

WHC Membership Application

Read the “Grounds Operating and Use Rules” and **sign/return** the range waiver along with the application. **NOTE:** your application WILL NOT be accepted without this signed document.

Complete the front of the application including:

- Complete mailing address
- Your NRA membership number, if current NRA member
- Include a photo copy of your current NRA membership card (if applicable)
- Your NRA magazine preference, if joining NRA with this application.
- Please include an email address, **required** for contact. If you do not have an email address, please contact someone (relative or friend) with an email address and ask if club information can be forwarded to them and then passed on to you.) Email communication is the primary way the club will inform members of club news/events, meetings, and of the annual renewal.
- Events and work parties
- Have a current member in good standing of the Wadsworth Hunt Club recommend you for membership by signing your membership application.
- Check or Money Order payable to the “Wadsworth Hunt Club.” (NO CASH ACCEPTED)

Either mail completed application and fees to the address below, or submit directly to the Membership Secretary at the monthly Club meeting; 7:30pm the third Tuesday of each month location T.B.A.

Your membership must be approved by the Board of Directors. This will occur at a regular monthly meeting. Once approved, you will be **required to attend an orientation** before you will be granted access to the shooting/archery ranges.

Wadsworth Hunt Club, Membership Secretary
P.O. Box 85
Wadsworth, Ohio 44282
(330) 618-5089

Note: If mailing application please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so that your Membership Card can be returned to you upon approval of application.

WADSWORTH HUNT CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 20_____

Applicant will become a Sportsman Member after review by, 1) the Wadsworth Hunt Club Board of Directors (BOD) according to the Constitution Article VI Section 5, and 2) the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and 3) a completed Wadsworth District Conservation League Release and Waiver. Applications for Sportsman Member will be accepted at any time, however, regardless of when a member joins – dues are up for renewal every January. Minimum age for Sportsman Member is 18. **First year dues are \$85.00 (\$60.00 Dues + \$25.00 Initiation Fee) for current NRA members, please provide your current NRA membership number if applicable, and \$120.00 for non-NRA members which includes NRA membership (\$35.00) for one year.** Club dues for subsequent years are currently \$60.00. If a Sportsman Membership is denied, the application moneys will be refunded. **No Cash payment, checks/Money Order only, payable to the "Wadsworth Hunt Club."**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____ Email _____

Applicant's current NRA membership number is _____ and expires on ____/____/____

For non-NRA members, circle only one NRA magazine you wish to receive: AMERICAN RIFLEMAN or AMERICAN HUNTER

We mail bulk rates; this application will be returned to you if it does not include your exact email and mailing address INCLUDING YOUR 9 (NINE) DIGIT ZIP CODE. You can call your local post office for this information.

Please answer each question with a "Yes" or "No".

- a. Are you under indictment or information* in any court for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year? (* A formal accusation of a crime made by a prosecuting attorney, as distinguished from an indictment by a grand jury). _____
- b. Have you been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year? (Note: a "Yes" answer is necessary if the judge could have given a sentence for more than one year). _____
- c. Are you a fugitive from justice? _____
- d. Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana, or any depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance? _____
- e. Have you ever been adjudicated mentally defective or have you ever been committed to a mental institution? _____
- f. Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable discharge conditions? _____
- g. Are you an alien illegally in the United States? _____
- h. Are you a person who, having been a citizen for the United States, has renounced his/her citizenship? _____
- i. Have you ever had any hunting or fishing violations? _____

MANPOWER POOL

All Members must list a first and second choice of work projects they will serve on in the coming years. This will give each project chairman a pool they can depend on when help is needed. Please indicate a **FIRST (1) AND SECOND (2) CHOICE.**

Range _____	Pheasant Program _____	New Farm Recruiting _____	Food for the Needy _____
Picnic/Fish Fry _____	Farm Posting _____	Speakers _____	Grounds Maintenance _____
Refreshments _____	Youth Programs _____	Other (specify) _____	

By signing this application, the signer acknowledges that they understand the Constitution and By-Laws of the Wadsworth Hunt Club and the Grounds & Range Rules of the Wadsworth District Conservation League and agrees to abide by them under penalty of expulsion.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____ Amount Paid \$_____ Received by: _____

All applicants must be recommended by a member in good standing. Current club member please **sign and print** name below **before** submitting the application. All new members **must attend an orientation** prior to gaining access to the ranges.

