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### I - GENERAL

#### A). Membership, Guest & Visitor Rules

1. The Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations established by the Board of Directors apply to all members and all areas of the Richmond Hunting Club. Members who violate these Policies, Procedures, and Rules & Regulations may be brought before the board of directors, and are subject to losing their membership and/or club privileges.
2. Any individual that has been denied/revoked a membership cannot come on to club property, leased or owned, even as a guest of a member.
3. No member of the club is to contact the landowner or rancher of an area for any reason.
4. GUESTS (Non-Members who will be hunting with you) are permitted only when accompanied by a paid member that has purchased and has been issued a Guest Card or a Guest Day Pass. A "Guest Release of Liability" form must be completed by all guests **prior** to being admitted on any RHC property leased or owned. Release of Liability forms and Day pass fees must be completed, paid for, and **in club possession** prior to any guest being allowed on club property. This applies to all hunting areas, trailer parks and exclusive use waterfowl blind areas. The Guest Release of Liability form can be downloaded from the club website and either mailed, scanned & emailed, or faxed to the club office.
5. VISITORS (Non-Hunting Non-Member who accompanies you on a hunt or on club property leased or owned) may be brought onto club property after the visitor has completed the 'Visitor Release of Liability' form. Release of Liability forms must be completed by each visitor and **in club possession** prior to any visitor being allowed on club property. This applies to all hunting areas, trailer parks and exclusive use waterfowl blind areas. The Visitors Release of Liability form can be downloaded from the club website and either mailed, scanned & emailed, or faxed to the club office.

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### **A). Membership, Guest & Visitor Rules continued...**

6. By signing the club membership card the member agrees to carry liability insurance and support the constitution, bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
7. All members shall have a current application on file in order to utilize club land, leased or owned, and/or club facilities.
8. You will be obligated to produce your membership card for inspection, on request of any officer, director, pond coordinator, trailer park manager, gatekeeper, patrolman or fellow member.
9. You must prominently display windshield sticker attached inside lower right hand corner of the windshield. Without a current sticker you are not authorized to be on club property leased or owned.
10. No refunds shall be granted after a signed application has been received by The Richmond Hunting Club, Inc.
11. Check with the Area Manager for field accessibility. Under no circumstances shall a club member contact a landowner or tenant farmer without specific permission from the Board of Directors of The Richmond Hunting Club.
12. No minors, wives or significant others are allowed on club property, leased or owned, unless they are named on the application for membership or have filled out and sent to the club a 'Visitor Release of Liability' form or 'Guest Release of Liability' form prior to them accessing club property. These forms must be returned to club management prior to entry upon the property. This applies to both hunting and visiting Junior License holders.
13. Reasonable instructions and/or directions from an Officer, Director, Trailer Park Manager, Pond Coordinator, Patrol Man or Area Manager of the club must be followed.
14. Members under the influence of an intoxicant shall not disrupt the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the other members, use any club tools and/or equipment or handle a loaded firearm while on club property, leased or owned.
15. Any person or member caught tampering with, destroying or moving Richmond Hunting Club signs may be charged with a misdemeanor. Members caught doing so shall be subject to disciplinary action.
16. Minutes of a board meeting, after they are approved, may be obtained by making a written request to the board of directors.

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### **A). Membership, Guest & Visitor Rules continued...**

17. No member may use any of the Richmond Hunting Club property to conduct business as a guide or as part of any other commercial or personal enterprise. Any member caught conducting a guide service or charging guests for the privilege to hunt any Richmond Hunting Club property, leased or owned, will be immediately expelled from the club with no refund of membership dues or blind fees paid.

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### **B). Hunting Rules**

1. No hunter will be permitted to hunt Richmond Hunting Club property, leased or owned, while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
2. Each hunter will be held responsible and liable for any damage to property, livestock or other hunters while using club property, leased or owned.
3. Fish and Game laws shall be observed and will be enforced. Violators may be expelled pending a board of director review. Serious violations of Fish and Game Laws may be cause for immediate temporary suspension pending a review by the board of directors.
4. Hunting or retrieving game with ATVs or UTVs is strictly prohibited unless approved through the California Department of Fish and Game. Use of ATVs or UTVs to travel to and from hunting areas or blinds is permitted on club designated routes.
5. All hunters will make every effort to retrieve a crippled bird. Common courtesy must be exercised when approaching another members hunting area by announcing yourself and asking permission to retrieve the crippled bird.
6. No plastic bottles or rubber tire decoys of any kind will be permitted. All blinds and decoys must be removed from fields no later than 14 days after the season closes.
7. No member of the club shall trespass on unharvested or planted fields or interfere with the harvesting of crops or field operations in any manner.
8. No member will be permitted to cross a refuge boundary to retrieve a bird. This is a game law violation.
9. No Driving on farm roads or blocking access to farm roads shall be permitted without permission from the Board of Directors. Park in designated areas ONLY. Violations of this policy may result in you being held financially accountable for damages to roads and/or landing strips.
10. There will be no hunting on exclusive use blind property except by exclusive use blind holders and accompanied guests.

