



Dunaway Hunting and Fishing Club

Rules and Regulations

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General Rules

1. A Member is defined as the individual who holds record title, or individual designated by a business entity that owns record title to a Dunaway lot. There is only one individual classified as a member for each lot. The member and their family members shall be entitled to full use of club facilities, with the exception of certain hunting restrictions. Family members (Associates) shall be considered the member's spouse, their legal children and their spouses, and grandchildren. All others are considered guests.
2. The Board of Directors (BOD) may specify any fine or restrictions it deems appropriate for the violation of a rule or regulation as stated in Article III, Section III & IV of the Club's Bylaws.
3. The Club Manager is authorized by the Board of Directors to enforce all rules and regulations. The Club Manager has the ability to make discretionary decisions pertaining to certain regulations.
4. Club rules and regulations may be amended by the Board of Directors or by a majority vote of the members. Members shall be notified of any rule changes by mail or email.
5. The Club Manager reports to and receives direction only from the President of the Board of Directors.
6. All state and federal regulations are strictly enforced. However, the BOD may elect to set more restrictive bag limits for individual species than state and federal regulations
7. Members are fully responsible for the actions of their family members and guests.
8. Members are not allowed to place Dunaway related events, or cabin usage up for auction unless the sponsoring member is present during all activities that are awarded to the winning bidder.
9. A parent or legal guardian must supervise any minor guest or have the written consent and a release of liability signed by a parent or legal guardian.
10. No garbage or other trash shall be discarded on club property. Only natural materials (brush, leaves, etc.) may be discarded at the club dumpsite. Littering will not be tolerated.

11. Firearms practice is limited to the designated locations (rifle range for center fire and rim fire, and the clays course for shotguns). During the Big Game hunting seasons (Early Velvet Hunt, Deer and Turkey) use of the rifle range is limited to the hours of 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. If the range is needed for sighting in of hunting guns outside of these hours, please speak with the Club Manager.
12. Loaded firearms are prohibited in any Dunaway owned building (holstered pistols may be carried by Tennessee Enhanced Concealed Carry permit holders).
13. Discharging a firearm from a vehicle, or within 25 feet of a vehicle, is prohibited.
14. Gun hunting and discharging of firearms within the Gulf (residential area) is strictly prohibited. The use of rifles is not allowed in zones 1,2,3,4 and 5 as these are deemed archery only areas. The use of shotguns for turkey hunting is allowed in these areas 75 yards or greater from roads and structures.
15. Hunting will be allowed in areas designated by management.
16. All referred to times are Eastern Time.
17. All Members and Associates must sign a Release of Liability once each calendar year prior to participating in any outdoor activities on club grounds.
18. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited prior to and during all hunting and shooting activities and should be used in moderation at all other times. Keep in mind that this is intended to be a family hunting and fishing club, and a good example should be set at all times.
19. General safety should be practiced at all times.
20. The BOD must approve all events that will be hosted on the club premises.
21. Hiking trails within areas D, E, F and 1 are open year around to hikers. Hiking trails are available to hikers during the TN Big Game season but must be signed out in the same manner as any hunting unit
22. Weekends at Dunaway are to be considered "quiet times" for members to enjoy the club with minimal interruption. No contractor activities may take place on the property over weekends and holidays, and members will be limited to basic maintenance projects between the hours of 10:00 AM- 11:00

AM. (items such as leaf blowing, yard maintenance). The use of low noise, battery operated equipment is encouraged.

