

# Linden Conservation Club Rules & Regulations

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## **Mission Statement**

It shall be the mission of the Linden Conservation Club, Inc. (hereafter "LCC") to foster respect for the natural state of the great outdoors, promote the responsible preservation of natural wilderness areas, and to promote good sportsmanship through a variety of activities.

The encouragement and support of youth, family, and individual outdoor-related activities shall be the primary focus of the Club. Further, social activities that provide Club Members the opportunity to interact with the community in a positive manner shall be encouraged and supported.

## **ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 Eligible Parties.** A membership shall include the member and a member's spouse or domestic partner (residing in the same residence) and all dependent children under the age of 18 of said individuals. Regardless of the number of household members included in a membership, a membership shall be considered one (1) Member, for the purpose of determining Volunteer Hours, Guest Policy, and Daily Catch Limit for fishing.
- 1.2 Fee.** Cost for membership shall be \$125.00 for 12 months of membership.
- 1.3 Requirements.** New and renewing members MUST 1.) complete a membership form; 2.) sign the Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement; 3.) read and agree to abide by the LCC Rules and Regulations, and 4.) attend orientation. All new members will receive a walk-through of the club upon request.
- 1.4 Compliance and Violations.** Members shall ensure household members and guest(s) abide by the LCC Rules and any direction provided by any Executive Board Member or Club Enforcement Officer. Any violation of any LCC Rule may result in fines, suspension of membership privileges, or membership termination as outlined in the LCC Rules/Bylaws. In the event a Member, household member and/or guest is found in violation of a rule and has been assessed a fine, Member's Membership will be suspended until all fines are paid. In the unlikely event a Member, household member and/or their guest is asked to vacate the property, said individual(s) must gather his/her personal property and leave the premises immediately. No refund of LCC membership fees will be issued as a result of a suspension or revocation of a membership.

- 1.5 Volunteer Hours.** As a member-driven club, each member shares responsibility in assisting LCC in the duties, upkeep, and maintenance to ensure LCC is able to continue to fulfill its mission for decades to come; therefore, **each Membership is required to complete three (3) volunteer hours during their annual membership.** There are a variety of volunteer tasks available for members of every capacity. If you are limited in your abilities, please speak with a Board Member for additional information.

In the event you are unable to complete your volunteer hours, volunteer hours may be bought out at \$15.00 per hour. (Please note: Volunteer Buyout fees beginning 1/1/2024 will be \$25.00/hour.)

Members who are unable to complete three (3) volunteer hours and are unable to afford the additional fee to buy out the volunteer hours may request a waiver of volunteer hours and fees. Anyone interested in requesting a waiver shall speak to a Board Member for additional information. Waivers will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Anyone who does not buy out their hours and does not complete their work hours shall be required to buy out the prior year's work hours before they may renew their membership for a subsequent year.

## **ARTICLE 2 – GUESTS**

### **2.1. Member Rights and Responsibilities of Guests.**

Pursuant to the terms of Article 1.1, Members may have up to two (2) adult guests per visit. Children under the age of 18 shall not be counted as a guest.

Members must fully complete a Guest Pass for each guest upon arrival at LCC. (See Article 2.3 Guest Pass Procedure.)

Members shall be responsible for purchasing the guest pass, ensuring guest compliance with all policies and procedures, and must be supervising their guest(s) at all times. Members shall further be responsible for any violations, fines, etc. of guest(s).

- 2.2. Guest Passes.** A guest pass is \$5.00 per guest, is valid for the day of issuance only, and shall be completed upon arrival at LCC.

- 2.3. Guest Pass Procedure.** A separate Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement and Guest Pass shall be completed for each guest

**2.3.1. Upon arrival, Members shall ensure each guest signs an Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement and completes a guest pass.** Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement and Guest Pass forms are available at the clubhouse service desk or in the display case by the clubhouse door. Failure to complete these forms will subject Member to penalties as outlined in Section 2.6.

**2.3.2.** The Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement form and white copy of Guest Pass shall be submitted with the \$5.00 fee at the service desk or put it in the drop box to the right of the club door.

**2.3.3.** Guest shall keep the yellow copy with him/her to be presented upon request. Member and/or guest shall complete the departure time on the yellow copy, and it shall be turned into clubhouse drop box on departure. **Member's failure to return yellow guest pass on departure could result in \$5.00 fine.**

**2.4. Minor Guests Not Accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian.**

**2.4.1.** Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian prior to the minor using the facilities. A minor includes any individual under the age of 18 years old. The Parent/Guardian signing the Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement is responsible for the minor's adherence to all LCC Rules and Regulations and Bylaws and could be subjected to penalties, up to and including termination of membership, for the minor's violation of any LCC Rules and Regulations and Bylaws.

**2.4.2.** Forms are available in the club house, in the display case, and on our website, [www.lindencc.org](http://www.lindencc.org), on the Forms page.

