

LOBUTCHA HUNTING CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS 2012-2013

Each member is expected to follow and abide by all rules and regulations of Lobutchta Hunting Club. Failure to do so will result in fines or membership termination. No refunds will be given unless approved by the Board Members.

1. Lobutchta 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. Lobutchta charter families reserve the exclusive right to restructure and reorganize Lobutchta 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 Lobutchta Hunting Club. Other members acknowledge and submit to this reserve clause by accepting membership in Lobutchta 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 Lobutchta Hunting Club President. Officers will be elected at a called Lobutchta Hunting Club meeting. Officers will serve a term of three years with no term limitations.
4. Any grievances or complaints must be submitted in writing and signed by the member requesting a review of an issue. The complaint will be submitted to the Lobutchta Hunting Club Board Members. The Board Members will meet and discuss each situation and take the necessary action. No one will be permitted to deviate from this process or they will be fined and/or terminated.
5. 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.
6. Lobutchta Hunting Club will allow supplemental feeding and each member will be able to have two timed feeder or feeding trough which meets the requirements set forth by the State of MS Dept of Wildlife. The feeder must be on the member's personal food plot. Rules set by the MS Game & Fish Commission for supplemental feeding will be followed by Lobutchta Hunting Club and any violations of said rules will be grounds for termination.

7. 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 Lobutchka Hunting Club Board Members.

8. Lobutchka Hunting Club will abide by and follow all MS Game and Fish Commission Management Practices and Regulations. This includes each season and bag limits. Lobutchka is currently under DMAP program that has other rules and regulations.

9. Safety issues, trespassing and lease violations are grounds for fines and/or possible termination.

10. 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 two officers at large.

11. Guests are the total responsibility of the sponsoring member. Guest fees are due and payable prior to any hunt. If you plan on bringing a guest, you are required to contact one of the Board Members in person or by phone, prior to hunting. If you are caught with a guest without prior permission you will be fined accordingly.

Guest fees for adults are \$25.00 per day or any part of a day. Your guest may kill a doe during his or her hunt without any additional fees incurred. A guest may also kill a ms legal buck which is 10in inside spread or 13in main beam. If a guest kills such a buck it will count as the members free deer for the year. However, if your guest kills a buck that meets or exceeds a thirteen inch inside spread. Your 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 your guest kills a buck that falls short of our current buck guidelines, your guest will incur an additional fee of \$200.00 that must be paid before leaving Lobutchka Hunting Club.

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.

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. Guests are allowed to hunt only three days per year and the three days will cover all hunting seasons. If a person wishes to hunt more than three days, he or she should pay a full membership.

12. Membership dues of \$1,500 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. Credit Card payments are accepted through paypal on the website however. You must first contact the secretary/treasurer in advance to obtain a password. 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 Lobutchka Hunting Club. The amount of the dues can fluctuate based on the number of members and lease increases. Once all leases have been paid, it will be left up to the Board Members if additional members will be accepted.

13. All new members are on a one year probationary period 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 members at the annual meeting in May.

14. Lobutchka Hunting Club Board Members will determine and set annual dues in order to maintain a sound financial balance sheet.

15. The Board Members of Lobutchka Hunting Club have the authority to make decisions on land leases, expenditures and improvements to Lobutchka Hunting Club land, camp area and business.

16. Profanity, nudity and behavior unbecoming a sportsperson is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

17. All dog running will be done as a camp unit. No individual runs will be allowed.

18. 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 Lobutchka.

19. Each member can only have two private stands/food plots and two non-private stands. A member can only have two shooting houses. The maximum number of total stands for each member is FOUR. It is no longer necessary to place a shooting house on a private food plot. However, for each private stand, you must have a legitimate food plot with at least twenty-five pounds of seed and fifty pounds of fertilizer.

The other two stands can be climbing stands, ladder stands, or lock-on stands, but these won't be considered private stands. If you have more than two shooting houses in place, you may be asked to take the excessive stand down or sell it to another member. Private stands must be declared to the Stand Committee by July 1st of each upcoming hunting season.

Once a stand has been claimed as a private stand and the food plot planted, no member shall hunt or place a stand within 200 yards or what is considered a safe distance from a declared private stand.

Members will not be allowed to claim a stand until all dues and fines are paid in full. 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. 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 on a first-come first-serve basis on July 1st.

20. Lean-to's, lock-on's, and climbing stands can be used on a first-come first-serve basis unless you are using one of these types of stand on your private food plot where a shooting house does not exist.

21. **If** a member chooses to dog hunt, it is required that they have a dog box, chain or rope with at least four hooks/snaps attached to the truck. It is also required that members who are dog hunting have a working CB radio. No member will be able to tow a trailer and/or a four wheeler while participating in dog hunting. Each member is required to have a shotgun and a rifle while dog hunting.

22. **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** you need to leave, you must get permission to do so prior to the hunt.

23. Camp workdays will be scheduled. Each member will be required to make arrangements to attend at least half of the work days. 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.

24. ATV's are for off road use only!!!! No ATV's will be allowed to travel on any main access roads from October 1" through May 1" of that year. You must haul your ATV to where you are hunting and unload at that point.

25. All vehicles are to be parked as to not block traffic on any roads or trails for any reason. **If** you are blocking a road or trail, you will be fined or towed.

26. There will be no Joy Riding allowed behind the gates of Lobutchka Hunting Club land between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 4:45A.M. Members trying to retrieve a deer that has been 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.

27. Lobutchka Hunting Club is currently participating in a DMAPP program. It is required with no exception that all deer taken on Lobutchka 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 log book and tags filled out for the DMAPP program. The tag numbers must match up with the corresponding deer in the log book. There will be a poster board hung up 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 Lobutchka Club must be retrieved.

28. A member can bring a guest for turkey hunting; however, the guest must be hunting with the member.

29. We will keep a log book for Turkey season. All turkeys will have to be weighed, beards measured, spurs measured and recorded in the log book. Failure to log a turkey properly will result in fines or possible termination. This also includes wild hogs. You must weigh and record.

30. There will be a sign-in book for Turkey season. All members and guests must sign in and out each day and 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.

31. If a guest kills a turkey it will count toward the members' total of three turkeys per hunting season.

32. Each member and family member can 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. If a member brings a guest that kills a Ms state legal buck. Then those members can still kill 3 bucks, but they have to be by LHC regulations.

33. 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 3 bucks.

34. 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 nor will there be a fine. Deer must be inspected by one of the officers and reported to the game warden.

35. 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. All members planning to hog hunt are required to contact a board member prior to the hunt and declare all guest. Each member will be allowed 3 guests and a \$25 fee will apply for each guest. All hogs caught during a hunt are to be exterminated. Trapping of hogs will not be allowed at this time.

36. 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.

37. New members are required to sign an acknowledgement/acceptance statement of rules, bylaws and probationary period.

38. Old members are required to sign an acknowledgement and acceptance statement of rules and bylaws.

39. 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 immediately from club land by that member.

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.

40. No deer killed off of Lobutchka Hunting Club property will be allowed on camp grounds unless killed while participating in an organized hunt with Lobotcha Hunting Club.

41. 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.

The new combination locks will be put on the gates Sunday afternoon and the combination will be 7407. 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.

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

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David Weatherford, Vice-President 601-416-0837

Mike Goodin, Secretary/Treasurer 601-259-8829

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I have received and acknowledged the Lobutchka Hunting Club Rules and Regulations. I understand that if I do not abide by these rules, I am subject to fines and possible termination from the club.

Signature

Date.

