

# Member Orientation Guide



## Rules and Regulations

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# **WELCOME**

**to the**

# **AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**

**Congratulations on your acceptance to the  
Auburn Sportsman's Club!**

**Your annual membership is valid through  
September 30th of each year.**

Enclosed is a copy of the **Rules and Regulations** of the club.

Remember to always carry your membership card and wear your pin on all ranges or while fishing at the pond.

Monthly newsletters are available via e-mail or by visiting our website at [www.auburnsportsmansclub.com](http://www.auburnsportsmansclub.com).

Contact [newsletter@auburnsportsmansclub.com](mailto:newsletter@auburnsportsmansclub.com) to request the newsletter by e-mail.

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# Membership

- Membership runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.
- Persons applying for membership may be required to have their name placed on a waiting list and/or be asked to attend a monthly meeting before being accepted to join the club. If directed to attend the monthly Board of Directors meeting, applicants must receive a two-thirds vote of acceptance. The regular BOD monthly meeting is held at 6:30 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.
- Annual membership dues are \$125.00 (ninety-five dollars) for "Adult" paying members.
- Dues for "Associate" and "Late Adult" members is 175.00, and will remain so until completing four, age appropriate, volunteer work events.
- Children's memberships are through age 11. Membership fee is \$10.00 --no meeting or acceptance vote is required.
- Junior memberships are age 12 through 17. Membership fee is \$15.00 --no meeting or acceptance vote is required.
- Upon their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, Juniors become adult members. Current Junior members entering college may retain the \$15.00 fee provided they have forwarded a copy of their annual college ID prior to the renewal period. Juniors moving into Adult status ARE required to attend Member Orientation to review range protocol and gun safety.
- All dues are required **no later** than September 30th. Dues received after that date, and within a reasonable time, are considered Late and the individual will revert to the Late Adult dues schedule. Persons who have not renewed by this date may also be purged from the club database and will need to re-apply. Also note that persons deleted from the database will also forfeit prior year(s) accrued membership status. This will directly impact eligibility for life membership and retirement status (see below).
- Members who have reached the age of 65 or over while having been a member of the club for 5 consecutive years shall be deemed a retired member. Retired members are excused from payment of dues and retain all the privileges of the club. Please note that if membership lapses, all accrued years will be forfeited.
- Life Membership – Applications for Life Membership may be submitted by any member who is at least 35 years old and has been active in club affairs for 5 consecutive years. A written request must be submitted to the Board of Directors which requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the board. Per ASC By-Laws, the total number of life members shall not exceed 10% of the membership.

# **General and Grounds Club Rules**

**Failure to follow club rules and/or engaging in unsafe acts listed here or not could result in actions up to and including suspension of club privileges and/or club suspension or termination of club membership.**

- Use of all club facilities to include but not restricted to the firing ranges and the access road, are **“AT YOUR OWN RISK”**. **Members and event guests are required to sign the club waiver of liability before using the facilities.**
- **NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL** is allowed on any firearms or archery range.
- Use of the ranges while under the influence of drug or alcohol is prohibited and violation of this basic rule is grounds for removal from the ranges as well as loss of club privileges.
- A club member must accompany and are responsible for their guests.
- All minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- Non-members are welcome to attend all designated open public activities.
- **Clubhouse Guest Policy:**
  - Guests must come with a Member and be signed in by that Member.
  - Guests must leave when Member who signed them in leaves.
- The current year membership pin must be worn in plain sight.
- Any member using the ranges, archery course and/or pond is to show their membership card to any committee member or club member if asked.
- Challenge any person not wearing his/her pin for proof of membership.
- Report rule violators to a club officer or board of director member if the violator is unwilling to obey club rules.
- Remember, eye and ear protection is mandatory when on the gun ranges.
- Absolutely no willful destruction of A.S.C property.
- Absolutely no littering on club property.
- Authorized club officials may impose additional temporary rules during unique situations to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience by all members and their guests.
- Any infraction of the rules may result in suspension or termination of membership. Members also have the right to appeal such decisions of the Board of Directors.

