2026-2027 OFFICIAL GAME RULES

CLOVER ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

Approved Hunting Rules once approved at a regular or special meeting will become an addendum to the Bylaws. Any changes to the Hunting Rules after they are accepted will require a majority vote at a regular or special meeting with notification sent to the entire membership prior to the change proposal.

Bird Hunting:

1. All small game hunters must help stock birds. On weekends all small game hunters must arrive at the pens by 8:00 AM for the morning hunt and by 11:30 AM for the afternoon hunt to help stock birds. If you do not arrive by required stocking times to help stock birds, you will not be able to hunt until 3:00 PM that day. Under extreme circumstances (i.e. auto accident, unsafe weather conditions etc.) the wildlife chair may make an exception to the 8:00 AM rule, but he may be held accountable at the next meeting to explain the exception. Hunters not arriving on time to stock will be able to hunt after 11:00AM and after 3:00PM.

2. Weekend Hunters arriving by 8:00 AM will be considered "qualified hunters" and will either draw a field number to determine the field where they will start hunting or have a field number assigned to them. Hunters may not hunt any other stocked field than the one they drew or were assigned, until at least one hour after hunting starts. The wildlife committee will determine how many "qualified hunters" there are for the day and allot 3 pheasants per qualified hunter. Once all birds have been bagged, each "qualified hunter" will receive their allotment of birds. The "qualified hunters" will then have the option of stocking their own fields or arranging for others to stock their field for them, or ask the wildlife committee representative to arrange for exchange stocking between two qualified hunters. If you want the wildlife committee to assign the stocking of fields between you and another hunter, you must advise the wildlife committee prior to the birds being bagged so arrangements can be made. The wildlife committee in consultation with available officers or board members will have the discretion of modifying the allotment of birds based on factors such as weather, inventory or other circumstances. Any changes to the allotment of birds will take into consideration the remaining inventory compared to the remaining available stocking days. The Wildlife Chairman or person in charge of stocking has the ability to assign larger fields to hunting groups of 3 or more hunters and to assign smaller fields to other hunters. NOTE: The captain that is present runs the hunt, whether AM or PM, and records the number of hunters and the number of birds.

3. Small game hunting will begin at 9:00 AM on weekend stocking days when stocking begins at 8:00 AM provided all stockers have returned to the Kingwood club house from stocking birds. Small game hunting will begin at 12:00 PM on weekend stocking days when stocking begins at 11:30 AM provided all stockers have returned to the Kingwood club house from stocking birds. Members of the Wildlife Committee will determine hunting time if the stockers are not finished stocking by 9:00 AM, or 12:00 PM respectively. Starting hours for weekdays days are after 9am.

4. There is a harvest limit of three (3) pheasants on stocking days and three (3) pheasants on non-stocking days. All hunters are limited to six stocked pheasants per week, with hunters permitted to attend two stockings per week. Any hunter bringing their own birds must log the total number of birds they brought into the hunting log. The birds brought and harvested shall be tagged. Hunters bringing birds must have a receipt showing they were purchased in order to harvest these birds legally. Stocking weeks will start on Monday and end Sunday. NOTE: The Wildlife Chairperson has the ability to change the number of birds hunters are allowed to stock and harvest depending upon the circumstances of stock and harvest.

5. There is no gun hunting allowed inside posted safety zone areas.

6. Spouses, Children, Grandchildren, Nephews and Nieces of Regular, Social, Senior and Life Members are permitted to hunt small game and fish on club property on stocking and non-stocking days. Qualifying children are those under the age of 18 years of age. Wives, and qualified others may hunt with regular, social, senior and life members, but no additional game will be stocked for these hunters. Qualified guests as outlined in Rule 7 and the club member they are with are limited to a combined total of 3 birds on stocking and non-stocking days.

7. No guests are allowed to walk with members on stocking days, with the exceptions of spouses, children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces (no age limitation to walk with members).

