

Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen's Association Rules Enforcement Policy – Revision 9

It is the responsibility of the membership to know and follow the Association's rules and regulations. These rules are described thoroughly during new member orientation and are printable on the website on any "EVENT", choose any event and scroll to the bottom of the page for a link.

Any inappropriate or unsafe actions while on Association property or at club functions may result in a person being asked to leave. Specific protocol for members in dealing with unsafe actions of others' is outlined in the General Association Policies, including the need to fill out an Incident Report; this report is available on the website at "EVENTS", choose any event and scroll to the bottom of the page for a link. Also, Board contacts are listed in each message board on the ranges for immediate phone contact.

For the safety and well-being of all members, invited guests, spectators, event participants and the community, infractions of any and all rules are taken seriously. Every infraction is detrimental to the safety and well-being of the membership.

By-Laws Article III, Sections 4 and 9 describe the process for removing members.

Section 4: Any member of the Association (including members of the Executive Committee) may be removed from membership for cause in accordance with the Rules Enforcement Policy:

1. After the results of an investigation conducted by the Executive Committee are known:
2. After a hearing is presented to the membership:
3. After voted on by the majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled general Association meeting.

Section 9: Loss of Membership will result if any member:

1. Fails to renew annual dues on or before the set expiration date of December 31 st of each year.
 - a. All members must complete the Membership Renewal Form for the upcoming year. The Release of Liability section of the Membership Renewal Form is required to be completed each year by every member, regardless of type of membership or dues requirement
 2. Is identified with a violation or infraction of the range safety rules contained in the Membership Agreement Package, General Policies, or the Rules Enforcement Policy, and after proper investigation and vote for removal by the Association membership.
 - a. A probationary period as stipulated in the Rules Enforcement Policy must be observed before a suspended member is presented to the Association for a vote.
 - b. During probationary period, the member will have gate access temporarily denied until the Association votes to confirm or decline loss of membership by majority vote of members present.
 - c. Loss of membership will remove the individual's name from the general membership roster, cancel gate access, and forfeit the remainder of yearly dues paid.
 - d. The individual's name will be placed on a Denied Roster together with the reason for denial and made available as needed in the event of a future application for membership by the removed individual.

The following guidelines define the punitive actions to be taken if violations of Association rules occur. This Enforcement Policy is categorized into three groups, starting with the most severe (Tier I), moving to less severe (Tier II), and ending with least severe (Tier III).

Tier I Violation. *State Police may be notified and the person/s will be subject to any and all prosecution deemed appropriate.* The Executive Committee will initiate an investigation to determine possible loss of membership as noted in Article III Section 9 the By-Laws. Loss of membership (Article III Section 4) will remove the individual's name from the General Membership roster, and gate access will be canceled. The individual's name will be placed on a Denied roster with the reason for denial and made available for future applications of membership by the individual.

List of Tier I Violations or Failures to Comply with Stated Rules:

1. Willful deliberate destruction or damaging of Association property.
2. Willful deliberate causing of physical harm, or threat thereof, to another person on Association property or at a club function.
3. Drinking alcoholic beverages or using illegal drugs on Association property or at a club function.
4. Being impaired due to alcohol or illegal drugs while on Association property or at a club function.
5. Inappropriate shooting, defined as deliberate discharge of a firearm or arrow which puts anyone at risk of injury. This includes, but is not limited to, intentionally shooting at any object from Association property on to surrounding property (non- Association property).
6. Handling of firearms while anyone is down range. This includes, but is not limited to, casing, uncasing, unholstering handguns, cleaning, or adjusting.
7. No shooting takes place until all shooters are behind the firing line.
8. The mowing contractor always has right-of-use when he works on a range. The range will be considered cold while he is working; firearms must remain unloaded and untouched until he leaves the range.
9. Allowing another member, a non-member, or a Denied member to use your gate access card to enter Association property. Each member is required to be the sole user of his or her gate card.
10. Willfully failing to obey the commands of an RSO during a sanctioned club event.

Tier II Violation. The Executive Committee will investigate the rules to determine if a violation occurred. The penalty for a Tier II rule violation will be a 60-day probationary period. Gate access will be turned off and the member will not be permitted on Association property without written Executive Committee permission. In addition, sixteen (16) hours of work time shall be donated to SLCFSA free of charge, to be arranged and performed under the direction of the Building and Grounds Chair.

