



RULES & REGULATIONS

of

Stafford Fish and Game Club, Inc.
Stafford Springs, Connecticut

The masculine words appearing herein shall include the feminine gender as appropriate.

HOUSE RULES

1 – Sale of Alcohol

The club will serve beer and wine during daily operations and at club functions. Liquor will not be served during daily operations; liquor may be served at club functions at the discretion of the Club Function Chairman. The club shall charge a minimum of \$1.50 for a serving of beer or wine and a minimum of \$2.00 for a serving of liquor. Higher prices may be set at the discretion of the Club Function Chairman or Rental Committee Chairman, as appropriate. In addition, liquor may be served at private and theme parties provided the following: 1) prior approval to serve liquor has been granted by the House Committee Chairman, 2) a key holder(s) is designated as responsible for the stocking, serving and return to storage of liquor at the party by the House Committee Chairman, and 3) such approval and the designated key holder(s) name is posted on the calendar at the club 5 days in advance of the party.

2 – Storage of Alcohol at Club

The designated key holder(s) for a rental function is responsible for returning all beer, wine and liquor to the proper locked storage area when the rental function has ended.

3 – Designated Areas

No alcoholic beverages allowed beyond designated areas.

4 – Parking Lot

No open containers of alcoholic beverages are allowed in the parking lot at any time.

5 - BYOB Policy

No member or guest shall bring alcoholic beverages on club property during daily operations, club functions and rental functions. (All alcoholic beverages transported onto club property must remain unopened and in your vehicle)

6 - Open Containers

No open containers of alcoholic beverages are allowed on club property before or after legal operating hours (as posted)

7 – Area behind the Bar

Only key holders or designated bartenders at club functions are allowed to serve beer, wine and spirits on the club grounds during daily operation and club functions (rental functions require two bartenders, Only one is required to be a key holder). The Rental Committee Chairman shall assign bartenders from the designated key holder list to serve alcoholic beverages at rental functions. Key holders are expected to take their turn, or find another key holder to take their turn, in serving alcoholic beverages at rental functions.

All members are allowed access to the soda cooler when a designated key holder is not available. In these instances, money for soda(s) should be placed next to the cash register. Reference 6H in the By-Laws.

8 – Minors at the Bar

No minors are allowed to sit at the counter. If it is noticed by another member, please notify the minor's parent or guardian to have the minor find other seating. No minors are allowed in the bar area after 10 PM.

9 – Proof of Age Forms

Said forms are available at the counter at all times. If any guest is of questionable age, the member should complete the form and have the guest sign it.

10 – Register Book

All guests 18 years and older must be signed in by a member in the Register Book and sign their own names. The full name and address of the guest should be entered into the register book before signing them in. The guest must leave with the member who signed them in unless another member signs them in again. Anyone who is not a member of the Stafford Fish and Games Club, INC. is a guest. This includes spouses and children.

11 – Firearms

Firearms are not allowed in the bar area during hours of operations.

12 – Behavior

Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves with civility and respect. Abusive (verbal or physical), threatening, excessively vulgar and habitually demeaning behavior will not be tolerated.

13 – Bartenders

All bartenders are responsible to manage activities at the bar whether bartending or not. If a person is shut off at the bar they must leave the premises immediately. Bartenders are not allowed to drink during rental events.

14 – Violations

Reference Article 5 Section 4 in By-Laws.

15 – Violations of Guests

Any violation by a member's guest will be treated as a violation by the member who signed the guest in.

16 – Compliance

Bartenders, as a group of one, are responsible to see the above rules are adhered to. Bartender(s) decisions are final and indisputable.

17 – Rental Events - NEW

Bartenders are not allowed to drink during rental events. There will be a minimum of two bartenders at all rental events. The second bartender does not have to be a key holder.

