

**ALTON-WOOD RIVER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC**  
**WATERFOWL HUNTING RULES FOR PLEASANT HILL:**  
(effective **08/16/2017**)

1. Blinds will be drawn for at the Pleasant Hill Club House at exactly one hour before shooting time. Each pre-arranged group (consisting of a minimum of 2 hunters on crowded days) must be signed in on the draw sheet before draw time. The definition of a crowded day is when more than 5 groups are signed up, when the minimum of 2 hunters for each group will be enforced until all groups meet the minimum. Groups not meeting the minimum of 2 hunters will not be allowed in the draw. All hunters involved in the draw must be present on club property at draw time. Blind selection will be according to the following procedure:

Each group will be designated by a number. A corresponding pea will be put into the box. The person running the draw will then pull out one pea at a time. The group corresponding to the pea drawn will then have 2 minutes to select their blind from any unclaimed blinds. Any group not selecting a blind within their 2 minutes will forfeit their drawing privileges. Daily drawing shall also be held during goose season after duck season is closed.

2. Automatic move-up is allowed between the blinds shown in the chart below. If the first move-up is either occupied or has declined, then the second move-up takes precedence. Changes to these move-up's are to be posted one week in advance of the effective date. The transfer must be reported at the club house by changing names on the blackboard. The group moving up has the responsibility to change the blackboard. A hunter arriving after draw time shall yield all blind rights to those who are present at draw time. Stand by hunters that did not get a blind in the first draw should have first move-up rights but must notify stand-by blind occupants.

PRIORITY OF MOVE-UP:

Blind - 10, 6, 11, 3, 15, 14, 16, 4A, 9A, 9, 8

3. In the event we have more groups than huntable blinds, the following procedure will be followed:

A pre-draw will be performed before the regular draw for blinds to be designated as "stand by" blinds with the number of blinds drawn not exceeding the number of extra groups drawing. Blinds in this drawing will be 8, 9, 9A, 4A, and 16 (if huntable) or any additional huntable blinds as needed. Blinds 8, 9, and 9A will be in this draw regardless of the number of extra groups drawing. After this pre-draw, the main draw will take place. All groups will be designated by a pea in the box. Any group whose pea is drawn will have their choice of any unclaimed blind or the blind designated by the pre-draw for which they will be the "Stand by" group, with the number of "stand by" groups not

exceeding the number of extra groups. The claiming time for “stand by” groups will be 10:30 am. In the event that a blind not having a “stand by” group is vacated before 10:30 am, the “stand by” groups will have first choice of this blind. A drawing using the procedure in Rule #1 will be held among these groups if necessary. If no “stand by” group wants the vacated blind, then anyone who was not in the original draw can claim the blind. If the number of groups is over twice the number of huntable blinds, then Rule #6 will apply.

4. Groups claiming blinds must go to the blind they claim or any unclaimed blind with their groups intact. Trading blinds as a group will be allowed as long as both blinds are used by these two groups. Claimed blinds that have been relinquished (by groups going to an unclaimed blind or not going out at all) may be drawn for by interested persons in the original draw using the procedure in Rule #1.
5. Names of hunters and blind numbers must be posted on the blackboard at the time of the draw and must be erased when the hunters return. This rule shall also be followed during goose season (after duck season is closed).
6. All waterfowl shooting shall be done in designated blinds only (except Bay Creek and the Snye). It will be allowed to duck and goose hunt on the bank from Bay Creek outside of river levee down to property line. Temporary shooting will be allowed on the Snye, except no hunting is allowed on the Snye next to the lower property.
7. Harvest sheets must be filled out when returning from hunting.
8. Fires are prohibited except when in blind and in the proper container.
9. All refuse consisting on cans, paper, etc., must be properly disposed of in appropriate containers or taken back to the club house by hunters.
10. Each Junior Member or group must be accompanied by a Waterfowl Member in good standing.
11. **Observe all State and Federal Hunting Regulations.**

12. All Waterfowl Hunters will turn in to the Club Manager a slip of paper with the hunter's name, address, and phone number with the current year's fee on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Junior Members (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>) are exempt from the fee, and Senior Members as defined by the Bylaws (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>) will pay a reduced fee, but all hunters must sign up to be eligible to waterfowl hunt.

A junior Member reaching age 21 after the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, provided they upgrade to Full Membership status and have paid their adult dues, has the option to:

1. Pay the current year's annual duck hunting fee and hunt the remainder of the current season as a Full Member
2. Pay no annual duck hunting fee and hunt the remainder of the current season as a Junior Member.

13. Each hunter shall fulfill work requirements before being allowed to hunt, except that members over 62 years of age as of July 1<sup>st</sup> as well as disabled members are excused. Junior Members are required to work on blinds if they become 16 during the current year. New Full Members must pay the annual fee prior to September 30 and will receive an alternate work assignment, to be completed before hunting, by the Duck Committee. Also, members in the Armed Services are excluded as long as their dues are exempted by the Bylaws. In order to meet work requirements, a hunter must put in 2 organized work days at Pleasant Hill. The work done on the required days is to be designated or approved by the Duck Committee. A reporting time of 9 A.M. will be strictly enforced on the organized work days, and a deadline for completion of all work assignments will be established by the Duck Committee. Hunters unable to work on the organized work days or work parties are to check with the Duck Committee for alternate work assignments. If no work days will be able to be completed by the hunter, a \$100 per day buyout may be possible with Snye approval and will be paid prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

14. Current Board Members and Officers are exempted from mandatory work days at Pleasant Hill for duck hunting.

15. Temporary emergency rules for the benefit of the members may be set up at any time by the Duck Committee and such rules must be observed until such time as they are approved or disapproved by the Board of Directors and the Members.

16. Boats are to be turned bottom up on dry land at the close of each day's hunt.

17. Decoys are to be picked up each day, starting on a set date established by the Duck Committee, based on weather conditions, hunting pressure, and season dates.
18. Duck blinds #10 and #6 will be closed during each of the shotgun deer seasons in the interest of safety. Other duck blinds may be temporarily shut down during shotgun season if deemed necessary by the Duck Committee.
19. Recreational ATV riding in the bottoms is prohibited from October 1<sup>st</sup> until January 31<sup>st</sup> unless stated by the Snye.
20. Firearm practice shooting will only be allowed from noon to 2 P.M. during waterfowl season.
21. Waterfowl hunting will only be allowed during the regular waterfowl seasons.
  - Teal hunting is allowed in the bottoms (available potholes) until 9 A.M. during the September season.
  - Youth waterfowl season is permitted on the Pleasant Hill Property until 1:00 P.M. Must be a Jr. Member and be with a paid Waterfowl Member.

**Violators of these rules will be referred to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.**

