

LOBUTCHA HUNTING CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS 2016-2017

All members will follow and abide by all rules and regulations of Lobutcha Hunting Club. Failure to do so will result in fines or membership termination. All dues are non-refundable unless approved by the Board Members.

Organization & Structure

- 1. Lobutcha Hunting Club is primarily a dog-hunting club; therefore dog hunting has the priority. Dogs will be used whenever and wherever on club land.*
- 2. Lobutcha charter families reserve the exclusive right to restructure and reorganize Lobutcha Hunting Club whenever a majority vote of charter families is called and recorded. Other members may approach and put forth ideas to the charter families. Only charter families will vote on issues that could alter the original scope and intent of Lobutcha Hunting Club. Other members acknowledge and submit to this reserve clause by accepting membership in Lobutcha Hunting Club. Any votes regarding restructure and reorganization are final and without appeal.*
- 3. Officers will be selected and nominated by a nomination committee appointed by the Lobutcha Hunting Club President. Officers will be elected at a called Lobutcha Hunting Club meeting. Officers will serve a term of three years with no term limitations.*
- 4. Lobutcha Hunting Club Board Members will determine and set annual dues in order to maintain a sound financial balance sheet*
- 5. The Officers and Members of Lobutcha Hunting Club have the authority to make decisions on land leases, expenditures and improvements to Lobutcha Hunting Club land, camp area and business.*
- 6. All rules and regulations will be interpreted by the Board Members and their rulings are final and without appeal. The Board consists of the president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and five officers at large.*
- 7. Grievances or complaints will be submitted to the Grievance Committee in writing and signed by the member requesting a review of an issue. If the members and Grievance Comity are unable to resolve the issue, the detailed written complaint may be submitted to The Officers and Board Members for review. The Officers and Board Members will meet and discuss each situation taking the necessary actions to resolve the issue. No one will be permitted to deviate from this process.*
- 8. In addition to the officers of the club Lobutcha will have Committees to help in managing the many facets of the club to include but not limited to; Turkey Hunting Committee, Food Plot Committee, Nominating Committee, Safety Committee, Camp Ground Committee and Grievance Committee. If any member has a question and or concern about any of these areas. Please first take your questions and or concerns to the appropriate committee. See the attached list for names and contact information.*

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Membership Dues & Fines

1. *Lobutcha Hunting club is a family oriented hunting club. All memberships are family memberships and include all immediate family members to include Father, Mother and children. Children are allowed to hunt under the family membership through secondary schooling for up to five years provided there are no breaks in the five years.*
2. *Female children of members may hunt as a family member until they are married. Once they are married, they must start paying a full membership.*
3. *Existing members serving active duty in the military who are deployed overseas will be giving a free membership for the years the member is deployed provided a "DD Form 214" is given to an officer of the club. The member's immediate family may hunt under the free membership for the years the member is deployed.*
4. *New members are required to interview with one of the officers of LHC so that a set of rules can be given and to make sure that the new member is aware of how LHC is operated. New members cannot hunt on LHC until this interview has taken place.*
5. *Membership dues of \$1,525 are to be paid by the 2ND Saturday in May. All dues will be sent to the secretary/treasurer, either in the form of a check or money order, or given to him in cash. Members may pay with a Credit Card but must first contact the secretary/treasurer to make arrangements. All checks must be available for deposit when given to the club. If a check is returned by the bank there will be an additional \$30.00 fee added to that member. Dues paid after May 1st will result in a 10% late fee or you may not be accepted back into Lobutcha Hunting Club. The amount of the dues can fluctuate based on the number of members and lease increases.*
6. *LHC has a 68 member's limit. However, once all leases have been paid, it will be left up to the Board Members to decide if additional members will be accepted.*
 - a. *In the annual club meeting May 7, 2016 a decision to increase the member cap limit for the upcoming year to 80 members. The cap limit will be revisited in the 2017 annual meeting to decide if the 80 cap limit should remain.*
- 8) *All new members are on probation their first year as a member beginning May 2nd of their first year until May 1st of the following year. New members are not eligible to vote until accepted as non-probationary member at the annual meeting in May.*
- 9) *Fines will be imposed for violations of any and all rules and will be as follows:*
 - *1st Violation - \$75.00 2nd*
 - *Violation- \$150.00*
 - *3rd Violation - \$300.00 and or termination.*
 - *All fines carry restoration or repair cost of damages. Fines are determined and levied by the Lobutcha Hunting Club Board Members.*