Motor Vehicle Rules

1. A motor vehicle is any vehicle equipped with wheels and powered by a motor.
2. The roads from the gate, including the area up to the office and Sportsman's Lodge, sporting clays and Thompson Pond, and through the gulf and residential area, shall be considered high traffic areas.
3. The speed limit for motor vehicles being operated on Dunaway property is 15 miles per hour and is to be strictly adhered to in the high traffic areas.
4. Only individuals holding a valid driver's license or learner's permit may operate motor vehicles in the high traffic areas; a licensed driver must accompany others. The operation of ATV's and UTV's by associates less than 15 years of age must have a signed liability from parents/legal guardian.
5. Any motor vehicle may be used for traveling between cabins, going to and from sporting clays, the Thompson pond and/or the hunting areas. Motor vehicles may not be operated in the high traffic areas for recreational purposes.
6. No vehicle should be driven within food plots. All motorized vehicle traffic should be limited to designated roads and trails. Off road vehicles should take care not to destroy the natural beauty of Dunaway. There are no circumstances that permit the operation of motor vehicles in the gulf/residential area off the maintained roads.
7. Gas Powered dirt bikes and go-carts will not be allowed on the property, nor will 2 stroke 4-wheelers over 100cc.
8. Electric motor-powered bicycles will be permitted.
9. No driving through hunting areas after dark during the hunting season.
10. During the hunting seasons (Early Velvet Hunt, Deer and Turkey) recreational driving through the hunting areas is limited to 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.
11. A Member, associate, and guests are subject to a speeding fine. This fine can be given without warning. Any damage and/or expense caused to green fields/food plots by action of driving any vehicle into them will be the responsibility of the membership that caused damage.
12. During wet weather conditions, only ATV and side-by-side vehicles will be allowed on un-surfaced roads (dirt roads). We asked that good judgment be used on steep dirt roads to protect them from rutting and washing.

13. Dirt roads leading from Gulf to Boogerman and Flat Mtn. (L1/L2 areas) are open only to ATV and side-by-side traffic. No trucks, jeeps or SUVs.

General Guest Rules

1. A Guest is defined as anyone other than a member or an associate.
2. Memberships are allowed unlimited guest days for fishing and non-hunting activities.
3. Unaccompanied guests are limited to use of the residential area, Dunaway Lake and Thompson Pond. Unaccompanied guests are not allowed access to the property beyond the Office/Barn area.
4. Guests are not allowed to take vehicles beyond the barn area unless accompanied by a member or associate.
5. All guests must sign a Release of Liability prior to utilizing any of Dunaway's facilities or partaking in any outdoor activities on club grounds.
6. All guests 17 and under must be with a parent/legal guardian or have a signed written consent form by the parents/legal guardian prior to participating in hunting or shooting related sports.
7. Members are responsible for any damage caused by negligence or willful action on the part of himself, associates, or his guests.

Sporting Lodge Rules

1. Please treat the rental facilities as if they were your home.
2. Members and family will be allowed to use the rentals on a first come/first served basis.
3. Reservations MUST be made through the club office.
4. The fee for the Sportsman's Lodge is \$75 per night. The Sportsman's Lodge is open to the general membership during the daytime hours, and ONLY the bunkroom and full bath will be considered private.
5. Members may reserve the rentals for themselves and their invited guests.
6. Members must be present with their guest except if the member is staying at their own cabin.
7. Members and/or guests will be required to bring their own food and beverages.
8. The Club will supply linens and dishes.

9. Members will be charged for reservations not canceled 48 hours in advance unless cancellation is for medical reasons, then the charge shall be 50%. Failure to cancel for any reason will result in full charge.
10. Reservations for rentals will be given priority for bookings of two days or greater. Single day requests can be made on Monday prior to the weekend if it is not booked.
11. NO PETS are allowed in the rental cabins. Members or guests with pets may keep pets in the kennels at night, provided runs are vacant.
12. NO SMOKING is allowed in the rental facilities.
13. NO CLEANING OF GAME in the cabins and on decks. The game cleaning room at the barn is ideal for cleaning game. After cleaning fish or game, discard the remains at designated location. **DO NOT** leave game remains in the garbage cans in the cleaning room, barn area or cabins.

