

**Club Rules**

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**Million Pines Hunt Club LLC.**

**updated**

**2019-2020 Rules**

All members are expected to follow the Hunting Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as well as the Rules and Regulations of the Million Pines Hunting Club. Paying membership dues to MPHC means you agree to the club rules and are willing to abide by them and the decision of club management. This is your contract with the club. A violation of these rules reflects on the individual as well as the club. If caught not abiding by these rules your membership will be subject to termination.

The rules of MPHC have evolved from direction provided by the members over the life of the club. These rules are intended to establish a guideline consistent with the values of MPHC and its members.

• Club officers reserve the right to update and amend any rules at any time as necessary to adapt to the needs of the club.

• MPHC is leased from Bates Timberlands LLC. There will be no building onto, cutting into, topping, or damaging pine trees in any way. These trees are property of Bates Timberlands LLC. Failure to abide by this rule may result in the termination of the MPHC lease. (PLEAE, Don’t mark poor decisions that can ruin it for everybody!)

**Membership**

* 1. Membership is valid from June 1st of current year to May 31 of the new year.
  2. Membership includes your children under the age of 18.
  3. There is no charge for a non-hunting guest, including spouses, unless they wish to hunt [**See Guest Rules and Regulations**].

**Example:** A non-hunting guest may accompany you in camp or to a stand, but they may not use or carry a firearm or bow/arrow. Also a non-hunting guest must sign out along with the member and/or additional hunting guest.

* 1. Access to the property 365 days a year is provided to all members**.**
  2. Access to power and water are available for your camper, trailer, etc.. You may be required to provide equipment and labor to access water and power provided by MPHC.

* 1. All members will be provided with a copy of the rules upon request. Any changes in the rules will be provided to all members by posting on the website or an email notification.
  2. A decal and mirror hanger for your vehicle will be supplied. The mirror hanger must be in plain sight while on MPHC properties.
  3. No permanent structure of any kind shall be erected by members of MPHC on any part of leased premises. Non-permanent structures such as hunting blinds; stands; temporary, portable housing; and campers for use is allowed. All temporary, portable housing on “Home Place” MUST be approved by the officers of MPHC and Bates Timberlands LLLP. Also make sure you have officer’s approval prior to installing to provide the best location for your place of Campers.
  4. NO camping or overnight staying on any leased property other than the Home Place in the area’s provided near the main house.

* 1. Upon termination of membership (by one’s own choice or by MPHC choice), all members agree to remove all temporary structures, including stands within 30 days. Any member’s property not removed within the 30 days, becomes club property and will be sold, used or disposed of at sole discretion of MPHC.
  2. Membership dues will only be refunded before the start of hunting season, if the vacated spot is filled**.**

**\*\* NEW for 2015-2016 hunting season and going forward. \*\***

* 1. Any members that are not paid in full are restricted from being on any MPHC land unless it’s a work weekend and they are performing MPHC work. Any member that isn’t paid in full is restricted from doing stand maintenance, relocation of stands, personal food plots, etc. until the club dues and all fines are paid in full.

**The Million Pines Hunt Club (MPHC) dues are required to be paid in full on May 31st for the upcoming hunting season**.

If payment in full (any unpaid balance, $500, $300, $150, etc.) is not received by **May 31st**, a $100 fine will be added to the amount still owed on June 1st. If the entire balance, including the additional $100 fine is not received by June 30th, another $100 will be added to the unpaid balance on July 1st. The $100 MONTHLY fine will continue to be added to unpaid dues until PAYMENT IN FULL (including all fines) is received.

* 1. If Member or guest Fees/fines are not paid you will not be allowed to hunt. Also you will not be allowed to move or remove your property.
  2. AJunior Memberconsists of a member that pay’s half of the total dues. Their age range is from 18 to 21 years old and College students and will have to be a direct descendant of a member (Child or Grandchild).They will have the same responsibilities as a regular member and also share accommodations with their sponsored member.
  3. Dog Hunting, You must have the officer’s approval prior to hunting with dogs. There will be no dog hunting aloud from July 1, through the last day of deer season.
  4. ShootingRange hours are 10:30 am till 2:30 pm (during hunting season/s). Shooting Range hours outside of hunting season are 10am to Dark. For the safety of the members and our guests, there is no shooting after dark.