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Campground Rules

1. *No littering.*
2. *No deer carcasses left in camp areas at any time.*
3. *Camp fees are paid to proper club officer, prior to any construction or placement of campers.*
4. *All items discarded or junked, must be removed from club land by the member junking the item.*
5. *Annual fees for lot, water, electricity or other fees are subject to change as required to pay such costs.*
6. *Camp disturbances will not be tolerated. Camp quiet time will begin at 12:00 a.m.*
7. *All campfires must be located in a fire ring and there must be a water hose within reach of such fire.*
8. *Septic tanks are required for all campsites. Septic tanks must be in the ground with field lines buried and at least 20' long.*
9. *Each member is responsible for their electrical and water hook-ups to camp facilities.*
10. *Contractors, workers and all other guest on club properties and leaseholds must be accompanied by a club member at all times while on club property no exceptions.*
11. *Combination locks will be put on all gates and the combination will be 1525. The combination will remain the same unless an issue arises and the Board Members deem it necessary to make a change. If the combination were to be changed, each member will be notified of such change. All gates should remain locked except during an active dog hunt or logging operation.*

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General & Safety

1. *Profanity, nudity and behavior unbecoming a sportsperson is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.*
2. *Lobutcha Hunting Club leaseholders, mandate a speed limit of 25MPH on all camp roads, no exceptions.*
3. *All vehicles on Lobutcha property must have general liability insurance and proof of insurance in the vehicle at all times. Lobutcha leaseholders have the right to stop and check all vehicles for proof of insurance.*
4. *All persons operating a motorized vehicle on Lobutcha property must carry a valid MS driver's license.*
5. *All members are required to have a working CB radio in their vehicle at all times while on Lobutcha property.*
6. *Lobutcha Hunting Club will abide by and follow all MS Game and Fish Commission Management Practices and Regulations. This includes each season and bag limits. Lobutcha is currently under DMAP program that has other rules and regulations.*
7. *Safety issues, trespassing and lease violations are grounds for fines and/or possible termination.*
8. *There will be no drinking of alcohol allowed during any hunting hours. No unsafe or dangerous activities will be allowed on club land. There will be no open display of any alcoholic beverages. All alcoholic beverages will be consumed from a cup or within a container cover.*
9. *Camp workdays will be scheduled. Each member are required to attend at least half of the workdays. We will try to schedule at least four workdays per hunting season. If the required numbers of workdays have not been attended, then that member will be fined \$50.00 per day.*
10. *ATV's are for off road use only! ATV's are strictly prohibited on any main access roads. You must haul your ATV to where you are hunting and unload at that point.*
11. *Vehicles are not block traffic on any roads or trails at any time. Member's vehicles and or trailers blocking a road or trail will be fined and/or vehicle towed at the member's expense.*
12. *No Joy riding allowed behind the gates of Lobutcha Hunting Club between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 4:45A.M. Members trying to retrieve a deer shot during legal shooting hours, or retrieving dogs, may have a gun in their possession during these times. Otherwise, no one should be behind the gates during these hours. Violation of this rule will result in immediate termination of violator's membership.*