# General Club Gun Rules

- **Gun Range Guest Policy:**

- A member may have only 1 guest per day on the gun range(s).
- All non-member, range guests, may be signed in no more than one time.  
Therefore, you can bring one guest a day, but the same guest may only go once.

- **Gun Range Rules:**

- Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Never point the firearm such that the aiming point is above the backstop.
- Do not point the muzzle at the ceiling while under the roof of the shooting house.  
With the exception of the trap range **Never point the muzzle skyward – ever!!**
- Bring the firearm up to the target, not down to the target.
- No cross firing; shoot only with the target lined up with your shooting position.
- You are responsible for disposal of dud ammunition. Put all dud ammo in provided dud boxes. If you see any unfired rounds, even it is not yours, please pick them up and place in box. **Do not** leave any duds on the range!
- Pick up all brass and trash before leaving the range; if you brought it in, take it out - including targets.
- Safety First!! Make sure your rounds impact in the berm – not on the ground in front of the berm – and **not ever** over the berm! **No Rapid Fire!**
- **Be Sure** all shooters know when you have called for a **Cold Range!!**
- **Before Anyone Goes Downrange to Retrieve or Hang Targets, All Firearms Must Be Made Safe!**
  - This means:
    - **Slide Back, Mag Out, Cylinders/Actions Open**
    - **No Handling of Firearms is Permitted**

# Pistol & Rifle Range

Shooting hours are between 8:00 AM until sunset Monday-Saturday.

Sunday hours are 1:00 PM until sunset.

One 1/2 hour after sunset is allowed for cleanup only.

- **ALL SHOOTERS** – members and guests must sign in and out of the range log book with membership number, time, and date. Any shooters not signed in may be asked to leave the range.
- “Hot” and “Cold” ranges are to be specifically announced for all to hear.
- No ground targets.
- No target stands are to be brought in.
- Patterning and/or sighting in of long guns is allowed at the bench located in the far end of the pistol range shoot house. This area is for sighting only (limited to 5-10 shots). Once the shooter is on target he/she should move to the approved rifle range.
- Range road speed limit is 10 MPH.
- The range is for **Members and their guests only** -- See additional guest rules.
- The range is intended for recreational use. Commercial/Business activities are prohibited unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- **No fully automatics without pre-approval from the range chairman.**
- No trap or skeet shooting is authorized on the rifle or pistol range.

## ➔ Rifle range:

- No targets allowed before the wetlands.
- All rounds must terminate over the wetlands and into the berm.
- Any activity that results in a bullet and/or shot of any kind impacting with and/or ricocheting off water is prohibited.
- Only paper targets are authorized to be brought in. Metal targets are provided by the club.
- Paper targets must be mounted inside the frame in such a manner as to minimize damage to target frames. The rifle range hangers are designed to swing down for the easy mounting of paper targets. Mounting directly to a post, furring or frame results in damage to club property and is prohibited.

## Trap Range

- The trap range is open for use by members and their guests only during club sponsored shoots. Individual use is allowed but the range "one-time" guest rule applies.
- The trap house will be open only when a member of the Trap Committee is present.
- Use of portable and hand traps is allowed, but require pre-approval prior to first use. Portable trap machines must be placed in line with the trap house. Portable trap machines will not be used when the trap house is open.
- Patterning of shotguns or zeroing slug guns is prohibited. See pistol house rules.
- Ammunition is limited to 2 ¾" shells only and must be non-toxic shot-- no lead shot allowed. Buckshot, BB and magnum (3" and 3 ½") loads are prohibited. 2 ¾" High Brass ammunition is allowed.
- All guns will be kept unloaded until on a shooting station. All shooting will cease and guns will be unloaded when the trap house RED light is illuminated.
- Only biodegradable "clay pigeons" are allowed as targets; clay pigeons are available for purchase at the Club lounge.
- No minors are allowed on the range unless accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.
- When firing from the line with multiple participating shooters, take care when moving from position five back to position one. Always shift positions with an empty gun and behind other shooters. *The muzzle must remain aimed skyward and in a safe direction.*