**2.0 Harvesting - \*\* New for 2015-2016 season going forward \*\***

**\*\*\* Please read \*\*\* Deer Harvest Rules \*\*\***

**Weight restrictions:**

Button head bucks that weigh less than 66# will be a $200 fine (scale’s needle must be 66# or more).

Examples

* $100 for the button head + $100 for being **under 66#** ($200 total)
* Button head bucks **66#’s and over** will remain a $100 fine

**A spike buck over three inches (3”) or a buck less than 8 points and/or under 14” wide will incur a $250.00 club fine.**

* **Note: Anyone attempting to hide or alter a harvest to avoid fines will have their MPHC membership terminated immediately.**

All deer must be weighed and witnessed by another member to determine if the harvest (deer) is legal before cleaning or delivering to a processor. If you are the only one there take a picture or call an officer.

All harvest must be recorded on the Harvest log sheet in the camp house with the following information:

-Name of Harvester (your name)

-Weight

-Gender

-Tract

-Number of points

**2.1**. Bucks harvested by members or hunting guests must be 8-points or better with a minimum of a 14” inside spread**.**

**2.2**. A deer harvested not meeting the guidelines will require a $250 fine on the first offense. The second offense in the same calendar year will require a $500 fine and/or a potential termination of membership**.**

**2.3.** The action of your hunting guest will reflect directly on the member’s total number of fined deer.

**Example:** Member harvests a 4-point buck and is fined $250. That same member’s guest harvests a 4-point buck the member’s fine goes to $500. The member is responsible for paying the fine for a guest’s mistake.

**2.4**. All deer must be brought back to camp before being taken to the processor. If caught not bringing a deer back to camp you will be fined $250. A second offense of this may lead to a termination of membership.

**2.5.** A member or a minor of a member’s immediate family may harvest any deer if **never** having harvested a deer before.

**Example:** Your son or daughter may harvest a buck of any size as their first deer ever harvested. If your son or daughter chooses an antler-less deer as the first deer, any buck, thereafter, must meet the minimum MPHC requirements**.**

**2.6.** Deer fines are not an attempt of Million Pines to collect revenue. They are an attempt to avoid the harvesting of immature bucks.

**2.7**. MPHC is a trophy club; therefore all infractions are open to reconsideration and appeal by the club officers.

**3.0 Guests**

**3.1.** You, the member, are responsible for any guests you bring and the member hosting the guest shall be responsible for those guest’s fees.

**3.2**. The member must be present on the club lease in order for a dependent or guest to hunt**.**

**3.3.** Each member is limited to three (3) guests at one time. This has been increased from 2 guests to 3 starting in the 2013-2014 season.

**3.4.** The fee for a hunting guest, including spouses, is **$40 a day** and must be paid at the end of the visit. Stamped envelopes addressed to the MPHC treasurer are in the camp house to mail your guest fees. Please (**NO CASH**). Members cannot hunt till guest fees are paid.

**New –** Stamped and addressed envelopes to the club treasurer have been supplied with the member packets. NO excuses for not sending in guest fee’s, fine’s, etc..

**3.5.** Guest fees will apply to deer and turkey hunting. Also any guest hunting **ANY** legal game during **deer season** will pay guest fees. Any other legal game animal may be hunted by guests with nocharge after or before deer season.

**3.6**. **Guest days are open from Archery season opening day, until opening day of Black Powder season.**

* **Guest will reopen and be allowed after the completion of the third weekend of rifle season.** Monday will be the first day guest are allowed**.**
  + These dates will be posted each year in the club house.
* **Muzzle loader season is now prohibited to guest (no guests allowed)**. This also includes the dates previously describe in MPHC rules.

Note:

During the time when **“guests are prohibited”** you cannot hunt using another member’s stand **without prior permission**. Standing at the bottom of the stand trying to call the member, is not prior permission. If you do not speak directly to the member, **you do not hunt the stand!** If the stand is not labeled with the member’s name, and you don’t know whose stand it is, **you do not hunt the stand!** Remember, refrain from using other member’s stands, they are not yours to use when-ever you’d like. Use a climber in a nearby tree if you really want to hunt that area.

Child guest (non-family, 17 and under) are allowed to hunt during the “guest restricted” times. The child guest is required to sit alongside the member while hunting. Guest fees are still required for the child guest.

This rule is to help support our great sport and to get as many children in the woods as possible.

