

Linden Conservation Club Rules & Regulations

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Article I - GENERAL RULES

1. Membership ID must be worn & visible at all times.
2. A Membership is valid only for the adult member, spouse, and their dependents who are under the age of 18. In addition, all minors must be accompanied by an adult member while on Club property.
 - 2.1 New and existing members MUST read the Club's Rules & Regulations on an annual or Yearly basis for any changes or updates.
3. The cost for a Membership shall be \$75 a year.
4. ALCOHOL and illicit drug use is prohibited on the property of LCC. Violators will be asked to leave property and membership will be forfeited.
5. Each Member must have a signed "Waiver of Liability Form" on file prior to using any club property or equipment.
6. Guests: Members can have three guests per day per membership.
 - 6.1: Members must have each of their guest(s) fill out and sign a guest pass with member information included on arrival at LCC. Pass is good for the day of issuance only. Failure to sign in on arrival will result in \$25.00 fine to member.
 - 6.2: Guest forms are available at club house service desk or in display case outside club house door. Turn in completed form with \$5.00 fee for each guest at service desk or place white copy with fee into envelope and put in drop box right of club door. Keep yellow copy with guest and turn into club house drop box on departure. Member's failure to return yellow guest pass on departure could result in \$5.00 fine.
 - 6.3: All guests must review Summary of Club Rules posted in club display case.
 - 6.4: Members will be responsible for their guests and shall hold the club harmless and blameless for all liability as to injury or damages occasioned by the guest while on Club property.
 - 6.4.1: All guests must be directly supervised at all times.
 - 6.4.2: Member shall be responsible for any violations, fines, etc. of guest(s).
7. Minor Age Guests
 - 7.1: If the member is not the parent or legal guardian of the child, then a Limit of Liability Form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian prior to the child using the facilities.
 - 7.2: Forms are available in the club house or on our website www.linden.org under Membership Info header and are valid for the calendar year in which it is signed.
 - 7.3: Minor age guests count toward the maximum number of 3 guests per day per membership.
8. Visitors: Are welcome to tour the facilities on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday during Club hours 10am to 4pm. Use of facilities is restricted to members and their guests only.
9. Members and guests are required to clean up after themselves. No litter, trash, etc. is to be left on club grounds. If caught not picking up trash, \$25.00 fine.
10. Members/Guests must leave the premises if told to do so by any Club Officer or Club Enforcement Officer.
 - 10.1: Failure to leave shall constitute criminal trespass and shall be prosecuted.
 - 10.2: Any member whose Guest is asked to leave the property shall be required to appear before the Executive Board and shall be granted a full hearing.
11. Parking is allowed in designated areas only.
12. Pets are allowed on Club Property, but they must be controlled and cleaned up after.

13. All firearms are to be unloaded with their actions open or unloaded and cased while on club property. Unloaded means with ammunition removed from the chamber and magazine removed. If magazine cannot be removed, all ammunition is to be removed. Open bolt indicators should be used where appropriate. Over/Under and Side by Side shotguns may be unloaded and have their action closed when placed in the vertical gun racks on the sporting clays course. Firearms may be loaded only when at one of the designated shooting points on one of the designated ranges. Carry firearms, that remain holstered, are exempt from this rule.
14. No Alcohol permitted on Club Property!
15. No Swimming on Club Property.
16. No Hunting on Club Property.
17. No disorderly conduct is allowed.
 - 17.1: This includes but not limited to: indecent exposure, loud vulgar language, disturbing the peace, etc.
 - 17.2: Linden Conservation Club (LCC) is a place where families are welcome. Conduct which is inappropriate for children will not be tolerated.
18. Any violation of these Rules and Regulations may result in fines, suspension of membership privileges, or membership termination as outlined in the Club Bylaws.

Article II – FIREARM SAFETY RULES

After reviewing virtually every available source of gun safety literature-a list that includes gun manufacturers, the National Rifle Association, and public safety websites-the Americans for Gun Safety Foundation has compiled the following list of safety recommendations called Universal Gun Safety Rules. They apply to virtually any situation involving firearms. Linden Conservation Club adopts these rules as stated below.

