

York & Adams County
**GAME AND FISH
ASSOCIATION**

ADOPTED AUGUST 1995

CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS

HOUSE AND GROUND RULES

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ARTICLE 1

The name of this organization shall be the York & Adams County Game & Fish Association.

ARTICLE 2-OBJECTIVES

Section 1 – The objectives of said organization shall be as follows:

- A. To advance the public's interest in fish and game.
- B. To raise the standards of sportsmanship among the hunters and fishermen in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- C. To aid the Fish and Game authorities of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the adoption and enforcement of adequate laws concerning the objectives of this organization.
- D. To provide recognition and assistance to fellow sportsmen in furtherance of the organization's objectives.

ARTICLE 3-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – General Membership

- A. Any person 16 years of age or older who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States

of America shall be eligible for membership in the organization.

- B. Any person applying for membership in said organization shall be sponsored by two (2) members currently in good standing who shall verify the good character of the applicant.
- C. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the membership, the application shall be submitted for acceptance, which acceptance shall be by majority vote of the members in attendance at said meeting.
- D. Any applicant for membership who age shall be less than eighteen (18) years shall present a written consent to said membership from the applicant's parents or guardians.
- E. All applicants shall be required to submit with said application an initiation fee as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- F. All members shall be required to pay such annual dues as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any officers, captain, or director within the organization during the time shall not require said dues the members hold such office.
- G. It is a must that all members speak and understand the English language and abide by all rules and regulations of the organization.

Section 2 – Senior Members –

Any member whose age is 65 years or older shall be eligible for a one-half reduction in membership dues if said member shall have been a member in good standing for a period of three (3) consecutive years prior to application for such senior membership.

Section 3 - Misconduct –

- A. Any member who shall destroy or deface club property or who shall conduct himself in an improper manner while on club property shall be expelled from the organization.
- B. Any member of said organization that shall lose hunting or fishing privileges in the state of Pennsylvania would be automatically expelled from the organization.
- C. Any member so expelled from the organization shall be ineligible for membership for a period of three (3) years thereafter.

ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS AND CAPTAINS

Section 1 – The officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice-President, second Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer who shall perform the duties that usually pertain to said offices. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the organization and shall serve for terms of one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 2 – In the event a vacancy occurs during the term of any office by death, resignation or by failure to attend the regularly scheduled meetings, as provided below, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the President until the next annual election.

Section 3 – There shall be elected at the annual meeting such captains as shall be necessary to conduct and promote the safe use of club facilities in the following manner:

- A. Field Captain – It shall be the duty of the Field Captain to appoint a first and second assistant, cashier, score keeper, trap puller, trap operator, and to have charge of the purchase and handling of all shells and claybirds; maintain the trapgrounds in order, and to have charge of all shooting activities in the fields.
- B. Rifle Captain – It shall be the duty of Rifle Captain to manage all rifle shooting. He shall enforce all rifle house and rifle range rules established by the organization.
- C. Pistol Captain – It shall be the duty of the Pistol Captain to manage all pistol shooting. He shall enforce all pistol shooting and range rules established by the organization.
- D. Dog Training and Field Trial Captain – It shall be the duty of the Dog Training and Field Trial Captain to manage the dog training area and conduct all field trials. He shall enforce all rules established by the organization.

E. Archery Captain – It shall be the duty of the Archery Captain to manage all archery equipment, conduct matches, and enforce all rules established by the organization. The Archery Captain will also appoint an assistant to help conduct matches and enforce all safety rules established by the organization.

F. Fish Pond Captain – It shall be the duty of the Fish Pond Captain to manage the Lake and Area around the Lake, Fishing, Stocking to make the necessary rules for safety, to appoint the necessary assistants and to enforce the rules of the organization.

ARTICLE 5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – The Board of Directors is composed of five (5) persons, one of whom shall be the president of the organization.

Section 2 – Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of four years. A Board Member elected to a partial term shall be eligible for election to a four-year term.

Section 3 – Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring during the term of a director shall be filled by election of the Board of Directors at a meeting called for said purpose.

Section 4 – All members of the Board of Directors and all exofficio members of the Board shall be expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors. Any member of the Board who

by the nominating committee chairperson, in writing, that said position shall be declared vacant if the member fails to be present at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The president shall declare the position vacant subject to approval by the Board of Directors, and shall direct the nominating committee to present a recommendation for filling the said vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The organization will hold at least twelve (12) monthly meetings during each fiscal year.

Section 2 – The annual meeting of the organization shall be held the first Thursday of April, at which time the new Board members and officers shall be elected. Written reports from each captain, the Treasurer and the President shall be presented and adopted by the membership and the preceding year's business reviewed at the May meeting.

Section 3 – Special meetings shall be held at any time upon the call of the President or by order of the Board of Directors, or upon the written request of fifteen (15) members of the organization. Written notice of the time, place and objective of such meetings shall be given to the members in such manner as the President or the Board of Directors may order, but in no event, shall said notice be given less than five (5) days prior to the meeting date. A quorum for the holding of any such special meeting shall require fifteen (15) members of the organization. Any meeting shall be adjourned from time to time until the business is

changed by the president with the consent of the Association.

All meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

Any applicant submitted and approved after January 1st and before April 1st of the same year, will be paid until April 1st of the following year.

Only active members and their guests may use these facilities. A guest is limited to three yearly visits. All members are subject to card checks and other identification is required.

Firearms must be **unloaded** at all times unless on prescribed firing stations, trap & skeet range; outdoor rifle range; indoor 22 cal. Range.

POSITIVELY NO HUNTING OF ANY TYPE ALLOWED!

No alcoholic beverages are permitted. The Board of Directors must preapprove alcohol for special occasions.

All members may purchase a key to the clubhouse, pistol range or archery range. Please see the financial secretary if interested.

TRAP AND SKEET FIELDS

All shooting must be done over the trap house and/or skeet field.

Only one shell shall be permitted in a gun at one time, and then only when on prescribed firing line, unless shooting doubles.

The action on all guns shall be open at all times except when on the firing line.

All spectators must remain behind prescribed puller, either trap or skeet. They must remain quiet and respectful of all shooters and pullers.

Shooters are responsible for their empty shells at all times.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES

Firearms must have actions open at all times, except when on firing line.

All shots fired from rifle range must be fired into ground bank provided directly behind target backstop.

Positively no shooting at anything except **paper** targets placed on target backstop boards.

All shooters should be aware of others waiting to shoot. The rifle range is available all year during daylight hours only, and is on a first come, first served basis.

Firearm safety must be practiced at all times.

Failure to obey the rules on the rifle range may result in the loss of your membership.

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES

There shall be a minimum of the following three standing committees who shall meet upon the call of the committee chairperson:

- (a) Nominating Committee
- (b) Audit Committee
- (c) Hunter Education Committee

Section 1 – The Nominating Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the organization appointed by the President as soon after the President's election as is practicable, whose duties it shall be to nominate candidates to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or the officers of the organization as the same shall occur. The Nominating Committee shall submit in writing to members at the meeting before the election, the name or names of the person or persons recommended by the committee for election as officers of the organization. Members of this committee shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor shall qualify.

Section 2 – The Audit Committee and Program Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the organization, appointed by the President as soon after the President's election as is practicable, whose duties shall be to review all financial aspects of the organization for the preceding year. Members of this committee shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successor shall qualify.

Section 3 – The Hunter Education Committee shall be composed of at least five (5) members of the organization, appointed by the President as soon after the President's election as practicable, whose duties it shall be to continue to develop Hunter safety awareness. Members of this committee shall serve for one (1) year or until their successor shall qualify.

Section 4 – The President shall appoint such committees, temporary or permanent, as are deemed necessary for the proper functioning of said organization. Member of the committee so appointed should not serve beyond the term of the President by who they were appointed. The President shall serve as an exofficio member of all committees.

ARTICLE 8 – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Board provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall be mailed to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to the taking of said action.

The By-Laws were adopted as of August 1995.

HOUSE AND GROUND RULES

GENERAL

The regular monthly meeting of the association will be held on the first Thursday of every month, unless changed by the president with the consent of the Association.

POSITIVELY NOTHING LARGER THAN 22 CALIBER RIM FIRE AMMO MAY BE USED ON INDOOR RANGE. NO METAL JACKET BULLETS ARE TO BE USED.

All shooters are responsible for their empty shells and refuse. Please turn off lights, if on indoor range.

DOG TRAINING

At no time shall more than two (2) dogs run on game at one time, by a handler or group of handlers.

All dogs must be leashed and shall be under the control of a handler at all times.

Dog training area to be closed each year during rabbit and pheasant and deer hunting season.

FISH POND

Please obey posted pond rules.

No children are permitted around the fishpond unless a parent is present.

No fishing is permissible beyond the posted signs.

No live minnows are permitted.

No wading in the fishpond is permitted.

No boats are permitted in the fishpond.

No guests are permitted at the fishpond.

No swimming, ice skating, or ice fishing is permitted in/on the fishpond.

ARCHERY RANGES

Archery is shot indoors.

No shooting except at target butts.

Archers on outdoor range should harass no Game in any way

All archers, who shoot indoors, are responsible for turning out lights when leaving the indoor range.

Broad heads will be shot at only designated targets in the practice field or outdoor range.

Archers shoot targets as they appear. They will not jump targets or start on last target and proceed backwards.

Please respect our outdoor range. Place any trash or refuse in proper containers.

No vehicles of **any** type on range.

All parking for outdoor range should be on stone lot in front of the main clubhouse.

All archers are expected to practice good safety at all times.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

York and Adams Fish & Game Association has been helping to insure your constitutional rights to keep and bear arms, by providing a place to shoot, since 1933.

This is a direct result of countless hours of dedication from many members, both past and present.

The future of hunting, fishing, and gunning sports are in **your** hands. Please respect our rules and regulations, as they are intended for the benefit of all involved. When asked, please do your part to help insure that future generations will share the wealth of resources York & Adams has to offer.