# **Black Powder**

- General rifle and pistol safety rules apply while on the ranges.
- The woods walk is open on **Sundays only** - between the hours of 8:00 AM-12:30 PM. You **MUST** be out of the woods by 12:30 as the pistol range opens at 1:00 PM on Sundays. **The walk back is directly in the line of fire at the pistol range.**
- You must sign in and out of the book located in the pistol house. This will help ensure you are safely out of the woods before the ranges open. The sign-in sheet will be checked and the A.S.C. Black Powder chairperson and committee will address any violations.
- During organized Black Powder Shoots, rifle and pistol ranges will be closed and registration will be required at the Club House.
- Percussion caps cannot be on nipples until you are in place and ready to fire at your target. Priming pans on flintlocks cannot be primed until you are in place and ready to fire at your target.
- Absolutely no carry-in targets allowed. The course has permanent fixed targets and other supplies for replacing the consumable targets.
- Treat a misfire or failure to fire with extreme caution. Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction and wait at least one full minute before re-priming.
- Never smoke when anyone is using a muzzle loader.
- Do not pour powder directly from the flask or horn into barrel. Wipe it first and then use a powder measure.
- Do not bend your body over the muzzle while ramming a ball into a charged barrel.
- Watch for “patch” fires. These can occur at any time.



# **The Ten Commandments of** **Firearm Safety**

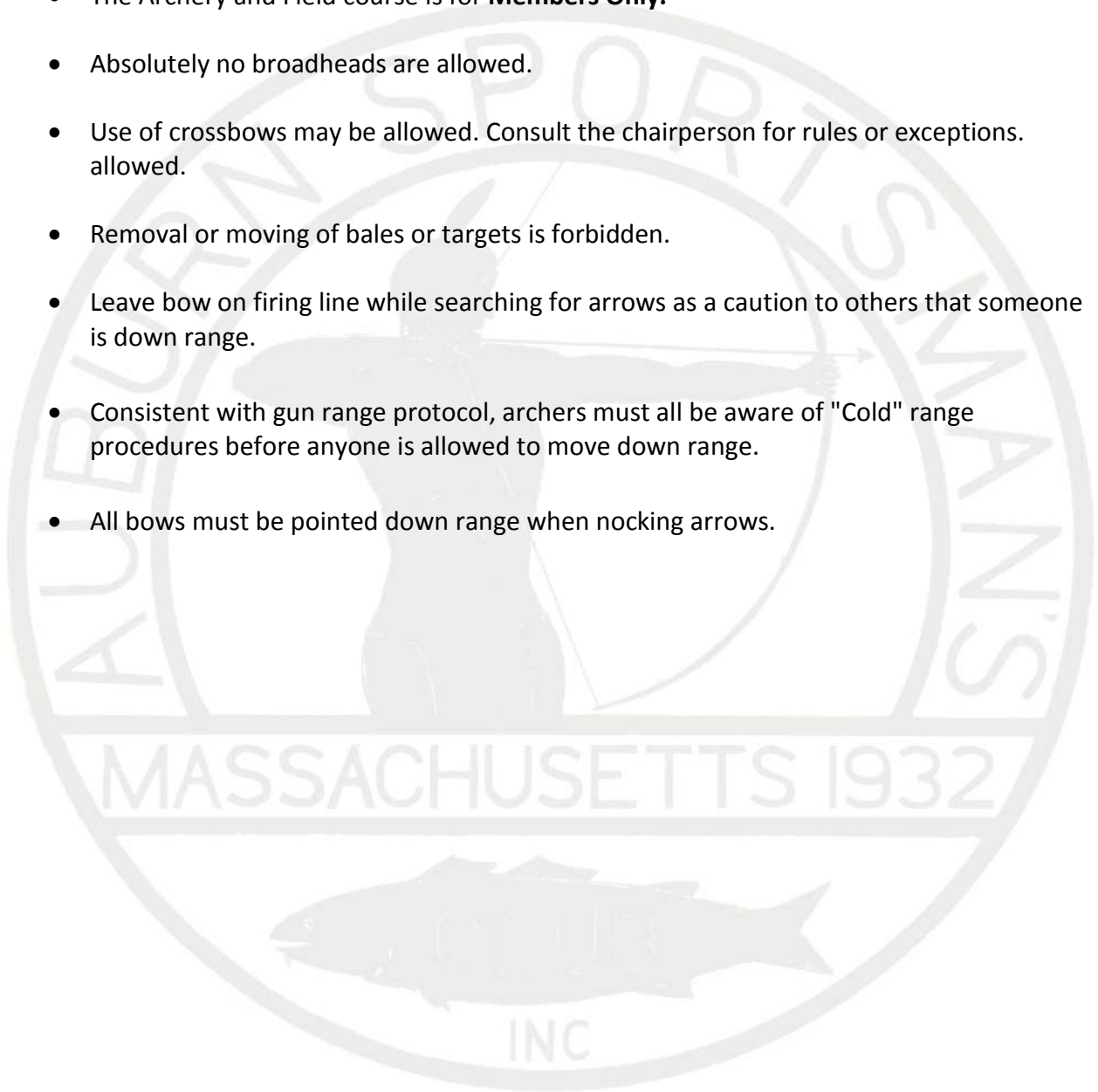
The **Ten Commandments of Firearm Safety** are the foundation of the club policy of range use and safety. Here are some reminders:

1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot. Keep the safety “on” and your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before loading the firearm. Check the chamber and magazine every time you pick it up. Only carry and use ammunition appropriate for your firearm.
4. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Agree to safe fields of fire for yourself and hunting companions and never swing beyond your area.
5. Positively identify your target and what lies beyond. Make sure there is an adequate backstop when hunting or target practicing.
6. Unload your firearm when climbing a tree, crossing a fence, jumping a ditch, or traversing slippery or steep terrain. Never pull a firearm towards you by the muzzle.
7. Be aware of the potential for ricochet. Never shoot at a hard, flat surface or water.
8. Unload firearms when not in use, leaving the action open. Transport and carry firearms unloaded and cased when traveling to and from the field or target practice.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately in locked compartments and beyond the reach of children.
10. Never use alcohol or drugs that can impair your judgment before or while shooting.

**When the range is declared COLD, this means firearms down, action open and magazines removed -- do not touch ANY firearm.**

# Archery Course

- The Archery and Field course is for **Members Only**.
- Absolutely no broadheads are allowed.
- Use of crossbows may be allowed. Consult the chairperson for rules or exceptions allowed.
- Removal or moving of bales or targets is forbidden.
- Leave bow on firing line while searching for arrows as a caution to others that someone is down range.
- Consistent with gun range protocol, archers must all be aware of "Cold" range procedures before anyone is allowed to move down range.
- All bows must be pointed down range when nocking arrows.