List of Tier II Violations or Failures to Comply with Stated Rules:

1. Failure to identify yourself as a member of the Association by not carrying your proof of membership while on the Association property.
2. Failure to identify yourself by name to another member if requested to do so, provided there is a valid reason to request identification.
3. No swimming in or ice skating on the Association Pond is permitted.
4. No hunting is permitted.
5. Members are responsible for the actions of their family members and guest and must remain with them at all times when on Association facilities. For example, members must remain with their immediate family and guests on the same range; if someone wishes to move to another range, all move together.
6. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, or a responsible adult with the parent's written permission, who must remain in the immediate vicinity of the underage person while on the grounds. While on the firing line, the minor must remain within arm's reach of the responsible adult.
7. Keep firearms pointed in a safe direction at all times.
8. All shooters using the same range must be on the same firing line.
9. Shots will be spaced at a reasonable time apart, based on your ability to hit your posted targets. Safe and controlled fire on your target is required; if you cannot keep all rounds on target, SLOW DOWN. SLCFSA strongly recommends spacing rounds approximately 3 seconds apart. Magazine dumps are not allowed.
10. The following are not permitted on any range for safety reasons: .50 cal BMG-type firearms, and tracer rounds. A fully auto firearm, legally licensed, may be fired in semi-auto mode only. Written and signed permission to fire in full-auto mode must be obtained from the Executive Committee.

11. Pets must be under the control of their owner/handlers at all times. Pets must be cleaned up after.

Tier III Violation. The Executive Committee will investigate the rules and Incident Report(s) to determine if a violation has occurred. The penalties are as listed below.

- A. **First violation** – A written notice stating name, date, and rule violation will be mailed by certified mail to the member. It will be kept on file two years, with a copy given to the Membership Secretary.
- B. **Second violation** - Of the same violation or any of the other Tier III violations. A written notice stating name, date, and rule violation will be mailed by certified mail to the member. It will be kept on file two years, with a copy given to the Membership Secretary. A 30-day probationary period will be applied. In addition, eight (8) hours of work time shall be donated to SLCFSA free of charge, to be arranged and performed under the direction of the Building and Grounds Chair.

List of Tier III Violations or Failures to Comply with Stated Rules:

- 1. Members may bring only three guests onto Association property on any given visit, with the exception being sanctioned club events which are open to the public.
- 2. Outdoor shooting hours are Mon – Sat 8 a.m. till sundown, and on Sunday from 12 noon until sundown. Shooting must cease at “sundown” as defined by the PA Game Commission. There is no shooting on Sunday before 12 noon.
- 3. Shooting on all ranges is to be done at appropriate paper or cardboard targets only. Non-paper or cardboard targets, or inappropriate paper targets (photos of politicians, etc.), are forbidden. Targets should be placed on the chicken wire using clothes pins and not put on the wooden frames.
- 4. No cross firing – shoot only at the backstops directly in front of your position.
- 5. All firearms are to be unloaded and actions open before anyone goes down-range. Empty chamber indicators are strongly recommended so all shooters know all firearms on the line are safe.
- 6. Hand trap throwing is permitted between Trap house 2 and 3 using clay targets only.
- 7. Before leaving the range, pick up shell casings, remove targets from the backstop, and deposit them in the proper trash containers. If the containers are full, take the trash to the nearest dumpster. Do not place live ammo or duds in the trash cans. Place all unspent rounds in the red dud boxes found at each range.
- 8. Only arrows with field or target points are permitted except for the 20-yard backstop on the left of the range, which is designated for broad heads only.
- 9. Do not nock your arrow until all shooters are on the line and ready to shoot.
- 10. Motor vehicles (e.g., dirt bikes, quads, or snowmobiles) are not permitted on the ranges without prior written approval from the Executive Committee; this approval is to be carried on one’s person while using the approved vehicle. Vehicles authorized for range maintenance and repairs and used by those authorized to perform range maintenance and repairs do not require this approval.

Any member engaging in any unsafe or destructive behavior that places another individual at risk of immediate death or serious bodily injury may be punished according to the determination of the Executive Committee and vote of the membership.

Any member who make disparaging statements of any sort with the intention of harming the club in any way may be punished according to the determination of the Executive Committee and vote of the membership.