**2.4.3.** Failure to follow this rule could result in a suspension of membership.

**2.5. Violations.** Failure of Member to ensure Guest completes the Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnity Agreement and Guest Pass on arrival will result in the following fines:

First violation – \$10.00 fine

Second Violation – \$20.00 fine

Third Violation – Termination of membership

**ARTICLE 3 - GENERAL RULES**

**3.1 Membership ID.** Membership ID must be worn and visible at all times.

**3.2 Alcohol and Drug Use.** Alcohol and Illicit drug use **is prohibited on the property of LCC** unless an exception for the use of alcohol is granted in advance for a LCC sanctioned event by the Executive Board. Violators will be asked to leave the property and membership will be forfeited.

**3.3 Cold Range.** All firearms are to be unloaded with their actions open or unloaded and cased while on LCC property except for carry firearms that remain holstered. Firearms may be loaded only when at one of the designated ranges.

**3.4 Parking.** Members and their guests shall not park in a manner that unnecessarily impedes another member's ability to use the facilities.

**3.5 Cleanliness.** Members and their guests are required to clean up after themselves. No litter, trash, etc. is to be left on club grounds. Anyone caught not cleaning up after themselves shall be fined \$25.00 per area. For example, a member caught leaving trash at the range and by the pond shall pay \$50.00.

**3.6 Minors.** Minors must be directly supervised by an adult while on LCC property.

**3.7 Pets.** Pets are permitted on LCC property; however, they must be on a leash and in control of the responsible person at all times. Any and all messes shall be cleaned up immediately. Only service animals are permitted in the clubhouse.

**3.8 No hunting or swimming** is permitted on LCC property.

**3.9 No disorderly conduct.** LCC is a place where families are welcome and conduct which is inappropriate for children will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to indecent exposure, loud vulgar language, disturbing the peace, public drunkenness, etc.

## **ARTICLE 4 – RANGE RULES**

### **Ranges**

20 yd pistol and rimfire rifle range  
25 yd pistol and rimfire rifle range  
50 yd rifle, pistol, shotgun, and black powder range  
100 yd rifle, pistol, shotgun, and black powder range

### **FIREARM SAFETY RULES**

**Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.**  
**Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.**  
**Keep your finger off the trigger.**  
**Know your target and what is beyond it.**  
**Never rely on a mechanical safety.**  
**Keep gun unloaded and action open until ready to shoot.**  
**Learn the characteristics of your firearm.**  
**Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm.**  
**Know what to do in the event of a misfire.**  
**Wear protective ear and eye equipment.**  
**Keep firearm free from obstructions and well maintained.**  
**Do not mix guns with alcohol, drugs, or fatigue.**

- 4.1 No Use of Drugs or Alcohol.** Alcoholic beverages, drugs, or illegal substances and/or anyone under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or illegal substances is not permitted on the ranges at any time.
- 4.2 Possession of Firearms:** Any member who knowingly possesses firearms on the property of LCC knowing he/she is legally prohibited from possessing firearms will immediately forfeit their membership. Any Member who knowingly permits a guest to possess firearms in violation of a legal prohibition will immediately forfeit his/her membership.
- 4.3 Range Hours.** No shooting before 8 a.m. or after sunset, (except during sanctioned events which have been approved by majority vote of the Executive Board).
- 4.4 Cold Range Facility.** All firearms are to be unloaded at all times, unless instructed otherwise by an Executive Board Member or Club Enforcement Officer.
- 4.4.1** All actions must remain open until in a firing position.
- 4.4.2** Only holstered carry weapons may have closed actions.
- 4.4.3** Open bolt indicators must be used on ranges. One is given with each membership and extras are available for a nominal fee.
- 4.5 Permissible Locations.** No climbing on backstop or side berms is allowed except during authorized maintenance and workdays when all rifle and pistols ranges are closed.
- 4.6 Shared Ranges.** LCC ranges are a shared facility; therefore, Members must share the range with other members when open firing points are available. In the event a range is unable to be shared, Members, household members and guests shall limit their usage time to 20 minutes.

- 4.7 No Fully Automatic or Modified Automatic Weapons.** No fully automatic weapons or modifications to simulate automatic weapons are permitted, including but not limited to triggers, bump stock or other devices, except during Sanctioned events which have been approved by majority vote of the Executive Board.
- 4.8 Acceptable Ammunition.** Tracer, incendiary, armor piercing and/or exploding ammunition is prohibited. 50BMG and larger rounds are not allowed to be fired on any of the ranges except during LCC sanctioned events which have been approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- 4.9 Acceptable Targets.** Only authorized stationary targets may be used on all ranges and must be at the back of the berm. **Targets should be placed not more than 6ft in front of the base of the berm and not stand taller than 6ft.**

Acceptable targets include:

- Paper targets
- Wooden portable stands with targets.
- Targets stapled to plywood or rubber target backers.
- Clay pigeons. Members may NOT remove clay targets from the machines or houses on the trap/sporting clays ranges. Members found taking targets from the machines and/or trap houses will forfeit their membership and may be prosecuted for theft of club property.
- No glass bottles or metal are to be used as targets or target stands on ranges.
- No firing into the ground as a rock may cause a deflection of the round.
- No Tannerite or Exploding targets.