# Trout Pond

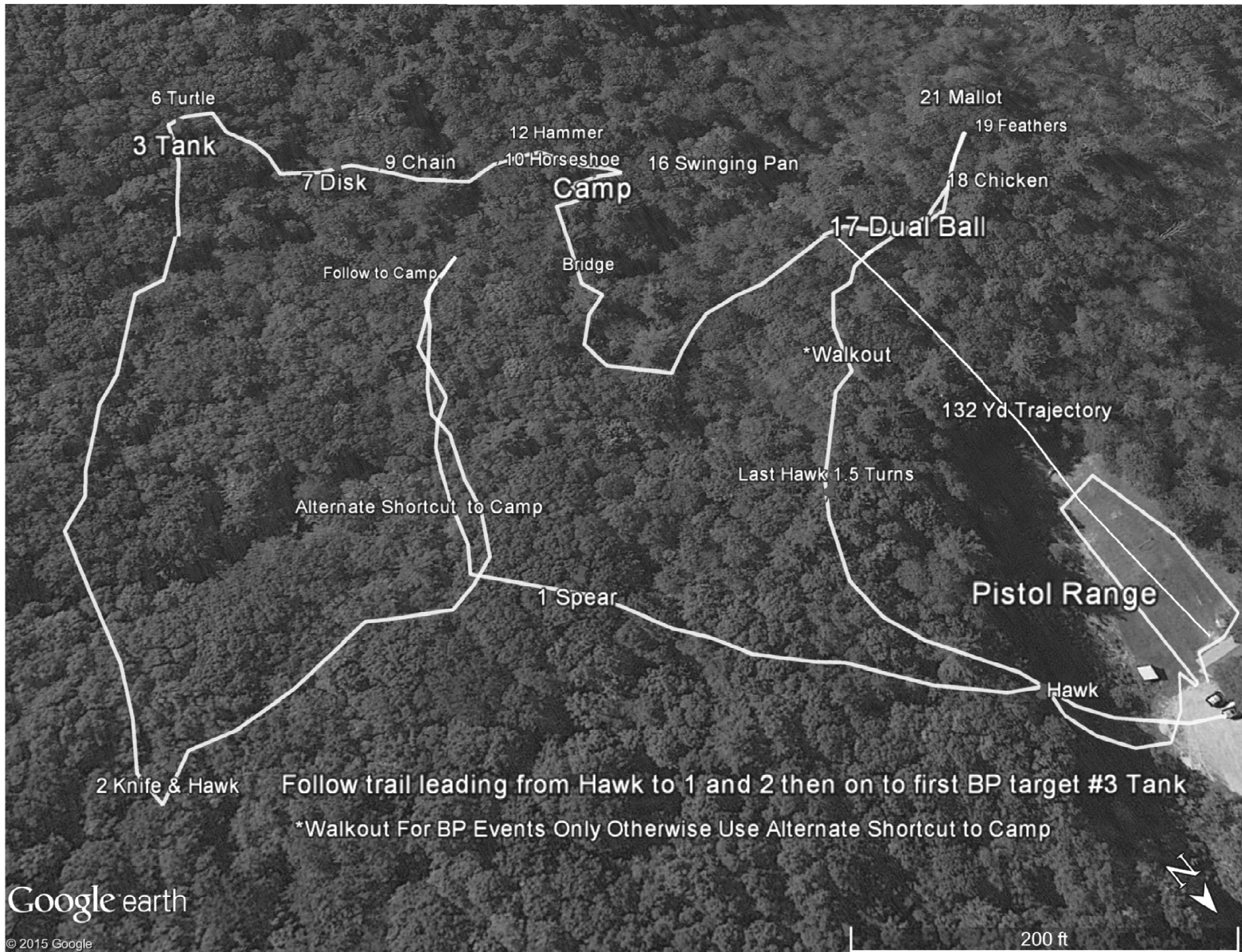
- Fishing is for **MEMBERS ONLY**. Guests are allowed only during club sponsored derbies.
- A Massachusetts fishing license is not required.
- Fishing is allowed every day – except when posted.
- **DAILY LIMIT:** 2 TROUT ONLY per day – only 1 over 15” and 6 (six) fish maximum per week.
- **DERBIES** – All fish must be registered or anytime requested to do so. No catch and release unless otherwise permitted; 3 fish limit, 1 win per entry.
- Catch and release all bass.
- No lead sinkers under 1 oz, per state law.
- No Wading. Fishing allowed only from shore.
- Only 1 rod may be in use at any time.
- Fishing in a way that interferes or endangers others is prohibited.
- **ICE Fishing** - Only 3 tilts allowed per person, or 2 tilts and 1 jig.
- No member shall tamper with the gates at either end of the pond without expressed approval from the Trout Committee.
- No holes are to be drilled in designated / maintained ice skating areas.
- State fishing laws will apply to anything not covered in these rules.

