of the blind. Be safe!

8. Parking and Use of motorized vehicles on property – All members are encouraged to park away from the lake to minimize the risk of spooking ducks (especially early ducks on the water). Driving/parking on the property should be performed with common sense (i.e. in such a way as to not detract from the hunting of other members or in such a way that it may damage the Property (especially during wet times)). Note that this policy also applies to other motorized vehicles such as 4 wheelers. Please minimize the driving of all vehicles including 4 wheelers on the levees.

9. Entering/Exiting Blinds – When entering or exiting a blind during shooting hours, please be considerate of other hunters. Please watch closely for incoming ducks and get down and minimize all motion if ducks are spotted (covering up your face). When entering after shooting time has begun, please attempt to contact the blind that you plan to enter via cell phone to inform the hunters in the blind that you're coming and to be certain there are no issues associated with your presence. Always enter and leave a blind with your firearms unloaded.

10. Hunting outside of the blinds – members are not encouraged to hunt outside the blinds. Members may hunt outside the blinds if they are in the immediate vicinity (<25 yards) of the blind (when hunting outside the blind, the number of members/guest in that vicinity should not exceed the blind capacity and their sign-up-board tags should be hung on the corresponding blind). members hunting outside the blinds are responsible for assuring that they are not in danger of being shot by other members. In addition, they must insure that they are not degrading the quality of the hunt for members located in blinds or increasing the possibility of personal injury or property damage.

11. Safety – The actions and attitude of each member will reflect "safety" as the highest priority of SD. No alcohol or mind-altering drugs will be allowed on the Property and no one under the influence of alcohol or any mind-altering drugs shall be allowed on the Property. Safety is always first. Please comply with the following:

§ The muzzle of all guns must always be pointed in a safe direction regardless of whether the gun is loaded or safety is on.

§ Enter and exit blinds and fields with the guns unloaded.

§ Always be certain the gun is properly supported in the blind

§ Never sneak up on a member

§ No one may hunt who is in any state that could jeopardize judgment or their ability to handle a gun

§ The safety of your firearm must be ON at all times except just prior to, and during shooting and must be returned to the safety position immediately after firing, even if the gun is empty.

§ Wear safety glasses or shooting goggles and a billed hat. Look down for a “reasonable” period after shots are fired by adjacent blinds to minimize the risk of eye injury from shot rain.

§ Wear ear protection at all times when hunting

§ Be very careful not to swing your gun in the direction of other hunters in the blind (be sensitive to the location of not only their body, but their ears)

§ Never hunt without an adult partner and carry a cell phone

§ Be extremely careful when tracking fallen birds or cripples. Never place yourself in danger of being shot. Never shoot at a cripple in the direction of other members or blinds.

§ Please remember that accidents occur most frequently when everybody’s in a great mood and things are going really well. An accident can change your life (and that of your friends and family) forever.

§ Do not shoot in the direction of the road, or parked cars (remember, you are responsible for any damage that you create)

§ Be safe, safe, safe, safe

12. Calling – Calling is great fun; however, if you are not a proficient caller, please do not practice in the blind unless the rest of the blind members are comfortable with you calling. Less is usually best anyway. It is highly recommended that you practice your calling in the car or at home (really works well to go to a park where there are a lot of ducks and imitate them). Be extremely sensitive to calling birds off adjacent blinds. If the bird is working another blind, do not call the birds off that blind. In general, the blinds are a lot closer than you think.

13. Dogs – “Well-trained” dogs are encouraged. If the dog is not well trained, please be certain that he does not detract from the quality of the hunt of the other members in the blind (or adjacent blinds) or that the other members in the blind are well aware of the quality of the dog. Also, dog owners are requested to create well-camouflaged areas for the dog to stay during the hunt. It is understood that a dog needs practice to become a good hunting dog, but this practice should not be such that it adversely impacts hunting unless agreed to by the other members being affected.

14. Camo – All members are encouraged to wear face paint or facemasks to eliminate the tell tale white faces that spook birds so well. Also, please minimize all motion in the blinds when attempting to bring in ducks. If you spook a bird(s), you may be degrading a hunt for other members/guests in the field.

15. Littering – Please keep the Property clean. Pick up your cans, wrappers, bags, spent shells, etc when exiting the blind.

16. Use of 4 wheelers on property – 4 wheelers are permitted on the Property for entering and exiting

the blinds and for breaking ice. When using a 4-wheeler, please follow the rules described above for entering and exiting the blinds. Be courteous. Drive Safe! Please do not damage/destroy the Property or the corn. Please minimize the use of 4 wheelers on the levees.