18 – Keys to Beer Cooler – NEW

Keys to the beer cooler are available to a maximum of 33 members. The keys are to be used only during operating hours as posted. Upon leaving the clubhouse, the beer cooler, refrigerators, wine cabinet must be locked. Keys are assigned or recalled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

SIGHT IN AREA GENERAL RULES OF OPERATION

1. Always Think Safety First

2. No Shooting Periods:

- a. All Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- b. During club functions unless approved by the function chairman.
- c. Easter Sunday, Christmas and Good Friday.
- d. During some rentals for a brief period not to exceed 1 hour and 30 minutes as posted by either the house committee or rental chairman.
- e. Before 1 PM during 3D archery shoots.
- f. Outside designated times on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

3. Hours of Operation:

- a. Wednesdays 10 AM to 5 PM
 - b. Fridays 10 AM to Sunset
 - c. Saturdays 10AM to 5PM
 - d. Sundays 12 PM to 5 PM
4. All members and guests are required to sign in at the club house and indicate what caliber ammunition will be fired.
 5. When approaching the sight in area, stop at the gate & sound your horn to warn other shooters.
 6. Prior to commencement of firing, ensure the gate is closed, the flag is in place, and the road block is placed in road by the storage shed.
 7. Ensure that your firearm is in good condition, without barrel obstructions and that your ammunition matches your firearm.
 8. Cease fire when another member sounds their horn and wait until they have safely entered the area. "Cease Fire" should be shouted by anyone observing an unsafe condition. During a "cease fire", shooter will immediately stop shooting, and unload and clear firearm.
 9. Ensure the sight in area is clear prior to firing.
 10. Always keep the barrel pointed down range when the firearm is loaded.
 11. Keep firearm unloaded and action open until ready to shoot.
 12. Keep finger away from trigger until ready to fire.
 13. Always clear the firing line prior to checking or changing targets.
 14. Always clear your firearm prior to moving down range. Only one target distance is to be used at a time (i.e. 25 yds, 50 yds, 75 yds and 100 yds). Cooperate with your fellow members.
 15. Do not pattern shotguns on target backers, use cardboard and paper on your own stand. (Slugs for deer are OK)
 16. Do not use target post tubes as targets.
 17. No alcohol either before or during skeet shooting.
 18. Clean up your garbage after you have finished using the area (i.e. targets, casings, etc.).
 19. Be Responsible, Shoot Safely, Respect Our Neighbors and Prevent Accidents
 20. Safety glasses and hearing protection are recommended.
 21. No Rapid Fire
 22. Any violation is subject to disciplinary action.

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SKEET FIELD RULES OF OPERATION

1. Always Think Safety!

2. No Shooting Periods:

- g. All Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- h. During club functions unless approved by the function chairman.
- i. Easter Sunday, Christmas and Good Friday.
- j. During some rentals for a brief period not to exceed 1 hour and 30 minutes as posted by either the house committee or rental chairman;
 - e. Before 1 PM during 3D archery shoots and
 - f. Outside designated times on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

3. Hours of Operation:

- a. Wednesdays 10 AM to 5 PM
 - b. Fridays 10 AM to Sunset
 - c. Saturdays 10AM to 5PM
 - d. Sundays 12 PM to 5 PM
4. Ensure that your firearm is in good condition, without barrel obstructions and that your ammunition matches your firearm.
 5. Cease fire when another member sounds their horn and wait until they have safely entered the area. "Cease Fire" should be shouted by anyone observing an unsafe condition. During a "cease fire", shooter will immediately stop shooting, and unload and clear firearm and place firearm in gun rack.
 6. Ensure the Skeet Range is clear prior to firing.
 7. Keep firearm unloaded and action open until ready to shoot.
 8. Keep finger away from trigger until ready to fire.
 9. Look left, right and down range before calling for a target.
 10. Only one shooter at a time and all others must remain safely behind shooter.
 11. Before moving to another station, clear firearm and keep action open.
 12. Place unloaded firearms in gun racks during loading of skeet machines.
 13. No alcohol either before or during skeet shooting.
 14. Always wear eye and ear protection on the skeet field.
 15. Enter and leave skeet field only through gate at west end of range.