# Auburn Sportsman's Club



Due to Black Powder Committee and Auburn Bird Banding field operations, there is absolutely no use of gun ranges before 8:00 AM Monday - Saturday and 1:00 PM on Sunday.

Scale Approx. | ----- |  
125 Yds



6 Turtle  
3 Tank

7 Disk

9 Chain

12 Hammer  
10 Horseshoe  
Camp

16 Swinging Pan

17 Dual Ball

21 Mallot  
19 Feathers  
18 Chicken

Follow to Camp

Bridge

\*Walkout

132 Yd Trajectory

Alternate Shortcut to Camp

Last Hawk 1.5 Turns

Pistol Range

1 Spear

Hawk

2 Knife & Hawk

Follow trail leading from Hawk to 1 and 2 then on to first BP target #3 Tank

\*Walkout For BP Events Only Otherwise Use Alternate Shortcut to Camp

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200 ft

# Auburn Sportsman's Club Inc. Waiver and Release of Liability

**Please Read, Sign and Return to the Auburn Sportsman's Club.  
Parents Must Sign for All Members Under the Age of Eighteen.**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Auburn Sportsman's Club Inc. events and activities (whether individual/group, personal recreation or club-sponsored), the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The participation in shooting sports to include but not limited to the firing of all types of firearms, the throwing of any object to include but not limited to knives, hawks or slung shot, or using archery equipment on the range, field courses, and on any part of the club and adjoining properties for recreation or hunting are inherently dangerous and high risk activities. I am aware that the risk is significant and includes but is not limited to injury (ranging from minor to serious), hearing loss, permanent paralysis and death. I am aware the risks are real whether the activities are being performed by myself or others.
2. Many club activities involve the walking through woods and fields with uneven terrain often with loaded firearms, archery equipment and/or knives, hawks, and stones. I am aware that this increases the risks inherent to the shooting sports already listed. I am aware that it is my responsibility to constantly be aware of the potential for others to be in the area for but not limited to recreational shooting or hunting activities. I acknowledge it is my responsibility to be aware of my target and what may lie beyond it. I am aware that weather conditions and seasonal conditions can add to the inherent risks of injury or death.
3. That winter activities such as ice fishing are strictly at the risk of the individual who is solely responsible to ensure the ice is safe each time he/she wishes to venture on it.
4. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasee's or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation in any or all activities run by or on the property of the Auburn Sportsman's Club Inc. I willingly agree to comply with all existing standard operating procedures and rules of the club and customary terms and conditions for participation in any activity. I acknowledge that if I observe any hazard or danger during my presence or participation it is my personal responsibility to immediately make all others present aware of the hazard and or danger. It is further my personal responsibility to immediately remove myself from participation and bring such to the nearest official at once.
5. I, for myself and on behalf of my heir, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, **RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB Inc.** its officers, directors, officials, agents employees, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners or lessors of real property and personal property used to conduct the events and activities ("RELEASEES"), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

**I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement and fully understand its terms; I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Auburn Sportsman's Club, and that any violation of the same may result in revocation of my membership.**

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**Participant's Name (Print)**

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**Participant's Signature**

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**Date Signed**

**For Participants of Minority Age (Under Age 18 at the Time of Participation)  
All Juniors when becoming Adult Members Must Attend the A.S.C Orientation Class**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these events and activities and/or the use of related real and personal property as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.**

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**Name of Parent/Guardian (Print)**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date Signed**

**Emergency Phone #: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_**