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Guest

- 1) *Guests are the responsibility of the sponsoring member. Guest fees are due and payable prior to any hunt. If a member plans to bring a guest, that member is required to contact a Board Member in person or by phone, prior to hunting.*
- 2) *Guest are required to sign in and out of the guest logbook kept at the skinning shed. It is the sponsoring member's responsibility to insure his or her guest signs in and out.*
- 3) *Guests may hunt a maximum of six days per year and the six days will cover all hunting seasons. If a guest hunts six days in one year, they are expected to join the following year. If that guest does not join the following year, they will no longer be allowed back as a guest.*
- 4) *Guest fees for adults are \$25.00 per day or any part of a day. Your guest may kill one doe during his or her hunt without any additional fees incurred. A guest may also kill one state legal buck that is 10in inside spread or 13in main beam. If a guest kills such a buck it will count as the member's one state legal buck for the year. However, if a guest kills a buck that meets or exceeds a thirteen inch inside spread. That guest will incur an additional \$100.00 fee. This fee will have to be paid by the guest or sponsoring member before leaving Lobutchka Hunting Club. If a guest kills a buck that falls short of our current buck guidelines, that guest will incur an additional fee of \$200.00 that must be paid before leaving Lobutchka Hunting Club.*
- 5) *Bucks killed by a guest will not count towards the sponsoring members buck total of three for a hunting season. Guest can only kill one buck per year.*

Food Plots & Private Stands

- 1) *Each member is allowed two private food-plots. Food-plots must have no less than 20 pounds of seed and no less than 50 pounds of fertilizer on them to be claimed as private food-plots.*
- 2) *All food-plot must be planted no later than November 1st. Food-plots not planted by November 1st will be declared as open by the food-plot committee and the members sign removed.*
- 3) *Private food-plots must be marked with a sign constructed out of plastic, metal or other suitable material that will last a minimum of 2 years in the elements. Each sign must be a minimum of 144 square inches in size. Private food-plot signs must have the member's last name and the hunting year the member is claiming the food-plot. The members name and date must be applied to the sign with paint, stickers or something that will withstand the elements for a minimum of 2 years. Cardboard, paper, Styrofoam plates, ink pens, permanent markers, lead markers, are not suitable materials and therefore will not be allowed.*
- 4) *Once a stand has been claimed as a private stand and the food-plot planted, no member shall hunt or place a stand within 300 yards or what is considered a safe distance from a declared private stand.*
- 5) *Members will not be allowed to claim, mark, or plant a food-plot or stand until May 1st of each year.*

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- 6) *All dues and fines must be paid in full before any member may claim a private stand. Once a member has paid his dues he may reclaim his stands from the prior year or claim a new stand that had not been claimed the prior year after May 1st.*
- 7) *If a private food-plot has not been declared by July 1st by the same member that had claimed it the prior year, the food-plot will be considered open to be claimed by other members on a first-come first-serve basis on July 1st.*
- 8) *Once a member has claimed and planted a food-plot that food-plot belongs to that member until July 1st of the following year. Members are not allowed to swap trade or sell a food plot at any time.*
- 9) *Private stands must be declared to the Stand Committee by July 1st of each upcoming hunting season.*

Stands

- 1) *Each member is allowed a maximum of four stands, two of which may be private and located on that member's private food plots (see Food Plots & Private Stands for more detail).*
- 2) *Each member is allowed two non-private stands. These may be climbing stands, ladder stands, lock-on stands or ground blinds, etc. However, these will not be considered private stands and may be hunted by other members on a first come first served basis*
- 3) *All member will be limited to (2) two shooting houses.*

Feeding

- 1) *Lobutcha Hunting Club will allow supplemental feeding within the laws, rules and regulations as set forth by the MS Dept. of Wildlife. Lobutcha Hunting Club and its members will follow all laws set by MS Game & Fish Commission for supplemental feeding. Any violations of said laws will be grounds for termination of membership.*
- 2) *Each member is allowed one feeder for each of his or her private food plots for a maximum of two.*
- 3) *There will be no feeding of any kind beginning March 1st through May 1st of each year. All feeders should be empty and turned off during this time.*
- 4) *All guests will abide by all club rules and regulations while on club land. No guests are allowed to hunt without the sponsoring member being present.*