General Hunting Rules

1. The Club Manager has full discretion to change or modify any hunting rule or regulation as circumstances dictate.
2. All hunters must sign in for a location prior to each hunt and remove that location upon arrival back in from the hunt. Hunt reservations are made at huntedunaway.com and do require a login name and password. You will not be able to sign in for a new location until you fill out the data sheet portion of the sign in section. Total number of hunting areas allowed per membership varies by species hunted, so check individual hunting sections to determine how many zones are allowed.
3. All hunters must sign a copy of our hunting rules and regulations and a release of liability (provided in the skinning shed or office) prior to hunting each year.
4. Do not field dress any animals in the field. All harvested big game animals must be inspected by management prior to removal from the property.
5. Processing can be arranged through the Club Office with all cost to be paid by the member.

6. Every wounded animal needs to be tracked and every effort should be made to recover wounded game. All wounded game must be reported to the Club Manager.
7. Any sign of trespassing should be immediately reported to the Club Manager. We do not want our members in an armed confrontation with a trespasser.
8. Driving through hunting areas during the day or at night is prohibited.
9. Any flagging or reflective devices marking stands or hunting locations should be removed at the end of each year.
10. All shots fired or arrows launched during a hunt must be reported to Management and logged into the post hunt "Hunter Survey".
11. Two (2) sits or a single (1) sit over 5 hours will be considered a "hunt day"
12. Shotgun hunting is permitted in Units 1-5 during turkey season. Care should be taken to not be within 75 yds of a structure or road.

Deer Hunting Rules

Dunaway participates in a Quality Deer Management program and all hunters must follow the harvest guidelines. All state guidelines and bag limits must be followed unless otherwise stated.

All Members, Associates and Guest are encouraged to participate in the annual deer hunter educational course prior to hunting deer at Dunaway. This course will cover deer related rules and regulations as well as field judging by age.

Dunaway Deer Harvest Program

Definitions

1. Qualifying buck
 - a. Any buck that is at least 3 ½ years old
 - b. Any buck with a gross B&C score of at least 120"
2. Non-qualifying buck
 - a. Any buck less than 3 ½ yrs old with a B&C score less than 120"
 - b. Any buck harvested that causes the membership to exceed 3 points
 - c. A fourth buck accidentally harvested

Point System

1. Each Membership will be allocated 3 points (three buck limit/membership)
2. Memberships will be charged 1 point for each qualifying buck harvest.
3. Memberships will be charged 2 points for each non-qualifying buck harvest.
4. To harvest 3 bucks, the Membership must harvest at least one 4 ½ year old or older buck.

Youth Hunter Harvest (First Buck Ever)

1. Associates age 16 or under who have never harvested a buck (anywhere) may shoot any buck of their choice
2. The membership will be charged “1” point for a qualified buck and 2 points for a non-qualifying buck.

Deer Hunting Penalties/Fines

1. Penalty for harvesting a non-qualifying buck
 - a. \$750 (if the hunter attended the buck aging class, the fine will be \$500 – only one reduction/membership).
 - b. The hunter is suspended from harvesting a buck for the remainder of the season (if the non-qualifying buck is harvested in December, the hunter is suspended from harvesting a buck through bow season of the following year).
 - c. For harvesting 2 non-qualifying bucks in the same year, the fine is doubled on the second buck
 - d. For harvesting a non-qualifying buck 2 years in a row, the fine is doubled.
2. Penalty for a 3rd buck that is less than 4 ½ years old will be \$250 unless it is a nonqualified buck which will carry the \$750/\$500 fine.
3. Penalty for exceeding 3 points will be \$250/per point in addition to any other fine and the extra point will be carried to the following year reducing the Membership points (in no instance will the membership lose more than 1 harvest point in the following year).

4. A youth hunter's, "first buck ever", harvest will not carry a fine for a non-qualified buck nor will the youth hunter be restricted from further buck hunting.

Button Bucks and Spikes

1. Tennessee defines an **antlered deer** as follows: "Any male or female deer with at least one (1) antler that is a minimum of 3" in length".
2. Button bucks (no antler more than 3" in length) will **not** be considered subordinate bucks and no penalty will be imposed on the 1st mistake. The Membership will be charged a \$250 fine, but no harvest point on a 2nd mistake. A 3rd button buck in the same season will incur a harvest point and the Membership fine will be doubled to \$500.
3. Spikes with visible antlers more than 3" above the hairline will be considered an antlered buck (the very rare antlered doe will be excluded from any penalty). Penalties will be the same as for any subordinate buck.