Recommended by: _____ Date ____/____/____

Membership Accepted / Denied by the BOD _____ Date ____/____/____

WADSWORTH HUNT CLUB
GROUND OPERATING AND USE RULES
Enacted February 2019

PREAMBLE

The Wadsworth Hunt Club (WHC) has prepared this document in order to: 1) improve and maintain the safe and orderly operation and use of the Wadsworth District Conservation League (WDCL) property; 2) ensure that the WHC continues to be a good neighbor to nearby landowners; and 3) ensure that the community at large views the WHC positively.

The club facility offers a three-season club house, picnic area, a sheltered 25-50-100-yard rifle/pistol range, a sheltered handgun range, a 10-20-30-40-50-yard archery range, and a nine-station 3D archery range. All of these facilities are available to active members and their guests subject to the rules and regulation of the club.

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 The WDCL property (Grounds) is approximately 30 acres and located at 8445 Leatherman Road. The sole member club is the Wadsworth Hunt Club (WHC). The WHC Board of Directors has full control over all grounds operating and use rules. The use of the Grounds is a privilege extended to members in good standing of the WHC. All club facilities are available to members seven days per week, unless otherwise reserved. All requests to reserve club grounds require board approval and will be scheduled through the club vice president. Persons use the Grounds at their own risk. The WHC assumes no responsibility for accidents, injuries, or loss of equipment. Individuals failing to abide by the following rules and guidelines will forfeit the use of the Grounds for a minimum of six months. The Board may impose additional penalties including, but not limited to, loss of membership.

1.2 The WHC will distribute or make available this document to each respective individual club member in good standing and will annually obtain a signed and dated receipt to the document titled Wadsworth District Conservation League and Wadsworth Hunt Club General Release and Wavier prior to having access to the Grounds. The WHC will also issue proper club identification, which shall be carried on the club member's person while on the Grounds and shown on demand. Persons lacking proper club identification will leave the Grounds immediately. Individuals on the Grounds illegally should be reported to a representative of the WHC (officer or board member).

2.0 FRONT GATE

2.1 The gate is to keep unauthorized people out so that our Grounds are safe and that we continue to be a good neighbor. Each authorized organization will maintain and police their own lock; however, in no case will individual club members receive access to the club Grounds without complying with section 1.2.

2.2 The gate is to be unlocked only by a club member in good standing. After the member's vehicle is through the gate, the member must immediately shut and lock the gate no matter how long he will be inside. (Note: The gate may be left open during scheduled group events only. The gate will be closed and locked when the event has concluded.) After the gate is closed and locked, scramble the combination so that it is not left for an outsider to steal. (Note: It is recommended that the combination locks be set on "0-0-0-0" after use.) When you lock the gate, **MAKE SURE THAT ALL LOCKS ARE IN SERIES** or some authorized organization will not be able to open the gate. In other words, every single lock should be able to open the gate.

3.0 HUNTING

3.1 Club members and guests accompanied by club members are allowed to hunt on the Club Grounds during the appropriate hunting seasons. No hunting until opening of squirrel season each year and then only by bow and arrow or shotgun (no rifle, slug gun, or pistol). No tree stands **are** permitted anywhere on the Grounds.

3.1.1 Hunting guests are limited to one per Club member and are limited to one hunting visit day per year to either WDCL property or to member Farms.

3.2 Training of hunting dogs is allowed only during the closed seasons. This is for the safety of the dog and his owner.

4.0 GROUND OPERATING AND CLUBHOUSE

4.1 Club members may use the Grounds west of Holmesbrook Creek for picnics anytime except when others have the Grounds reserved. Camping and use of clubhouse shall be by reservation through a detailed written request to the WHC Board of Directors on a first-come first- served basis. Any person reserving Grounds must remove all garbage and rubbish within 48 hours and leave the area clean. Fires are permitted only in the designated areas, or in proper containers.

All organizations must provide their own firewood. There will be NO cutting of live trees for firewood on club Grounds.

4.2 All construction, excavations, alterations, modifications, additions, removal, and installations of any buildings, equipment, living plants, roadways, or the Grounds in general must have prior written or verbal approval by the Board.

