

Mills County Ranch 2012-2013

- 1) Follow and obey all Texas licensing, hunting, and fishing rules and regulations.
- 2) No alcohol allowed on the ranch at any time.
- 3) This is a non-smoking lease. Smoking is not allowed in the cabin or on the ranch
- 4) This is primarily a deer-hunting lease. Other hunting and fishing is secondary
- 5) Gun and Bow hunting are allowed.
- 6) Catch and Release applies to Bass and Catfish under 14 inches. You may keep a few fish for personal consumption.
- 7) Shooting coyotes, bobcats, varmints, and wild hogs is encouraged.
- 8) Deer: TP&W antler restrictions apply to this county. Review the antler restrictions and the Mills County regulations before hunting on this ranch. A maximum of three deer are allowed. One trophy buck and one spike buck, and one doe, -or- two spike bucks and one doe, -or- two doe and either one trophy buck or one spike buck may be taken. Trophy buck is defined as eight point or better, with the inside antler spread outside the ears. Any animal taken by a child is deducted from that member's tag.
- 9) Late and special season deer hunting will be determined at the end of the regular gun season.
- 10) Turkey hunting and harvest will be determined on a yearly basis, dependent on the local turkey population. No fall or spring turkey hunting is allowed at this time.
- 11) No dove, quail, or duck hunting.
- 12) Stands and Feeders: Each hunter will be assigned an area to hunt. Feeding is voluntary. Hunting is from a stand or blind. No still hunting or stalking. Hunt your own area, unless you have permission from the stand owner to hunt in their area. Check with me before moving or putting up a stand.
- 13) If possible, photograph all bucks killed and email to me, so I may share with others.
- 14) No hunting from vehicles or along roads.
- 15) No ATV, 3 or 4 wheelers, minibikes, motorcycles, or off-road vehicles allowed.
- 16) Your child may hunt on the ranch with you as long as they are between the ages of 10 and 21 years old and a student. If hunting, they must sit next to you in your blind at all times and are not allowed to hunt alone. You must accompany a child or family member on the ranch at all times. Maximum of one child is allowed per hunting visit with a member. There is a three day limit per visit. Wives and Girlfriends are not allowed to hunt or sit in the blinds. No one else is allowed to hunt or sit in the blinds.
- 17) Paying members have preference for cabin beds. If your child is staying overnight with you, you may consider bringing a cot for their sleeping accommodations. Allowing a child to overnight in the cabin will be on a trial basis this year and will be reevaluated at the end of the lease year.
- 18) Wives, or girlfriends, are not allowed to spend the night in the cabin or at the ranch. Day trips only are allowed.. They are welcome to use the restroom facilities.
- 19) Non-family guest or visitors are not allowed on the ranch at anytime, unless escorted by Tommy Christiansen.
- 20) A lease member's dogs, horses, pets, or animals are not allowed on the ranch or in the cabin.
- 21) No loaded guns or shooting around the cabin or campfire. Target practice and sighting in guns is not allowed on the ranch.
- 22) Drive only on existing roads and leave all gates as found. From bow through gun season, stay off secondary roads unless it leads to your stand. Stay out of any creeks unless they are in your hunting area.
- 23) No swimming in the lake, ponds, creeks, or rivers on this property.
- 24) Extinguish and cover all fires when unattended. No fires during dry periods or during burn bans.
- 25) You must have a signed release of liability and hunter info sheet on file with Tommy Christiansen. This is mandatory and applies to anyone that hunts or visits the ranch.
- 26) You may not access the ranch for any reason until all dues are paid in full for the year.

- 27) It is required that you email, leave a message on my cell phone, or enter your visit on the ranch web calendar before you hunt or visit the ranch. This is a courtesy to the Rancher as well as the other hunters.
- 28) Any livestock killed or wounded will be paid for by the hunter at market price plus \$100.00. Each hunter will assume financial responsibility for any damage to the property, or structures that he or his family causes.
- 29) No trash should be left on the ranch, in the blinds, or in the cabin. Remove all perishable food from the refrigerator and cabin at the end of your stay. No dumping in the excavated pit along the main entrance road. This is for ranch use only.
- 30) Bordering fence lines shall never be shot across or crossed.
- 31) You may bring your own travel trailer or RV to the ranch. There is an additional \$100.00 fee due at lease renewal.
- 32) Failure to abide by all lease rules may result in the loss of all hunting privileges, including dismissal from the lease without a refund of any paid money. Bring any problems to Tommy Christiansen, who will work with the Rancher to resolve the issue.
- 33) Please keep the cabin clean. Use electricity in moderation. At the end of your stay, turn off all breakers and remove all food from the refrigerator.
- 34) We have exclusive use of the cabin during deer season. During the rest of the year, the ranch or cabin may occasionally be unavailable for short periods of time for the Ranchers family's private use. I will send out an email as soon as I am aware of any such plans.
- 35) Payment: 1st year members-\$1350.00. Retuning members-\$1250.00. The full fee is due on or before July 1st. Failure to pay by the due date may result in the loss of your member slot. Late payment fee is \$50.00 plus \$10.00 a day.
- 36) Hunting on this ranch is by invitation only. Previous participation does not guarantee future participation. Hunters will be chosen based on their desire and intent to abide by the deer management guidelines in place. Respect for the rules and the ranch are other factors taken into consideration.

I agree to abide by the above rules.

Signature _____, Date _____

Print Name _____

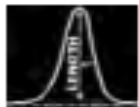
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SPECIAL ANTLER RESTRICTIONS:

- In selected counties (see County Listings, pgs. 70-93) there are special regulations for buck deer. In these counties, the bag limit is two legal bucks, but only **ONE** may have an inside spread of 13 inches or greater. A legal buck deer is defined as having:
 - a hardened antler protruding through the skin **AND**;
 - at least one unbranched antler; **OR**
 - an inside spread measurement between main beams of 13 inches or greater.
- To determine if a buck has an inside spread measurement of at least 13 inches, look at the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip on a buck with ears in the alert position (see illustration). The 13-inch or greater inside spread requirement does not apply to any buck that has an unbranched antler.
- **Definition of a point:** A point is a projection that extends at least one inch from the edge of a main beam or another tine. The tip of the main beam is also a point.
- Does not apply on Level 2 or 3 MLDP properties.



Legal Point



Not a Point

Ears in alert position are approximately 13 inches apart and may be used to judge the inside spread.