Deer Stands:

8. There will be no repairing or setting up of permanent deer stands from September 1st through and including Sunday, December 6, 2026. Members are cautioned to observe utmost safety while hunting between the periods of November through February because of the special extended deer permit and muzzleloading seasons. (dates pending NJ approved game code for 2026/2027 Hunting Seasons) Any exception to this rule in which a stand must be repaired because of storm damage or any safety issue, or moved within thirty (30) yards of its current location due to diseased trees or other circumstances, must be approved by the Wildlife Committee Chairman. Any approved stand move must remain more than 100 yards from any existing active stand. All permanent stands must be greater than 100 yards from any existing active stand.

9. Members wishing to set-up a new deer stand or move a deer stand must obtain approval from the Wildlife Committee. Members are permitted one permanent stand only and the stand must be tagged, approximately at eye level, by September 1st of each year. (Note: After this date, stands not tagged by the previous owner, may be tagged by any other member, once they receive permission from the wildlife committee). Any new stand being placed on the property must be a store bought stand; member construction of new stands is not permitted.

10. During the fall (September - the 6 Day firearm week), members are obligated to get permission to use other members' registered deer stands. After this period, members may use other members' registered deer stands but should give the owner of the stand a courtesy call the night before indicating the calling person wishes to use the stand. After the 6 day firearm week, any stand not occupied by 7:00 AM is available for use by any member. All stands must be safely accessible to all other members. Mobile stands or blinds may be used in any field but must be logged into deer log letting hunters know the field or location where you are hunting. Mobile stands or blinds must be placed no sooner than the day before your hunt and removed no later than the day after your hunt and must be greater than 100 yards from any registered deer stand.

Dogs:

11. Dogs must be leashed when you are walking a stocked field or woods in route to your assigned field during the first hour. Members are to walk the perimeter of the field and not cut across. Dogs must also be leashed when around pheasant pens and in parking lot near the pens. When delivery of pheasants is expected, no dogs may be hunted in the immediate area of the stocking pens.

12. No dogs are allowed in the clubhouse.

13. Any Dog with a previous history of biting will be required to have a muzzle on while hunting.

14. Running of dogs is not permitted during the regular bow or permit bow seasons on any fields except field 1a, the field in front of the pond, the area in front of the pond, and in the immediate area around the 10 acres in front of the rifle range and around the club house.

General Rules:

15. Every hunter, (small game & deer), must sign the hunting log indicating time in and time out and the hunting field (and approximate location when deer hunting) you are hunting on club property, as well as your cell phone number if you have one with you. All game taken must be recorded in the log book, including birds that are brought to the club property by members. Members bringing their own birds must have a sales receipt showing they purchased the birds or have a license to raise them.

16. No guests are allowed to hunt on club property, unless specifically outlined in other areas of these Hunting Rules. Property owners are allowed to hunt on club property once they are issued passes to do so.

17. No guests are allowed to fish club waters from the periods of fish stocking up to the club sanctioned fish-out date, unless special permission is requested and granted at a regular club meeting. Any bass caught in the pond must be released back into the pond. No guests are allowed to take fish from the pond unless there is a specific request to do so granted at a regular club meeting.

18. Each member shall display club identification in their car. Decals are available for purchase from the Treasurer. Clover Rod and Gun Club Semi-Wild signs are acceptable. Parking is not permitted near the tenant house. Parking is not permitted near the bird pens while birds are present in the pens. Reference the log book if there is a questionable vehicle on the club's property.

19. Spouses, children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and junior members must be accompanied by a regular, social, senior or life member (sponsor) when hunting, fishing or using club facilities. Wives, children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and junior members under the age of 16 must be in the same stand as their sponsor, these eligible hunters who are over age 16 must be within eye sight of their sponsor. Wives, children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and junior members who violate any Hunting Rules, NJ Fish and Wildlife regulations or other club sanctioned rules will subject their sponsor to disciplinary action under appropriate sections of the Clover Rod & Gun Club Bylaws. Those Junior Members 18 years old and older may hunt unaccompanied by the sponsoring member and may be permitted to bow hunt or fish in the absence of a regular member on their own; provided they have fulfilled their work hour requirement as determined by our bylaws.