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction
3. Keep your finger off the trigger
4. Never rely on a mechanical safety
5. Keep gun unloaded and action open until ready to shoot
6. Know your target and what's beyond it
7. Learn the characteristics of your firearm
8. Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm
9. Know what to do in the event of a misfire
10. Wear protective ear and eye equipment
11. Keep firearm free from obstructions and well maintained
12. Don't modify your firearm
13. Do not mix guns with alcohol, drugs, or fatigue

Article III –RANGE RULES

1. No Alcoholic beverages, or anyone under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or illegal substances are allowed on the ranges at any time.
2. No shooting before 8 a.m. or after sunset, (except during sanctioned events which have been approved by majority vote of the Executive Board).
3. No fully automatic weapons fire or simulated automatic fire devices are allowed, (except during Sanctioned events which have been approved by majority vote of the Executive Board).

4. Shooting at fence posts, utility poles, buildings, shelters, benches, signs, etc., not designed as targets is prohibited. Destruction of Club property will result in immediate expulsion from the Club.
5. All firearms must not be held, pointed, loaded, etc., behind the firing line while anyone is down range. Magazines may be loaded, but not put into the firearm. Firearms with internal magazines may NOT be loaded while anyone is down range. Firearms must remain cased or on the table with action open and open bolt indicator installed. Holstered firearms may be loaded, but must remain holstered until range is clear.
6. Eye & hearing protection is required on all ranges.
7. Shooting from beyond the furthest designated firing position on any range is prohibited. Firing positions may be moved closer to the backstop to allow for shorter shooting distances on the ranges. If the firing line moves forward, ALL shooters using that range must move forward and shoot from the new firing line.
8. No driving vehicles down the ranges. (Except for approved maintenance.)

PISTOL AND RIFLE RANGE

1. We have two pistol and rimfire rifle ranges at 25yds; one rifle, pistol, shotgun and blackpowder range at 50yds; one rifle, pistol, shotgun and blackpowder range at 100yds.
2. 50BMG and larger rounds are not allowed to be fired on any of the ranges except during Sanctioned events which have been approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
3. Only standard ammunition is allowed. Tracer, incendiary, armor piercing and/or exploding ammunition is prohibited.
4. This is a cold range facility.
 - 4.1 All actions must remain open until in a firing position.
 - 4.2 Only holstered carry weapons may have closed actions.
 - 4.3 Open bolt indicators must be used on ranges. One is given with each membership and extras are available for a nominal fee.
5. Only authorized stationary targets may be used on all ranges and must be at the back of the berm. Targets should be placed within an area defined by the base of the berm and a line 6ft in front of the base of the berm. The target itself must not stand taller than 6ft.

Acceptable targets include:

- 5.1. Paper targets
 - 5.2. Wooden portable stands with targets.
 - 5.3. Targets stapled to plywood or rubber target backers.
 - 5.4. Clay pigeons. Members may NOT remove clay targets from the machines or houses on the trap/sporting clays ranges. Members found taking targets from the machines and/or trap houses will forfeit their membership and may be prosecuted for theft of club property.
 - 5.5. No glass bottles or metal are to be used as targets or target stands on ranges.
 - 5.6. No firing into the ground as a rock may cause a deflection of the round.
 - 5.7. No Tannerite or Exploding targets.
6. No climbing on backstop or side berms is allowed except during authorized maintenance and work days when all rifle and pistols ranges are closed.
 7. No discharging a firearm is allowed while anyone is down range.
 8. Club ranges are a shared facility. Members must share the range with other members when open firing points are available.

TRAP AND SPORTING CLAY RANGE

1. Fee is \$5.00 per/box of 25 shells shot. If club house closed place fee in envelope and complete information blanks on said envelope (found in display case by clubhouse door) and put in drop box.
2. Members MUST open all trap house doors for the range area they are shooting on and MUST close the doors when finished shooting. Doors may be left open ONLY if a following group of shooters agrees to close all of the doors when they finish shooting.
3. ONLY authorized personnel may work on, load, unload, adjust and/or move the trap machines.
4. Only authorized personnel may climb and be on the two airplane stairs used on the Sporting Clay range.
5. ONLY club supplied birds may be used.
6. Guns to remain open and unloaded until in a firing position.
7. Ammunition:
 - 7.1: 7.5, 8, or 9 shot only
 - 7.2: No 3" or 3 1/2" shells
 - 7.3: No magnums
 - 7.4: 410 gauge – 2 1/2" or 3" shells
 - 7.5: No Steel shot smaller than #9 or larger than #6 may be used. Steel shot loads MUST be a target load.