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Legal Bucks & DMAPP

- 1) *Lobutcha Hunting Club is currently participating in a DMAPP program. It is required with no exception that all deer taken on Lobutcha Hunting Club land must be brought to the camp facilities to be weighed and jawbone removed before taken off club property. The jawbone will need to be placed in the proper container for such items at the skinning rack. All necessary documentation must be completed in the logbook and tags filled out for the DMAPP program. The tag numbers must match up with the corresponding deer in the logbook. There will be a poster board hung inside the skinning facilities that instructs you as to what must be done to comply with the DMAPP program. Failure to comply with the DMAPP program will cause the termination of the violator's membership. Jawbones must be cleaned thoroughly before placing them in the proper container, or fines will be assessed. All game killed on Lobutcha Club must be retrieved.*
- 2) *Each member and family member may kill 3 bucks per year. One that meets MS state law regulations and two that meet LHC regulations. LHC legal bucks are defined by a 13in inside spread or 16in main beam length.*
- 3) *If a guest kills a state legal buck, it will count as the member's state legal buck. However, the member will still be allowed three LHC legal bucks.*
- 4) *If a buck is killed that does not have clearly discernible horns it will be a fifty dollar fine, and will not count as one of the members three bucks.*
- 5) *If a member kills a deer that is not suitable for consumption. It will not count as one of the member's deer for the year and there will be no fine. Deer must be inspected by one of the officers and reported to the game warden.*
- 6) *All youth hunters under the age of sixteen may kill any horned deer for their first buck of the year. Once they have killed their first buck, they will then fall under the same rules for bucks as everyone else's. Youth hunters under the age of 18 can have no guest and must be under the supervision of an adult member while hunting at Lobutcha.*
- 7) *No deer killed off of Lobutcha Hunting Club property will be allowed on camp grounds unless killed while participating in an organized hunt with Lobutcha Hunting Club*

Turkey Hunting

- 1) *A logbook will be kept for Turkey season at the check in station located at the Hwy 14 entrance of the campgrounds. All members and guest are required to log/sign in and out each day.*
- 2) *Members may not log/sign in or post their location on the board until 4am the morning of their hunt.*

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- 3) *Members are required to hunt the area they posted on the board. If a member chooses to move to another area, they must first return to the camp and repost on the board prior to moving.*
- 4) *All turkeys will have to be weighed, beards measured, spurs measured and recorded in the logbook. Failure to log a turkey properly will result in fines or possible termination.*
- 5) *A member can bring a guest for turkey hunting; however, the guest must be hunting with the member.*
- 6) *If a member is caught with, a guest that has not been signed in, he will be fined accordingly or stronger actions could be taken.*
- 7) *If a guest kills a turkey it will count toward the members' three turkeys per hunting season.*
- 8) *There will be no feeding and or baiting during Turkey season. Areas found with bait or feed will be blocked off on the board and no member will be allowed to hunt that area.*

Dog Hunting

- 1) *All dog running will be done as a camp unit. No individual runs will be allowed.*
- 2) *If a member chooses to dog hunt, they are required to have a dog box, chain or rope with at least four hooks/snaps attached to the truck.*
- 3) *No member will be able to tow a trailer and/or a four-wheeler while participating in dog hunting.*
- 4) *Each member and guest are required to have a shotgun and a rifle while dog hunting.*
- 5) *If a member chooses to hunt the last dog hunt, they will be expected to stay throughout the hunt and help catch the dogs. If a member needs to leave prior to the end of the hunt, they must get permission to do so prior to the hunt.*

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Hog Hunting

- 1) *Hog hunting with dogs is allowed in accordance with state laws anytime during the year with the exception of any open deer and or turkey season.*
- 2) *All members planning to hog hunt are required to contact a board member prior to the hunt and declare all guest.*
- 3) *Each member will be allowed three guests and a \$25 fee will apply for each guest.*
- 4) *All hogs caught during a hunt are to be exterminated.*
- 5) *Trapping of hogs will not be allowed at this time.*
- 6) *A logbook located in the skinning shed will be kept for all wild hogs killed on Lobutcha property. All hogs must be weighed and recorded in the logbook prior to being removed from Lobutcha property.*

If you have any questions regarding these rules and regulations, please contact one of the officers below for further information.

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