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### **B). Hunting Rules continued...**

11. Positively no shooting around pastured livestock. Keep out of posted pastures.
12. Check with the Board of Directors for field accessibility. Under no circumstances shall a club member contact a landowner or tenant farmer without specific permission from the Richmond Hunting Club Board of Directors.
13. Members shall assure the safety of other members or guest when handling or discharging a firearm.
14. Club members may purchase pheasants through a distributor but they may not be delivered to club property.
15. The Richmond Hunting Club, Inc. highly recommends that all pheasant hunters wear safety glasses and blaze orange hat and vest while hunting on Richmond Hunting Club properties.

### **C). Club House Rules**

1. All club houses and facilities are on a first come basis. Reserving any part of the facility is not permitted.
2. All dogs must be kept in a fenced area or on a leash that does not allow the dog out of the immediate area of the owner. No dogs allowed in club houses. Handlers must immediately clean up after the dogs they are responsible for.

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## **II - TRAILER PARK RULES – MAXWELL & BUTLER**

1. No one shall open or work on any electrical service box without permission of the Board of Directors.
2. Vehicles cannot be parked where they block access by emergency vehicles from any entrance or roadway within the trailer park.
3. The Richmond Hunting Club, Inc. will not be responsible for damage to trailers or vehicles due to negligence, maintenance, loss of power or acts of nature.
4. All RVs must be legally registered and display the current year license.
5. All RVs must be maintained in a mechanical condition that will allow it to be immediately towed.
6. No vehicles or boats will be stored or left in any trailer park area except during the hunting season.
7. Hunting equipment such as decoys and miscellaneous blind items can only be stored under or adjacent to the trailer during the hunting season.
8. No trailer or RV may be in the trailer park without a current signed RV Parking Agreement.
9. The use of carpet or pallets as walk ways is not allowed in or around trailers except at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
10. For emergency contact purposes all trailers or RVs must have the Owners Name clearly shown in the window of entrance door or in a window adjacent if there is no window in the door. It is advisable to display a contact phone number as well.
11. Members must be the current registered owner of the recreational vehicle listed on the agreement if parked on owned or leased Richmond Hunting Club properties.
12. Trailers may remain plugged in to water & electricity from September 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of February of the following year.
13. Those RV's in Dry Camping spots may use a generator but it must be approved by the trailer park manager. Generators must be turned off at 9:00 pm and may be turned on again at 6:00 am.

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## **III - TRAILER PARK RULES – EXCLUSIVE TO BUTLER**

1. The Butler Ranch is NOT open for general membership parking. Parking is only permitted to Butler Ranch trailer park tenants and their overnight guests. Designated areas for dry field hunter parking are marked outside of the trailer parking compound.
2. Keep the compound CLEAN!! This includes picking up cigarette/cigar butts, cleaning up after your dogs, disposing of all beverage containers and making sure your trailer spot is maintained in a clean and organized manner.
3. Respect your neighbors. If you find yourself arriving after 10 PM or before 6 AM please offload gear as quietly as possible.
4. Overnight stay is permitted for trailer park lessees and their guests only. Guests must stay in the same trailer as a park tenant if they choose to stay overnight. NO DRY CAMPING!
5. The use of any recreational drugs is strictly prohibited. Alcohol and tobacco are allowed on the premises.
6. All buildings are strictly for landowner use only and will not be accessed or utilized by any Richmond Hunting Club members unless permission is granted by a club director.
7. Speed limit in and around the compound is 5 mph.
8. No hunting from the compound. You must be in either general membership fields or in a designated water blind area to actively engage in hunting activities.
9. All current California Department of Fish and Wildlife rules and regulations will be recognized and followed.
10. Discharging of ANY firearms in or within 150 yards of the compound is strictly prohibited.
11. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Butler Trailer Compound Director Ben Martin at (530) 401-3413