ARCHERY RANGE

1. Archery range is for archery ONLY. Discharging of firearms is prohibited and will result in loss of membership.
2. Arrows are to be shot at targets only. Only approved targets will be used on archery ranges. All targets must be approved before use on ranges.
3. Bows are to be shot from designated firing lines ONLY. Archers will straddle firing line while shooting. One foot in front of the line, the other foot behind the line. Any deviation from this rule will result in being asked to stop shooting.
4. No shooting, holding or nocking of arrow is allowed while anyone is down range.
5. No shooting across archery lanes is allowed. Only shoot at the target in your lane.
6. Broad head arrows can only be fired at approved targets.

Article IV – FISHING & CAMPING RULES

1. No Dumping of bait or trash into ponds at any time.
2. There is a four (4) catfish limit per Membership, per day.
 - 2.1. All catfish caught by guest(s) shall count towards sponsoring member's four (4) fish limit.
 - 2.2. The first violation shall result in a \$10.00 fine per fish.
 - 2.2.1. Membership privileges shall be suspended until fines are paid in full.
 - 2.3. A second violation will result in double the fine per fish.
 - 2.3.1. Membership privileges shall be suspended until fines are paid in full.
 - 2.4. Any subsequent violation will result in membership termination.
3. No culling shall be permitted. A fish on a stringer or in a basket may not be released to keep another fish.

4. No keeping any bass or grass carp. All bass and grass carp are to be immediately released unharmed.
5. Bluegill and crappie will not be counted towards daily fish limit.
6. No boats or flotation devices may be used by unauthorized personnel.
7. No Ice Fishing allowed.
8. No more than 2 poles per fishing person.
9. Fires permitted, (except during County Fire Emergencies), only in supplied fire rings and approved grills.
10. All fires must be extinguished before leaving premises.
11. Picnic tables must remain under shelters.
12. Camping is allowed for a maximum of 6 continuous days. Campers, RVs and Tents must be removed from the club property after 6 continuous days.

Article V SPECIAL EVENTS & GROUP ACTIVITIES

1. Requests for special events and group activities must be presented to the Executive Board for approval at least 60 days in advance. Deposits and fees may be required.

Article VI – Club Orientation

1. Orientation must be done by an Officer of the Club or an appointed representative and all new members will receive a walk-through of the club.

Rules read, accepted and approved by the Officers of the Club.

President	<u>Phillip T. Hunter</u>	Date	<u>10-19-15</u>
Vice President	<u>Vincent Andrews</u>	Date	<u>10-5-15</u>
Recording Secretary	<u>James Bandy</u>	Date	<u>10/5/15</u>
Treasurer	<u>Mike Shroyer</u>	Date	<u>10/5/15</u>
Membership Secretary	<u>Jim Ash</u>	Date	<u>10/5/15</u>
Sergeant at Arms	<u>JR</u>	Date	<u>10-5-15</u>
Fishing & Camping Officer	<u>William D. Rogers</u>	Date	<u>10-5-15</u>
Shooting Activities Officer	<u>Officer</u>	Date	<u>10/5/15</u>
Youth Activities Officer	<u>D.J. St</u>	Date	<u>10-5-15</u>
Enforcement Director	<u>Charles Nalowitz</u>	Date	<u>10-5-2015</u>
Trustee, 1 st Year	<u>Thomas D. Hampton</u>	Date	<u>10/14/2015</u>
Trustee, 2 nd Year	<u>Gene Powell</u>	Date	<u>10/5/2015</u>
Trustee, 3 rd Year	<u>St Faith</u>	Date	<u>10-5-15</u>