4.3 No motorcycles, mini-bikes, snowmobiles, ATV's or any other similar motorized recreational vehicle, or horses shall be operated or ridden upon the club Grounds. Vehicles can be used as a means of transportation to club meetings or functions provided the vehicles stay on roadways and parking areas. Service vehicles are exempt from this regulation.

4.4 Other than Board sponsored activities, members, guests, and outside groups may not reserve club grounds for financial gain.

4.5 Gun and archery ranges may not be reserved by club members. On occasion the rifle/pistol range, handgun range, and/or archery ranges may be closed to member use for board sponsored activities.

4.6 Individual club members reserving the club house and club grounds will be held liable and are responsible for the actions of their guests and their children. Alcoholic beverages, stimulants, or depressants are prohibited anywhere on the Grounds. Additionally, individuals under the influence of the alcoholic beverages, stimulants, or depressants are prohibited anywhere on the Grounds

4.7 The following fees shall apply:

Security Deposit (all persons)-	\$50.00
Clubhouse reservation by club member-	\$25.00
Grounds only reservation by club member-	No Charge

Security deposit will be forfeited if the grounds are not cleaned within 48 hours of use and for any damage to club facilities. Additional charges may be applied for damage.

4.8 Anyone violating these rules and/or State and Federal firearms laws & regulations will forfeit the privilege to the use of the Grounds again.

4.9 Any person with a current official Concealed Carry Permit is allowed to carry their firearm on WDCL property in accordance with State of Ohio Concealed Carry regulations and sections included within this document.

4.9.1 Rules concerning use of concealed firearms on the range are addressed in the "Firearm Range" section 5.0.

5.0 FIREARM RANGES

5.1 The firearm ranges are located in the valley of Holmesbrook Creek at the end of the road. This is the only area designated for firearm target shooting. The **RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE** consists of 25, 50, and 100-yard backstops complete with target frames and a covered shooting bench. The **HANDGUN RANGE** consists of four (4) shooting stations. A pulley system will allow for a maximum shot distance of approximately 25 feet with targets properly attached to the pulley system frame.

5.2 First-come has the privilege of the range; however, that privilege will be relinquished no more than one hour after another member has requested use of the range.

5.3 The firearm ranges are open for firing only on Monday - Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until SUNSET and on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. until SUNSET. The United States Weather Service determines sunset on any day.

5.4 Youth under 18 years of age must have adult supervision to use the firearm ranges. (Note: per Ohio Revised code, anyone under age 21 is considered a minor with respect to HANDGUN possession and usage.)

5.5 All guests must be accompanied by an adult member.

5.5.1 All members and guests must sign the range sign-in sheet and all guests must sign a range waiver before using the range. Any member who does not sign the range sign-in sheet and any guests who do not sign the range sign-in sheet and range waiver is forbidden from participating in any shooting at the range. Minors must have the range waiver signed by their parent(s) or guardian, who must accompany the minor at all times while on the range. (Note: per Ohio Revised code, anyone under age 21 is considered a minor with respect to HANDGUN possession and usage.)

5.5.2 A member may only bring two (2) guests to the range at one time. If two (2) guests are present and shooting, then the member must directly supervise the guests and may not participate in any shooting.

5.5.3 Guests are allowed only two (2) visits per year to the range. The guest must become a member of the WHC if further visits are desired. Exceptions are granted to active duty military personnel, individuals who live 120 miles away from Wadsworth, and persons attending approved training or other approved events.

5.6 When using the **RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE**, the path of all bullets and/or slugs is to be through the center of target frame and impacting in the dirt backstop. When using the **HANDGUN RANGE**, the path of all bullets is to be through the hanging target attached to the pulley system and impacting the dirt backstop. Only paper bulls-eye, paper game targets (no human silhouettes), balloons, or other soft reaction targets (no

glass, cans, clay birds, etc.) are to be used. Metallic swinging type targets that deflect impacting rounds downward may be used **ONLY** on the **RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE** at the 50 and 100 yard backstops. ALL targets regardless of type are to be placed only on the flat panels and between the horizontal dimensioned boards that form the target frames. There shall be no shooting of targets lying on the ground, flying or thrown in the air or otherwise not properly mounted on a target frame and safely in front of the earthen backstop.