20. Throwing trash around the property or damaging trees or shrubs is not permitted on club or rented property.

21. Each member and accompanied guest must abide by the New Jersey Game Laws for specifics not covered by these rules. Members are obligated to report any violations of hunting or any blatant disregard of safety regulations. Violations of any of these regulations or the New Jersey Game Laws will subject violators to disciplinary action in accordance with the Club's Bylaws.

22. Use of club leased land is restricted to hunting activities only. This includes hunting, installing or removing or performing maintenance on tree stands, baiting or posting. No one should be on leased property during non-hunting seasons for any other reason. Clearing or cutting of vegetation must be kept to a minimum, any major trails, paths or shooting lanes must be approved by the Wildlife committee with the consent of the landowners. Use of motorized vehicles must be kept to a minimum ensuring there is no damage to the property as a result of

their use. There is no hunting in fenced off areas of leased property. If you must retrieve downed game shot outside of the fenced in areas, do so by using gates and ensuring that the gates are locked shut after use. If you have to leave club property to retrieve a shot animal, you must leave your gun or bow on club property while doing so. Engaging in fair chase and recovery of game, if a final shot is needed to harvest game, may only proceed with permission of the landowner.

23. ATV'S or any other motorized vehicle cannot be used on club property during any deer season as defined by the NJ Fish and Game until after 9:00 A.M, with the exception of using an ATV or other motorized vehicle to help an elderly or physically challenged member bird hunt or get to their stand. Members under this exception must be diligent and keep disturbance to other hunters and hunting areas to an absolute minimum.

24. There will be stocking and hunting of birds starting on the NJ Fish and Game defined date for Semi-Wild Preserves and bird hunting may continue until Thanksgiving Day or the Friday rain date, Black Friday. At that time, all bird hunting will cease until Sunday after the Six-Day Firearm season. Bird hunting will resume for the remainder of the season in conjunction with the NJ Fish and Game Wildlife Semi-Wild Preserve dates. Weekday stockings times during the season are only between 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Weekend stocking will follow the regular stocking times listed in these rules. No stocking is permitted outside of these times to respect deer hunters who may still be hunting. Hunters are limited to 6 birds per week each, Sunday - Saturday. All Bird hunters are required to check the sign-in sheet before stocking birds in fields and not hunt in fields with deer hunters who may still be in stands hunting.

Rifle Range:

25. During the small game, regular bow and firearms deer hunting season the rifle range will be open Mondays through Sundays after 10:00AM. Except beginning October 30, 2026 through November 14, 2026, the rifle range will only be open from 10:00am to 3:00PM. Rules regarding Rifle Range use are posted in the clubhouse. Be sure to check the deer hunting log book regarding proximity of hunters near the rifle range for safety.

Trapping:

26. All trapping must be conducted according to NJ Fish and Game Laws. Trapping is permitted on club property only from Wednesday-Friday. There will be no trapping on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The acquisition of 700 pheasant + 300 prepaid birds approved for the 2026-2027 hunting season, and ordering the delivery of such without having to make any changes to these game rules. 200 Chucker can be purchased late season instead of pheasants.

Proposed Bird stocking dates TBD by NJ Fish and Game for the 2026-2027 Season (These dates may change pending NJFG approved hunting dates and possible extensions for 2027):

- ***November 7 through November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day), with Friday, November 27, 2026 as the rain date. Weekday stocking during this period is from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Weekend stocking follows the regular stocking times listed in these rules.***
- ***No bird hunting during the Six-Day Firearm season. Bird hunting resumes Sunday, December 13, 2026.***
- ***NOTE: Extensions, revisions, and updates to this stocking schedule beyond February 2027, will be considered depending on weather conditions and are forthcoming as the season progresses.***