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## IV - FIELD BLIND RULES

1. Club Officers, Directors, Trailer Park Managers and Pond Coordinators will not receive preferential treatment for field blind draws.
2. Only one field blind per member. However, if two or more members wish to share a field blind they will be permitted to do so but the succeeding member(s) will forfeit their right(s) to draw for other fields. There will be a maximum of four members per blind.
3. Each member must check with the area manager before erecting a blind to insure that they are a minimum of 300 yards apart from other blinds and that the farmer has completed his field work for the season and released the field to the club for hunting.
4. The field blind set must be completed no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> unless the field has not been released. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the field and it will then be made available to other members.
5. All blinds must be prominently identified with the members name(s) and club number(s). If layout blinds are used, the field must be identified with a stake that has the members name(s) and club number(s) clearly identified. A field blind/decoy set may be used by other members when the field holder(s) is/are not present.
6. Common courtesy is expected of any member who uses another members(s) field blind/decoy set. All blinds and decoys are to be left as they were found. All empty shell casings and liter is to be picked up and removed from the field blind/decoy set.
7. During pheasant season, fields will be open for pheasant hunting after 8:00 AM.
8. The use of ATV's or UTV's is restricted to traveling to and from the blind and must be approved by the area manager. ATV's and UTV's will not be used for retrieving game at any time.
9. Anyone, with the exception of the Board of Directors and Pond Coordinators, found tampering with water control boards/valves will have their membership terminated and upon conviction of the violation by the board of directors, will be held financially liable for any damages to land owners property.
10. All hunting in a field blind area must be from within or at the marked field blind location. Members are not allowed to set up or hunt from any other location.
11. All decoys must be removed from fields no later than 14 days after the season closes.

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## V – EXCLUSIVE USE WATERFOWL BLINDS RULES

1. Payments for water blinds must be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Current blind members are responsible for ensuring their entire blind is paid for. The club does not recognize and will not accept partial payments for any seat in any blind. It must be paid in full by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of all current blind members to ensure every seat is filled and/or paid for by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. There will be a late fee of \$100 per seat that has not been paid for after March 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Should a blind become available, you must be on the “Blind Waiting List” or there must be no other paid member on the ‘Blind Waiting List’ for that water blind or water blind area before the club can offer that blind to you for the season. Also, your request for a blind must be documented on the “Blind Waiting List” prior to the blind becoming available in order for the club to be able to offer you a specific blind. The requests for blinds will be considered in order that they were submitted with the oldest date of submittal having first priority. The ‘Blind Waiting List’ is managed & maintained by the Board of Directors. The candidates will have 48 hours to respond to the offer unless an exception is granted by the Board of Directors. All blinds seats and the mandatory club membership that accompanies each seat in the blind, must be paid for within 10 days unless an exception is granted by the Board of Directors. If the candidates refuse or do not respond within the stated time frames or agreements, they will be dropped from the blind waiting list and the next request on the list will be contacted and offered the blind.
4. If you leave the club, for any reason, your position on the “Blind Waiting List” will be removed.
5. You must be a current member, paid in full, in order to enter a blind request or blind relocation request on the “Blind Waiting List”.
6. Anyone, with the exception of the Board of Directors and Pond Coordinators, found tampering with water control boards/valves will have their membership terminated and upon conviction of the violation by the board of directors, will be held financially liable for any damages to land owners property.
7. As a common courtesy to others, shooters should be in the blind area and ready to shoot ten (10) minutes before legal shoot time.
8. Guests must be accompanied by their sponsoring exclusive use waterfowl blind member at all times.
9. Each blind holder shall be responsible for the removal of the litter around their blind area.
10. The use of ATV’s or UTV’s and the routes taken to blinds must be approved by the Board of Directors. ATV’s and UTV’s will not be used for retrieving game at any time.

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## **V – EXCLUSIVE USE WATERFOWL BLINDS RULES Continued**

11. Driving private vehicles on field roads will not be permitted unless authorization has been obtained from the Board of Directors.
12. Early/Late shooting is not permitted. Fish and Game Laws apply and shall be enforced.
13. One person of those assigned to a blind shall be named as the “Blind Captain” having the responsibility for relaying information from the Board of Directors to all members in the blind. The Blind Captain is, by default, the most senior member in that blind. That member has authority over all others in the blind and is responsible for settling any disputes over hunting the blind with other blind members. The Blind Captain has the authority to remove members from the blind but must fill the vacated seats with other paying members or pay for the vacated seats.
14. There must be a least one of the principle blind owner’s present in the blind when permission is granted to other members that are also exclusive use waterfowl blind holders, to hunt another member’s waterfowl blind.
15. Exclusive use waterfowl blind holders are responsible for maintaining water levels after water delivery has ceased. This includes but not limited to placing plastic on check boxes, filling holes in checks, levies and outboxes.
16. All decoys must be removed from water ponds no later than 14 days after the season closes.