5.6.1 Intentionally shooting Grounds equipment, including placing targets such that bullets can strike the target frames or cross members, is reason for loss of Grounds privileges and possible prosecution.

5.7 When using a **SHOTGUN** with shot, shooters are **ONLY** allowed to pattern their shotguns. Shooters must provide their own target frame, which shall be placed immediately in front of the earthen backstop. The WHC provided target holders are not to be used.

5.8 All firing must be single, aimed shots only. Absolutely no rapid fire, a distinct delay must be heard between shots {three (3) seconds}. All shooting will be from the designated firing line.

5.8.1 When using the **RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE**, shooters are allowed to fire at targets closer than 25 yards, if and only if:

- a) A safe temporary firing line is established at the forward position
- b) No one handles a firearm behind the new temporary firing line
- c) The target is located immediately in front of the earthen backstop such that all bullets impact the earthen backstop and not the ground.

5.9 **RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE** firearm type limitations are:

- a) No fully automatic firearms (BAFT Class III) including bump-fire firearms.
- b) Centerfire rifles and pistols are limited to barrel bores less than 0.500" in bore diameter.
- c) Shotguns to 10 gauge or smaller.
- d) Black powder rifles and pistols to barrels less than 0.700" in bore diameter.

HANDGUN RANGE firearm type limitations are:

- a) No full automatic firearms allowed (including bump-fire firearms).
- b) No bows, crossbows, rifles or shotguns of any type.
- c) Suppressors for pistols are not permitted unless the shooter possesses valid NFA paperwork.
- d) Pistol cartridges of 44 magnums and other larger calibers, and calibers larger than the 45ACP, must be shot at the rifle range. All other pistol calibers are permitted. (Note: .223/5.56 is a rifle cartridge and not considered a pistol cartridge)

5.10 Persons using the range are responsible to ensure that no one is down range. No firearms shall be handled while anyone is down range.

5.11 Take home everything you brought. Do not leave live cartridges, empty brass, boxes, targets on the target frames, food and beverage containers, etc.

5.11.1 All expended center fire and rim fire cartridge cases and hulls and live or "dud" discarded cartridges are to be picked up and either placed in the "EXPENDED CARTRIDGE BUCKET" or taken home by the shooter.

5.11.2 Under no circumstances are cartridges (live, "dud", or expended) to be placed in any trash barrel.

5.12 "Cease Fire" may be called by anyone on the range due to an unsafe condition. When "Cease Fire" is called, all shooters will immediately open the action and make their firearm safe until the unsafe condition is rectified to the satisfaction of all present.

5.13 When the range is declared closed for firing and/or people are down range of the firing line (target changing, clean up, etc.) all firearms will be made safe with actions open.

5.13.1 **No one will handle a firearm while anyone is in front of the firing line.**

5.14 Shooters and those near the firing line shall wear proper eye and ear protection.

5.15 If the clubhouse/Grounds are reserved through the WHC, the firearm ranges are closed to other persons unless the person reserving the club house/Grounds gives explicit permission at the time of reservation.

5.16 Safety, common sense, and courtesy must be exercised at all times. Violations should be reported to a WHC representative immediately with the name and/or car license number of the violator and a description of the infraction.

5.17 Training and practice with holstered concealed carry firearms shall not occur on any range except as noted in 5.17.2. There shall be no draw from holster shooting on any of the WHC ranges.

5.17.1 If a person desires to practice with their concealed carry firearm, the firearm must be carefully removed from holstered made ready at the firing line. No draw and fire practice except as noted in 5.17.2.

5.17.2 No draw and fire on any range unless for participation in a board approved advance training course with a WHC approved instructor.

6.0 **SAFE GUN HANDLING RULES**

6.1 **KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** A safe direction is a direction so that in the event of an accidental discharge, no one will be hurt. At the range this is generally down range towards the backstops or stored UNLOADED in a gun case or on the bench.

6.2 **KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND UNLOADED UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO USE THE FIREARM.** Actions are open all the time except when you are actually ready to use that firearm. Auto loading firearms that will not lock open on their own will have action blocked open. Fixed magazines are emptied, and removable magazines are removed from the action. Revolver cylinders shall be empty and open. Muzzleloaders are to be uncapped or deprimed as applicable.

