

# Standing Rules



## **Country Pond Fish and Game Club, Inc.**

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*A National Rifle Association Affiliated Organization*

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.

## **1. Memberships and Contributions**

7 Feb 2002

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.

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**

1 Feb 2024

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, as set by the Board of Directors.

## **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**

4 Dec 2008

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.

## **6. Club Activity Funds**

2 Apr 2009

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 monthly 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.

## **7. Trash**

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

## **8. New Members**

4 Nov 2021

The Club's membership year shall run from 1 January thru 31 December. 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 Test with a Club Range Officer prior to receiving range privileges.

## **9. Leagues, Activities, and Closures**

6 May 2021

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)

## **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 advance 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**

2 Jan 2003

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.

**12. Range Officers**

1 Feb 2024

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.

The Chair of any shooting event may choose any Club approved Range Officer(s) for their event. If necessary, the Chief Range Officer is the final authority.

**13. Signs**

7 May 2009

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.

**14. Law Enforcement Range Use**

2 Sep 2021

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.

**15. Newton Police**

7 May 2009

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.

**16. Unsafe Behavior**

1 Sep 2011

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.

**17. Damaging Club Property**

1 Dec 2011

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.

**18. Membership Cap**

4 Nov 2021

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.

**19. Hunting on Club Property**

1 Feb 2024

Hunting on Club property:

- a. is restricted to Club Members, their spouse, and any children under the age of 18, under the direct supervision of the Member;
- b. is only allowed by written permission of the Chief Range Officer, President, or Secretary, and must have a current membership card and written permission on their person while hunting; and
- c. permission to hunt is only valid for the calendar year in which it is issued.
- d. No hunting is allowed behind Club berms after 09:00.
- e. Members must sign the Logbook, stating "Hunting."
- f. Spouse and children must still fill out waivers and Guest Logbook.
- g. Hunters must follow all NH hunting laws.

## Revision History

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### 1 February 2024

Rule 2 changed to add:

*, as set by the Board of Directors.*

Rule 12 changed to add:

*The Chair of any shooting event may choose any Club approved Range Officer(s) for their event. If necessary, the Chief Range Officer is the final authority.*

Rule 19 changed and read:

*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.*

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### 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.*

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### 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.*

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### 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.*

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### 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)*

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### 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.*

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**19 September 2019**

Rule 18 changed and read:

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**21 February 2019**

Rule 19 added

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**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)*

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**6 June 2013**

Revision History Section added

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