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POND REGULATIONS

1. Make sure the pond is open. Check the sign by the flagpole.
2. Each member's limit is three (3) trout per day, nine (9) trout per week and twenty (20) trout per year. Any member who keeps twenty (20) trout and wishes to continue fishing may pay a fee(s) set by the Board of Directors and must catch and keep any additional trout in accordance with the pond rules. All trout kept must be signed out on clipboard at back of clubhouse.
3. No member or guest shall use another member's badge number.
4. All trout caught with any baited hook, artificial lure or fly with a treble hook or barbed hook must be kept. Catching and releasing up to ten (10) trout in one day by use of an artificial lure or fly with a single barbless hook by member only will be allowed in accordance with the following rules:
 - a. If any trout have been released, and then one (1) trout is kept, no further release fishing of any type will be allowed for the remainder of that day.
 - b. Members with guests cannot catch and release fish.
 - c. Guests cannot catch and release fish.
 - d. The daily limit is also three (3) trout while ice fishing. The fish may be released if the member uses an artificial lure or fly with a single barbless hook.
5. Members may bring guests to fish the pond. There may be only three (3) lines in the water at one (1) time. Their combined catch must not exceed the limit (3) for the member. All of the other pond rules apply. All guests must be accompanied by a member while fishing on club grounds.
6. No member or guest can use more than one (1) rod with no more than one (1) baited hook, artificial bait, fly or lure. Rod must be personally attended.
7. Releasing of bait into the club pond is prohibited.
8. The use of corn as chum or bait is prohibited.
9. Only members may take shiners for their personal use only, by trap or umbrella rig.
10. Ice fishing is permitted. There must be at least 6 inches of ice on the pond. Not more than three (3) tip-ups, floats, similar devices, handheld jigs or any combination thereof may be used at one time by a member and their guests.
11. No boats, canoes, tubes, rafts or waders are to be used on the pond.
12. Enforcing the pond rules is the responsibility of all club members and any violations observed should be reported by members to the Board of Directors.
13. A block of fish is considered ten (10) for the purpose of buying extra fish.
14. For the purpose of club pond trout limits the following is in effect: a "week" is from 12:01 AM Saturday to 12 Midnight Friday.
15. Any interpretation of these rules shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.
16. Violators of afore said rules and regulations shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors and may appeal this action at a club meeting.

ATV AND UTILITY VEHICLE REGULATION

1. Must adhere to all applicable Connecticut State Laws.
2. Only members and immediate family members are authorized to operate an ATV/Utility vehicle on club property. Family member must be accompanied by the member.
3. Authorized drivers and riders are required to complete the Hold Harmless forms prior to operating an ATV/Utility Vehicle on Club Property.
4. ATV and Utility vehicles are to be used for maintenance of property, club events and hunting purposes only.
5. ATV and Utility Vehicle operation hours are from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.
6. All club members are responsible for enforcing ATV/Utility Vehicle regulations. Violations are subject to disciplinary actions as described in By-Laws Article 5 Section 4.
7. ATV/Utility Vehicles are not to be operated in a way to cause damage to club property.
8. The Board of Directions may modify or change these rules at any time.

NRA Instructor Courses and Use of Club Hall and Sight In Area

On April 19th 2023 the Board of Directors voted to allow Certified Instructors the use of the Club hall and Sight In Area for the NRA Basic Pistol Course which is required to obtain a Connecticut Pistol Permit. A motion was made for the following fee structure and requirements. Motion passed unanimously by all Board Members present.

Fee Structure as follows:

Cost of class for Club Members	\$75 plus tax
Club Hall and Sight in Area Use fee	\$0
Cost of class for Club Members direct family	\$85 plus tax
Club Hall and Sight in Area Use fee	\$10
Cost of class for all other non-Members	Whatever an instructor normally charges
Club Hall and Sight in Area Use fee	\$25

Note: Most classes in Connecticut are averaging \$125

The same fee schedule would apply if he (or any other instructor) only required use of Sight in Area.

Conditions:

1. Not to interfere with Turkey/Ham Shoots
2. Not to interfere with rentals, must be coordinated with the Rental Chairperson
3. Liability Waiver must be completed by all students
4. Instructor must carry Pistol (Firearms) Instructor Liability Insurance
5. Roster must be provided to Board of Directors/Range Safety Officer for classes requiring use of Sight in Area

It was noted that there is no charge for the Hunter Safety course and as such there would be no charge for use of the facilities. Conditions 1 and 2 noted above apply.