Shooting at fence posts, utility poles, buildings, shelters, benches, signs, etc., not designed as targets is prohibited. Destruction of Club property will result in immediate expulsion from the Club.

- 4.10 Shooting Distances.** Shooting from beyond the furthest designated firing position on any range is prohibited. Firing positions may be moved closer to the backstop to allow for shorter shooting distances on the ranges. If the firing line moves forward, ALL shooters using that range must move forward and shoot from the new firing line.

**4.11 Range Safety.**

**4.11.1** All firearms must not be held, pointed, or loaded, behind the firing line while anyone is down range. Magazines may be loaded, but not put into the firearm. Firearms with internal magazines may NOT be loaded while anyone is down range. Firearms must remain cased or on the table with action open and open bolt indicator installed, where appropriate. Holstered firearms may be loaded but must remain holstered until range is clear. Unloaded Over/Under and Side-by-Side shotguns may have their action closed when placed in the vertical gun racks or on a cart.

**4.11.2** Eye & hearing protection is required on all ranges.

**4.11.3** No discharging a firearm is allowed while anyone is down range.

**4.11.4** No driving vehicles down the ranges (except for approved maintenance or as otherwise approved in advance by the Executive Board.)

## **ARTICLE 5 - TRAP AND SPORTING CLAY RANGE**

- 5.1 **Fee.** Fee is \$5.00 per/box of 25 shells shot. If clubhouse is closed, envelopes can be found in the display case by the clubhouse door. Place fee in envelope and complete information blanks on said envelope and put in drop box.
- 5.2 **Trap Doors.** Members MUST open all trap house doors for the range area they are shooting on and MUST close the doors when finished shooting. Doors may be left open ONLY if a following group of shooters agrees to close all doors when they finish shooting.
- 5.3 **Authorized Personnel Only.** ONLY authorized personnel may:
- work on, load, unload, adjust and/or move the trap machines.
  - climb and be on the two airplane stairs used on the Sporting Clay range.
- 5.4 **ONLY** LCC supplied birds shall be used.
- 5.5 Guns shall remain open and unloaded until in a firing position.
- 5.6 **Ammunition:** No 3" or 3 ½" shells, or magnums, are permitted. Steel shot loads MUST be a target load of 7.5, 8, or 9 steel shot. If using a 410, 2 ½" and 3" shells are permitted.

## **ARTICLE 6 - ARCHERY RANGE**

- 6.1 Archery range is for archery ONLY. Discharging of firearms is prohibited and will result in loss of membership.
- 6.2 Arrows shall be shot at targets only and broad head arrows shall only be fired at approved targets.
- 6.3 Bows shall be shot from designated firing lines ONLY.
- 6.4 No shooting, holding, or nocking of arrow is permitted while anyone is down range.
- 6.5 No shooting across archery lanes is permitted. Only shoot at the target in your lane.

## **ARTICLE 7 – FISHING & CAMPING RULES**

- 7.1 **Pole Limit.** No more than 2 poles per person fishing.
- 7.2 **Daily Catch Limit.**
- 7.2.1 **Catfish.** There is a (4) catfish possession limit per membership per day. All catfish caught by household members and guest(s) shall count towards Member's four (4) fish limit.
- 7.2.2 **Bluegill and Crappie.** Bluegill and crappie will not be counted towards daily fish limit.
- 7.2.3 **Bass and Grass Carp.** All bass and grass carp are to be immediately released unharmed.
- 7.3 **No Culling.** A fish on a stringer or in a basket may not be released to keep another fish.
- 7.4 **No Dumping.** of bait or trash into ponds at any time.
- 7.5 No boats or flotation devices may be used by unauthorized personnel.

- 7.6** No Ice Fishing allowed.
- 7.7** **Violations**. Members, household members and/or guests caught in violation of the fishing rules will be fined as follows. Membership privileges shall be suspended until fines are paid in full.
- First violation – \$10.00 fine  
 Second Violation – \$20.00 fine  
 Third Violation – Termination of membership
- 7.8** **Fires Permitted**. Fires are permitted (except during County Fire Emergencies) in supplied fire rings and approved grills only. All fires must be extinguished before leaving premises.
- 7.9** Picnic tables must remain under shelters.
- 7.10** **Camping**. Camping is allowed for a maximum of 6 continuous days. Campers, RVs, and Tents must be removed from the club property after 6 continuous days.

## **Article 8 – SPECIAL EVENTS & GROUP ACTIVITIES**

- 8.1** Requests for special events and group activities must be presented to the Executive Board for approval at least 60 days in advance. Deposits and fees may be required.

Rules read, accepted, and approved by the Officers of the Club.

President		Date	
Vice President		Date	
Recording Secretary		Date	
Treasurer		Date	
Membership Secretary		Date	
Sergeant at Arms		Date	
Fishing & Camping Officer		Date	
Shooting Activities Officer		Date	
Youth Activities Officer		Date	
Enforcement Director		Date	
Trustee, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year		Date	
Trustee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year		Date	
Trustee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year		Date	