**\*\*\* Extremely Important for 2015 going forward \*\*\***

**Deer Limit Proposed & Changed**

* During the deer hunting season hunters are **limited to a total of seven (7) deer**. Example’s- Five (5) does and two (2) bucks, seven (7) does, zero (0) bucks, six (6) does and one (1) buck, etc.

**3.7.** There is no charge for a non-hunting guest and they are allowed anytime**.**

**3.8.** The same hunting guest can only come twice a year even if brought by a different member**.**

**3.9. Remember: All guests must sign the guest waiver in the camp house before hunting on MPHC leased land.** Failure to sign the guest waver does not hold MPHC liable for any accidents while on MPHC leased property. Any MPHC member bringing guests to MPHC leased property is responsible for those guests and any legal/medical liability if the guest waiver is not signed prior to using the leased land or hunting.

MPHC and its officers will not be held responsible for guests at any time during their visit/hunting on club leased land.

Guests that are hunting during deer season or turkey season need to sign out (**as a guest).** Hunting guests must have a guest card with them while hunting**.**

**4.0 Vehicles (ATV’s included)**

**4.1.** During deer and turkey season, vehicle use will be kept to a minimum during the prime morning and evening hunting hours.

**4.2.** Vehicles may be used while traveling to and from hunting areas for the purpose of hunting**.**

**4.3.** Vehicles may be used from 10 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. for scouting, stand maintenance and setup this is only to be done during hunting season when no one is signed out for that track.

**4.4.** Vehicles are not to be parked in a way that blocks any road or gate. Have courtesy in mind when you hunt. If possible park at gates or near gates and walk in as to not park near where another hunter may hunt. Do not park inside a track as to interfere with another hunters hunt.

**4.5.** Vehicles may be used anytime to retrieve a harvested animal, however on a cool morning in consideration of other hunters try to wait until 10 A.M.

**4.6**. Joy riding on any club maintained road and/or property is not allowed during the hunting seasons.

**4.7**. No untagged or uninsured cars or trucks to be operated or stored on MPHC property.

**4.8**. To access the pond during hunting season you must exit camp and enter Home Place at back gate to go to the pond.

**4.9**. All children under the age of eighteen (18) will be required to wear a helmet when operating (ATV’s) or any other recreational vehicle

**5.0 Work Weekends**

**5.1.** There will be eight **(8)** scheduled work weekends once a month starting in February**.**

**5.2. \*\*\* There will be one (1) MANDATORY “planting” weekend added to the already two (2) mandatory work weekends \*\*\*.**

* All members must attend 2 work weekends **AND** 1 planting weekend.
* Each member is required to attend two (2) work weekends and one (1) planting weekend or pay the fine assigned to the weekend type**.**
* Planting weekends **CANNOT** be substituted as a work weekends. All members benefit from the food plots. Please make an attempt to attend one planting weekends. We need the help, not the fine money (Thank You).

**\*\*\* NO one will be allowed to work on a non-work weekend. \*\*\***

* All members must make time to work on 2 identified work weekends and 1 identified planting weekend (3 total weekends).
* The camp director will send out the work / planting weekend schedules.

Inform the camp director what weekends you will attend so the work load can be properly distributed.

**5.3**. If you fail to attend one of your required two work weekends, you’ll receive a $300.00 fine. If you fail to attend both required work weekends, you’ll receive an additional $300.00 fine (a total of $600.00). Members can “op-out” of work weekends by paying $600 to the club.

If you fail to attend the one mandatory planting weekend, you will be fined $500.

* If a member owes any money when hunting season starts, you are not allowed on the property except to participate in a work or planting weekend.

Note: The club would rather have your participation than your money.

**5.4.** Members are encouraged to bring any type of building material for work weekend**.**

**5.5.** Work weekends are for club work not individual work**.**

**5.6.** Any member may suggest any work they deem necessary. These suggestions will be considered as becoming a part of the work weekend agenda.

**5.7.** You may NOT work another member’s work weekend, each member is responsible for their own work weekend.

**5.8.** A member must sign out for each work weekend and what was accomplishedor you will not get credit for your work weekend.