Continuing Non-Compliance

1. Memberships or individuals who have continuing instances of non-compliance with the Club's hunting regulations will be referred to the Board which reserves the right to impose additional fines and/or penalties to include suspension of hunting privileges.

Please contact the Club Manager or member of the Sporting Committee if you need additional clarification of the Buck Harvest point system.

Any member or associate buck harvest that does not meet the B&C score or minimum age will be required to attend the Dunaway Deer Hunter Education Program prior to hunting the next season. All youth hunters are required to take this course, and only those that have completed the course and are 14 years old or older are allowed to hunt by themselves.

All bucks must be scored and aged by the Club Manager or Assistant Manager and scores will be rounded up to the nearest inch.... There will be no exceptions. Age will be determined by Club Manager or Assistant Manager by:

1. **Photo aging provided by our consultant.**
2. **Based off of the tooth wear and replacement method.**
3. **If there is a dispute – several photos of the buck and buck's lower jawbone will be sent to the Sporting Committee and our consultant for final determination.**

Additional Information

1. **Doe Harvest:** Doe harvest goals will be set prior to each season. Doe harvest locations are also restricted to areas 150 yards away from food plots, with a few exceptions; so, check sign out board for locations that are closed to doe harvest.
2. Any Member's child or grandchild between 14-18 years old can hunt alone only if they have received certification by the Club Manager and/or Sporting Committee (through taking the Dunaway Hunter's Education Course and shooting test) and have successfully passed the state Hunter's Safety Class. All hunters less than 14 years old must hunt with an adult and all guests 17 and under must hunt with an adult over 21 years old.
3. Members may erect commercially made stands on the property, but they cannot be permanently attached to trees with nails or screws.

Guest Rules – Hunting

1. All hunting guests must be accompanied by a Member or Associate and sign the guest-hunting book located in the office or on-line waiver prior to each hunt.
2. Memberships are allowed unlimited guest days for fishing, quail hunting, (small game/predator except during big game seasons) and non-hunting activities.
3. Memberships are limited to 25 guest hunting days per calendar year, and no one individual may be a hunting guest more than 10 days per calendar year.
4. A guest day will not be charged to the membership for a guest hunting in the same stand or unit with a member or associate.

5. All hunting guests must be accompanied by a member or associate to and from the stand (guest may hunt alone).
6. All guests must sign a Release of Liability form. Forms are located in the skinning shed and office.
7. Guests are not allowed to hunt on any big game opening weekends except the first youth weekend of deer season will be open to youth guests for doe hunting only.
8. All guests 17 and under must be with a parent/legal guardian or have a signed written consent form by the parents/legal guardian prior to participating in hunting or shooting related sports.
9. Associates will be limited to one hunting guest per day. Members and Associates must accompany guest to and from hunting locations.
10. Guest Harvest (deer)
 - a) Guests will be subject to the same harvest rules and fines as for a regular member with the below modifications
 - b) A \$250 trophy fee will be assessed for the guest harvest of a buck.

Ingress/Egress Rules

1. During hunting season, hunters may only enter a zone they are signed into hunt, check a camera or hang a stand (if checking a camera or hanging a stand, you must sign out immediately on your return).
2. Morning hunters must be in signed out area by legal shooting light (one half hour prior to sunup) and must not return until 3 hours after legal shooting time.
3. Afternoon hunters must be in signed out zone 3 hours prior to the end of legal shooting time (one half hour after sunset) and may not return in until the end of legal shooting time.
4. If you are arriving late or need to leave early you may only do so if your ingress/egress does not require you to pass another signed out hunting unit.
5. You must check the sign-in/out app before going into a hunting zone even when big game seasons are not in effect. This is an important safety issue as members may be predator or small game hunting in a unit.