6.3 **KEEP THE SAFETY ON AND YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO FIRE.**

6.4 **DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS WHILE ANYONE IS DOWN RANGE.** This includes “unloaded” firearms, removing or inserting firearms into gun cases and/or holsters, etc.

7.0 **ARCHERY RANGE**

7.1 The static archery range is located to the west of the clubhouse; the 3D archery range is located south of the entrance road. Both ranges are open to all WHC members provided posted rules are followed. Operating hours are daily, sunrise to sunset as determined by the National Weather Service. No firearms, air guns, BB guns are permitted on the archery range. Archers must shoot at the designated targets only. Paper targets may be hung but must be removed and properly disposed. Absolutely **NO BROADHEADS** may be used on targets provided by the WHC; field tips/target points only. Personal targets may be used (for broadheads/other) but must be placed directly beside the targets provided by WHC. Leave bows on racks when retrieving arrows. Do not carry cocked crossbows on the club grounds. Never retrieve arrows, hang targets or approach target area while others are shooting. Be courteous and use common sense, and report all violations to a club officer.

7.2 If the clubhouse/Grounds are reserved through the WHC, the archery ranges are closed to others unless the person reserving the clubhouse/Grounds gives explicit permission at the time of the reservation.

WADSWORTH DISTRICT CONSERVATION LEAGUE AND WADSWORTH HUNT CLUB
GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER
Enacted January 1, 2018

Whereas, in consideration of being permitted to attend a course involving firearms/archery, for the instruction in the use and safety of firearms/archery, and for the use of the owned, leased and/or borrowed land/properties (hereinafter the "Premises") for the above purposes and including, but not limited to, range practice and hunting, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Undersigned agrees as follows:

Undersigned agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Wadsworth District Conservation League ("WDCL") and the Wadsworth Hunt Club ("WHC"), and the respective directors, officers, volunteers, employees, agents and affiliates from any and all fault, liabilities, cost, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with: Undersigned's presence at and/or participation in the course of instruction; the discharge of firearms or use of archery equipment by the Undersigned, the Undersigned's presence on or use of the ranges, buildings, and/or Premises for any purpose; for any and all acts or omissions of Undersigned, and any damages arising from the Undersigned's presence at and/or participation, including injuries to property, personal injuries or death to others caused by the Undersigned, whether or not as a result of the participation and use of firearms or archery equipment, the facilities and Premises, and regardless of whether such injuries result, in whole or in part, from the negligence of the WHC and affiliates.

Undersigned furthermore waives for himself/herself and for his/her guests, executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin, any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions or claims whatsoever, which he/she may have or which may arise against the WHC and affiliates, including but not limited to, the death of the Undersigned and/or any and all injuries, damages or illnesses suffered by Undersigned or Undersigned's personal property (whether or not entrusted to the WHC and affiliates); which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or connected with: the pursuit of firearms/archery instruction, range practice, hunting or other use of the Premises; and/or the discharge of firearms/archery products. The WHC and affiliates shall not be liable for, and the Undersigned, on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs, and next of kin, hereby expressly releases the League from any and all such claims and liabilities regardless of whether such injuries result, in whole or in part, from the negligence of the WHC and affiliates.

Undersigned understands and acknowledges that the handling and discharge of firearms and use of archery equipment is inherently dangerous activity and hereby expressly assumes the risk of taking part in the course for instruction in use and safety of firearms/archery equipment and taking part in the activities on the Premises, which include, but are not limited to, instruction in the use of firearms/archery equipment, the discharge of firearms/archery equipment, the firing of live ammunition/arrows/bolts, and hunting therewith.

Undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that Undersigned has read this instrument and understands its terms and is executing this instrument voluntarily. Undersigned, furthermore, hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read, understands and will at all times abide by all range rules and procedures including the WHC Ground Operating and Use Rules, and any other rules and procedures established both orally or in writing by the WHC, as well as, the laws of the State of Ohio.

Undersigned expressly agrees that this instrument is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any provision of this instrument is held invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired thereby. No remedy conferred by any of the specific provisions of this instrument is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one or more remedies hereunder by the WHC shall not constitute any waiver of WHC's right to pursue other available remedies. This instrument is binding upon the Undersigned and his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin.

Member's Name: _____
(Please print)

Member's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Guest's Name: _____
(Please print)

Guest's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___