**6.0 General Rules**

**6.1.** All members and guests engaged in non-hunting activities must yield to those hunting.

**6.2.** Members are encouraged to suggest rule additions and changes to MPHC officers or consideration.

**6.3.** During the hunting season each member is required to **sign out for every hunt**; not the whole weekend. Sign-In area is located in the clubhouse. Each member must sign-out for morning and evening hunts separately. If you intend to hunt the same stand all day, then sign the book for morning and evening and write (**All Day).**

**6.4. If someone is signed out on the same tract of land get with that member to make sure there will be no conflict.**

**6.5.** The MPHC clubhouse is shared with the landowner. All members are encouraged to use and enjoy the clubhouse as this is its purpose. On the occasion the landowner decides to lodge at the MPHC clubhouse, all members must remain courteous.

**6.6**. Any member or guest caught hunting deer at night will have their privileges at MPHC revoked and membership terminated.

**6.7.** Enforcement of the rules is solely the responsibility of MPHC officers

**6.8**. Any situation arising at any time that is not specifically addressed in the rules and guidelines will be addressed by MPHC management and incorporated in to the rules when deemed necessary.

**6.9.** All stands box, ladder, lock-on’s shall be accessible (**NO LOCKS)** to all members. If a lock is found on a stand it will be removed by an officer no questions asked. Climbing stands are not to be hunted without specific prior permission. Also we suggest that members label their stand with name and # and request that they be notified that you are hunting their stand. Please don't make a habit of hunting other member’s stands. A guest cannot hunt another member's stand without prior permission.

**7.0.** All infrastructure improvements (plumbing, electrical, gravel, septic, etc.) performed by our members, on any part of the leased MPHC land, become the property of MPHC. If a member leaves the club, the infrastructure improvements (plumbing, electrical, gravel, septic, etc.) remain at the site and become MPHC property. If a member moves within the club (site to site), any infrastructure improvements done on the previous site becomes the property of MPHC.

* Trailer’s sheds, awnings, etc. can be properly disassembled and removed/moved to the new site person.
* Electrical, water and septic should remain as part of the site.

All potential new members will be interviewed by at least three (3) of the officers.

All three officers must agree that the new member has the right attitude and will be a good addition/fit in MPHC. If any of the three offices feels the interviewee isn’t a good fit for the club, other officers will need to interview the potential member before a decision is made.

**Missed work weekends will remain at $300 (no change).**

* All members must attend 2 pre-determined work weekends.
* No partial work weekends. Please expect to work all day Saturday and ½ -1/3 a day on Sunday.

**Missed planting weekends will cost the member $500.**

* All members must attend 1 pre-determined planting weekend.
* No partial work weekends. Please expect to work all day Saturday and ½ -1/3 a day on Sunday.

**The club will give senior members (over 65 years or older) a $300 discount going forward.**

* You are a “senior member” if you are already 65 years old when dues are due on May 31st.
* You are not a “senior member” if you turn 65 years old after May 31st of that hunting year.

**Bates Timberlands, LLLP**

**Properties Included in Hunting Lease and Contract**

**#**1 First Tract, Treutlen County. 58 Acres\*

#2 Smith Tract, Treutlen County, 83 Acres\*

#3 Blackville Tract, Treutlen County, 104 Acres

#4 Gillis Tract, Treutlen County (adjoins Home Place), ll.3 Acres\*

#5 Home Place Tract, Treutlen County, 315.5 Acres\*

#6 Youngblood Tract, Treutlen County, 25.5 Acres\*

#7 Russell Phillips Tract, Treutlen County, 218 Acres\*

#8 SPM Tract, Treutlen County, 247 Acres\*

#9 Luther Phillips Tract, Treutlen County, 150.6 Acres\*

#10 Pendleton Creek Tract, Treutlen County, 110.4 Acres

#11 Norristown Junction Tract, Emanuel County, 126 Acres

#12 New Tract, Treutlen County, 234 Acres

#13 Riddle Tract, Treutlen County, 123.36 Acres

#14 Karrh Tract, Emanuel County, 382 Acres

#15 Leon Phillips Tract, Treutlen County, 63.5 Acres\*

#16 Meeks Tract, Johnson County, 100 Acres

#17 Mule Pen Tract, Emanuel County, 104.7 Acres

#18 Lawton Tract, Treutlen County, 1005.6 Acres

#19 Kemp Tract, Emanuel County, 325 Acres

#20 Red Bluff, Treutlen County, 129.8 Acres

**Please, conduct yourself courteously and professionally to prevent your actions from being addressed by Million Pines Hunt Club Inc. All rules are subject to change each year.**

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Emergency Contacts

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