6. When 2 hunters are sharing the same stand or unit, the sign-in time will be determined by using the time designated for the hunter with the highest status

Territories/Stand Assignments

1. **Signing out for an area and not hunting is strictly prohibited.**
2. Hiking trail areas must be signed out during hunting seasons.
3. Each Membership will be limited to 3 hunting zones per hunting session (morning or afternoon) on the weekend and 4 zones per hunting session on weekdays during the deer season (some areas may accommodate more than one hunter if deemed safe by Management).
4. No one person may sign out for more than one unit at a time.
5. Sign – in times
 - a. Members may sign in for a hunting unit for the next morning beginning at 7:00 PM.
 - b. Associates may sign in for the next day beginning at 7:15 PM.
 - c. Guests may sign in for the next day's unit beginning at 7:30 PM.
 - d. Hunters signing in for an afternoon hunt may do so on the day of the hunt at:
 - 11:00 AM for members
 - 11:15 AM for Associates
 - 11:30 AM for guests
6. You must sign-out and re-sign in for an area each day, but you maintain first rights of refusal on an area until you remove your name from that unit.
7. A Member may ask another Member to move his guest in order to allow that Member their choice of hunting areas. This action must be done in a clear conversation between Memberships.
8. Failing to either remove your name or update your hunting information after hunting may result in a fine.
9. All Dunaway owned/maintained tree stands are marked on the new Dunaway maps. Stand location and tracker are available from the Dunaway OnX (provided by management upon request). These stands have been

inspected, maintained, and are deemed safe for use. However, factors may change the safety of these stands, so hunt out of them at your own risk, and report any issues that you find. Any stand that is not on the map is a privately-owned stand and the club assumes no liability, nor maintains any privately-owned stand.

Turkey Rules and Regulations

1. Turkey hunting rules will follow state regulations.
2. Memberships are allowed 4 gobblers per Spring Season and Fall season limits will be set on an annual basis.
3. Only mature gobblers may be harvested. A gobbler with a fully rounded tail fan, confirmed by the manager, will be deemed a mature gobbler. An exception will be made for associates 16 years old and under that have never harvested a turkey anywhere before.
4. Sign out procedures:
 - a. Memberships are allowed 2 zones on the weekends at one time.
 - b. Memberships are allowed up to 3 zones during weekdays, but no more than two adjoining zones for an individual hunter.
 - c. After opening weekend up to 2 zones/Membership may be changed one time during the day. The zone changes cannot be made until 11 AM using the usual sign out priority.
5. No more than 2 hunters with guns are allowed in a signed-out area; one additional individual may be a caller/observer only.
6. No turkey calling within the hunting zones is allowed 1 month prior to the opening of the season.
7. No hunting guest will be allowed over the opening weekend of the season.
8. Morning hunters must be in signed in area by legal shooting light (one half hour prior to sunup). Hunters may return at any time in the afternoon from their signed-in unit, but they should be respectful of other hunters when returning.
9. Hunters may not enter any zone throughout the season unless they are signed out for that zone. This includes checking cameras, erecting blinds or scouting.

10. Shotgun hunting is permitted in Units 1-5 during turkey season. Care should be taken to not be within 75 yds of a structure or road.

A \$500 fine will be implemented for a membership harvesting an immature gobbler (Jake) or a 5th turkey.

Bear Hunting (PENDING PUBLISHING OF 2024 TENNESSEE REGULATIONS)

Sequatchie and Grundy Counties are now part of Tennessee's transitional black bear hunting zone. Please stay current on state regulations pertaining to this season. The 2024 state rules are as follows:

1. Season is archery only and runs TBD.
2. Limit is one bear per season
3. No cubs or females with cubs are legal for harvest.
4. Whole or dressed bear must exceed 75 pounds (by state requirements), but Dunaway's target is 100 pounds or larger.
5. Successful hunters must submit a premolar to the state.

