

Silver Creek Hunting Club Rules 2019 – 2020

General Rules

1. All members must have a valid Silver Creek Hunting Club membership card on his / her person and accessible to show to a fellow member while on the club's property.
2. Club members are required to display a current vehicle pass on vehicles and an ATV stickers must be visible on ATV's. Vehicles and ATV's without a visible vehicle pass (sticker) are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.
3. Guests are not allowed during deer and turkey seasons, unless the guest is an immediate family member and a high school or college student under the age of 22.
4. Club members may hunt with children that are immediate family members under age 16. A club member must be present with the child (children) while on the club's property. If a child kills a deer, both the club member and child must sign-out the deer. Children must abide by the club's harvest rules unless the deer is the child's "first ever" deer harvested.
5. ALL GUEST must be accompanied by a club member while on the club's property.
6. **Only Club members can work on club properties. Club members working on club properties (if needed) must be assisted by another club members.**
7. Club membership dues for 2019 are \$500.00 which includes a spouse membership.
8. Our club membership year starts March 1st and ends February 28th of the following year. Membership slots are filled on a first paid basis. Current members in good standing have membership renewal preference until March 1st. New members will be accepted based on available (open) membership slots.
9. Check our web site for updates – www.silvercreekhuntingclub.com/rules.html

Deer Harvest Rules

1. Georgia DNR (state) hunting regulations apply to all club properties. Additional club restrictions also apply.

2. **Georgia DNR (state) Game Rules Tracts**

Bailey Road and Haywood Valley – Georgia DNR game laws and deer harvest rules apply. A maximum of two (2) does per membership, one of the allowed doe must be harvested with a bow or muzzle loader. **New Club Rule – Bucks Harvested must have a minimum of 6 points.**

Quality Managed Tracts

- a. **Watkins Gin** – Bucks harvested at Watkins Gin must have a minimum 15" inside spread or 16" for both main beams. A maximum of two (2) doe per membership - may be harvested. One of the allowed doe must be harvested with a bow or muzzle loader.
- b. Hunting (harvesting) doe on a club food plot or another member's food plot is not allowed.
- c. Both the hunters and doe must be 100 yards away from food plot. Exception, children under the age of 16 can harvest a "first ever" doe (or Buck) on a club food plots.
- d. Bucks harvested on a "Quality Managed Tract" must be shoulder, or European mounted. The name, address and phone number of the licensed taxidermist must be provided. All deer must be signed out at the gate on the day of the kill.
- e. **A PICTURE AND THE JAW BONE OF ALL BUCKS HARVESTED ON THE CLUB TO A CLUB OFFICER WITHIN 14 DAYS OF KILL.**

Additionally, also send a copy of the picture to info@silvercreekhuntingclub.com (David Warren and David Glover will receive the photos.)

- f. Hunter's harvesting a buck that doesn't meet the minimum requirements for the "Quality Managed Tract" will be fined \$200.00 and will not be allowed to hunt until the fine is paid. After the fine is paid, the second buck may only be harvested on another tract.

Small Game Hunting Rules

1. Members are allowed to bring two adult guests per visit during small game hunting seasons (when it does not coincide with deer, or turkey seasons.) Member and Guest harvest cannot exceed the state limits for one person. Non-member vehicle must be left at gate. Hunters are limited to 6 rabbits per day. You may not hunt the same tract of land on two consecutive days.
2. Small game hunters are not allowed to release dogs any closer than 300 yards from other hunters. Coon hunters may not hunt until 1 hour after sunset and must leave by 3:00 AM. Only 3 coons are allowed per tract of land, per season, per member. Coon hunters may take a guest, but the guest vehicle must be left at gate.
3. Planted Dove fields will be fully open to Dove hunting during Deer Season
4. All State game laws apply!

Sign-In Rules

1. All members must mark the sign-in board map (of the appropriate property) while visiting or hunting a property.
2. You must sign-in when you arrive and sign-out when you depart.
3. Do not erase another member's markings on sign-in board / map.
4. The sign-in board shall not be marked over 24 hours in advance.

Land Management

1. No cutting of trees.
2. All members must do one of the following:
 - a. Plant a food plot.
 - b. Put out a feeder & keep it full (member's name must be visible on all feeders)
 - c. Put out minerals.
 - d. Attend a club workday.
3. You must provide the appropriate club officer with the details regarding your work on the tract.
4. All feeders, feeds, and visible traces of minerals must be removed 14 days prior to turkey season.
5. Food plots and feeders must be approved in advance by a club officer – responsible for that track of land.
6. Feeders must be placed and actively managed with a mix of corn and high protein feed.

Campers

1. Watkins Gin - Club members may place a camper at the Watkins Gin property "camping area" between August 15th and May 15th of the following year. Campers must be removed from Watkins Gin by May 16th and can be returned after August 14th. You must also remove all item associated camping from the property. This includes tables, chairs, fire wood stacks, and wood structures – leave the property in its natural state.

2. Campers must display the Club Member's Name and Phone number while parked on a club property.
3. Contact a club office if you have question regarding camper placement and removal.

Stands

1. Stands may not be placed over another member's food plot.
2. Stands will not be nailed to trees.
3. All stands, feeders, and personal property must be marked at eye level with the year, member's name & phone number.
4. Stands on Power lines & Gas lines are not to extend no more than 3 feet onto right of way and must be on the same side as all other permanent stands
5. If you have a stand, you must maintain your stand year-round and visit each stand on a monthly basis.
6. No one can reserve another hunter's permanent stand unless they have that member's permission.
7. You may hunt another member's permanent stand only if the owner has not reserved it and has not arrived 45 minutes before sunrise. Do not hunt another member's stand unless you have a permanent stand and/or have made improvements on the same tract and visited that tract once per month.

Feeders

1. **All stands, feeders, and personal property must be marked at eye level with the year, member's name & phone number.**
2. **We recommend that the feeder activation time be set for 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.**
3. **Corn and feed must be removed from the feeders by the end of February and may be returned after Turkey season.**
4. **Feeders must be maintained and in place by September 1st.**

Rules of Conduct

1. No shooting over an adjoining landowner's property.
2. Approved "Sight-in" area for rifles will be designated by officers of that tract of land
3. Sight-in rifles prior to opening day of Deer (Archery) season – sight-in is not allowed after opening day.
4. If you see someone trespassing, try to get their name and picture. Call 911 and ask for a game warden then report the event. Provide details to a club officer including the date and time.
5. Members are asked to carry some kind of camera.
6. **NO JOY RIDING ON THE CLUB'S PROPERTY DURING HUNTING SEASONS**
7. No riding thru Food Plots.
8. Anyone caught playing in mud, tearing up property or roads; anyone caught breaking State Game Laws or caught breaking club or lease rules will be kicked out of the club.

No one under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is allowed on the property any time!! No alcohol or controlled substances allowed on the property at any time!! Anyone caught is automatically dismissed from the club!!

THE SILVER CREEK HUNTING CLUB HAS A NO REFUND POLICY

Current and New Members must complete and sign the Annual “Membership Agreement form.”

Include your signed Annual “Membership Agreement Form” with you club dues.

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