17. Selling hunts – members are strictly prohibited from selling hunts.

18. Bringing Children – Children over the age of 6 are welcome as guests in accordance with the guest policies. However, two considerations must be followed when bringing children. First and foremost is safety. If the child is to hunt they must be adequately trained, licensed (including a hunter safety course) and mature enough to handle a firearm and to function in the confines of other members. Second, they must not distract from the quality of the other members hunt. (see discussion on youth hunt)

19. Hunting limitations - SD has the discretion to limit the hunting of any guest if there are “sufficient” complaints from other members.

20. Adjusting the decoy layout – members are allowed to make limited movement of the decoy spread. SD or SD’s Property Manager must first approve significant movement of the permanent spreads.

21. Use of Personal Property on the club – members are allowed to bring and use personal property on the Property such as decoys, 4 wheelers, etc. In fact, members are encouraged to bring personal decoys. However, SD assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged property on or around the Property (including decoys, guns, cars, hunting equipment, 4 wheelers, etc). Each member is expected to take full responsibility for any damage that he or his guest causes to the Property, to other members/guest, or to anyone else’s property while on the Sitting Ducks property.

22. Running the pump – Please do not start or stop the pump without the approval of the SD or SD’s Property Manager.

23. Use of mechanical decoys and Magnum shells – Robo type ducks and pull down ducks are permitted for use on the Property. All “legal” shells are permitted including magnum shells and “heavy shot” type shells.

24. Deer Hunting – The members do NOT have rights to any form of deer hunting on the Property. members should also minimize actions which would drive the deer from the Property.

25. Recording Kill numbers – Each member is requested to maintain a log of harvested ducks for the year as well as the type of ducks for recording at the end of the year.

26. Addressing issues with SD/ Property Manager/members – Any issues that a member has with the other members, SD, guests or the operation of the Club, shall be addressed with SD. SD will facilitate the resolution of issues between members. Please attempt to address issues early before they become problems. Please remember that SD is run in a unique fashion in that SD allows the members to provide significant feedback and input. Please do not abuse this privilege. Frivolous complaints are detrimental to the overall quality of the Club as they drain the energy needed to achieve substantive improvements.

27. Continuous improvement – Please document suggestions for the Club’s operation and provide

them to SD for potential implementation.

28. Trespassers – Please challenge any trespassers on the Property and call the game warden, the sheriff's office and SD if you have any trouble. Please attempt to record names or license numbers if possible. However, do not risk a confrontation of any kind.

29. Smoking in the blinds – Smoking in the blinds is permitted as long as the other members/guests approve it within said blind. Please respect the other members in this matter. Also, be careful with the associated fire.

30. Disposing of dead birds – members and their guests are responsible for removing all carcasses from the Property (as well as feathers). Cleaning of birds is prohibited on the Property.

31. Ethical hunting practices – Only ethical hunting will be allowed on the Property. "Sky busting", and "Arkansaing" are strictly prohibited. "Sky busting" is one of the biggest complaints of any club and ours is no exception. Please make every effort to shoot at "decoying" birds not "passing birds". Take the 20-yard shot over the 30. If it looks like 30 yards, it's probably 45! Members are expected to spend significant time searching for cripples and all birds are to be handled in as humane a manner as possible. If you are unable to find a cripple, inform one of the other members who owns a dog. The dogs love it and it's great training for the dogs.

32. Required Work by Each member - Each member will contribute at least 8 hours to the maintenance of the Property throughout the hunting season. Maintenance includes preparing blinds, setting decoys, etc. No formal records of this time will be kept and it is expected that the primary effort will be brushing the blinds and setting the decoys. If you are unable to provide 8 hours, a courtesy fee of \$500 is required to offset the labor of the other members.

33. Use of the Club Outside of Hunting Season - Outside of hunting season, members are allowed to walk the Property at any time (no motorized vehicles, or guns will be allowed at these times) with friends or family (not exceeding 5 people) (Parties are prohibited without prior approval of SD).

34. Continuous Improvement - These Rules and Regulations are designed to provide the safest, most productive and enjoyable hunting possible. Recommended changes to the Rules and Regulations are encouraged by all members throughout the season and will be reviewed by SD for incorporation. In general, changes will be incorporated if a majority of the members support the change, however, SD has the sole discretion to incorporate or not incorporate such suggestions.

35. Use of grills – Grills may be used at Sitting Ducks, but must maintain a distance of at least ten (10) feet from the trailers and any other buildings that may be built on the property. This is for all of our safety.