Penalty for harvesting an illegal bear will be administered by TWRA

Quail Hunting Rules

1. Quail and Pheasant hunts should be reserved through the club office. Although we do not require pre-notice prior to reserving your hunt, we do recommend that you call at least 2 days prior to the hunt to insure a hunting location and bird availability. When making a reservation, please be prepared to give location, bird release numbers, and if you need a guided hunt.
2. The club currently has 5 bird hunting zones: Quail Upper, Quail East, Quail Lower, Quail Central, and Quail West.
3. Hunting Fees: 2025/2026 season cost per quail released will be \$TBD plus tax and \$TBD per pheasant released. Guided hunts are available for \$TBD per half-day hunt, and include guide, dog and bird processing.

4. Club Dogs. Club dogs may be rented by those that have gone through the handling class for a fee of \$TBD per hunt. Club dog availability is based on a first come first serve basis and the club guided hunts take precedence.
5. If a club dog or guide dog is shot during the hunt, the responsible member will be fined \$4000 plus vet expenses. There are no exceptions to this rule.
6. There will be no guest days charged for quail hunting. A member or Associate must be present on the property when guests are quail hunting.

Fishing Regulations

All fishing will follow state and federal laws and be subject to the following club rules:

1. Electric trolling motors only.
2. No outside boats are allowed on Dunaway waters. Any boats new to Dunaway waters need to be scrubbed clean of all foreign material and inspected by Dunaway staff prior to launching into Dunaway water.
3. Plastic boats such as kayaks, canoes and paddleboards (deemed mobile watercraft) can be brought in from outside waters and must be washed and inspected by Dunaway staff prior to being used in Dunaway waters. This is key to avoiding the introduction of invasive plant life that could severely damage our lake's ecosystem.
4. This includes taking boats from one watershed to another on the property.
5. Fish from one watershed shall not be transferred to another watershed on the property.

Bass and Blue Gill Rules

1. Recommended Bass Harvest: **ANY** bass **15"** or under **Should** be removed from the water. Removal from the lake enhances fisheries management.
2. Blue Gill Limit: The blue gill harvest is limited to twelve fish over 6" per Membership per day. Blue gill 6" or under should be released.
3. Fishing Methods: No live or dead minnows or small fish may be used for bait unless they are caught from the lake or pond in which they are being used in.

4. Trophy Rules: Any bass over 16" is considered trophy size and must be returned to the water.
 - a. If you wish to get a mounted trophy of your fish, you should take length, girth, and weight measurements, along with a photo, prior to releasing the fish.
 - b. Club Manager has information on fiberglass fish mounts.

Trout Rules

1. Trout harvest is limited to two fish per Membership per day between stocking date (usually mid-October) and April 30.
2. Any additional trout caught in this period of time and not released will be \$10 per fish (on honor system).
3. Between May 1 and September 30 there will be no limit on trout harvest
4. Fishing methods:
 - a. Barbed hooks are acceptable if the fish is to be harvested.
 - b. If the fish is to be released, i.e., if a Membership has already caught it's two fish limit, then barb-less hooks or artificial flies and lures only may be used when fishing for trout.
 - c. If a trout is caught with a barbed hook or swallows the bait it is considered a harvested fish even if it is returned to the water.

Fish Feeders: Do **NOT** tamper in any way with the fish feeders around the lake

Other Hunting Activities

- Dove Hunts: Dove hunting will be scheduled prior to the beginning of each season, with shooting days and special event hunts being planned. Guest availability will also be announced prior to each scheduled hunt.

Consuming alcohol before or during any shooting event at Dunaway is strictly prohibited.

- Small Game: Squirrel, rabbit and other small game hunting are allowed and follow state guidelines. Predator hunting also is available and follows state guidelines.

The Bottom Line

Please enjoy your time here at Dunaway while recreating in a safe manner that respects the other members and the resources that have brought us all together at this magnificent place.

Emergency Numbers

All serious emergency, please start by calling 911.

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Office: 423-949-6803

Cell: 607-973-0574

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Ethan Stotts: Club Assistant Manager

Office: 423-949-6803

Cell: 832-517-0322

Rescue Squad: 423-949-2207

Sequatchie County Sherriff: 423-949-7750

Medical: 423-949-6300

Fire: 423-949-2925