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Slay Wilderness, Inc.
Rules & Policies

Member Conduct

Shareholders and guests are expected to treat others as they want to be treated through honesty, courtesy, fairness, & respect.

Slay Wilderness' minimum standard of conduct for all sportsmen shall be in compliance with the State of Mississippi's rules & regulations regarding hunting & fishing. These rules are available online at:

mdwfp.com/law-enforcement/hunting-rules-regs.aspx

Both Shareholders and their guest(s) are expected to be familiar with these rules before engaging in any activity at Slay Wilderness.

WILLFUL VIOLATION OF MISSISSIPPI DEPT. OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES' RULES & GUIDELINES FOR HUNTING WILL RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL FINE AND POSSIBLE LOSS OF HUNTING PRIVILEGES.

Safety

Safety is our top priority in all activities we engage in at Slay Wilderness. The following partial list of rules & policies are in place to ensure everyone's safety:

- ***NO alcohol consumption or illegal drug use during hunting or any other activity involving a firearm, bow, or crossbow.***
- ***Shareholders are responsible for the supervision of their dependants and their guests, who are 16 years of age or younger, that are operating any battery-powered or motorized vehicle, as well as, any other activity that's on Slay property.***

- ***Sign-out in the mudroom and place your magnetic "location pin" on the sign-out map for the area where you will be at ANYTIME you are going to be in the woods.***
- ***No loaded firearms, bows, or crossbows are allowed in the lodge, in family units, or while riding on a moving vehicle.***
- ***Regardless if it is loaded or not, at no time shall a firearm, bow, or crossbow be pointed in the direction of something that is not intended to be shot.***
- ***No motorized or battery-powered vehicles are to be driven on the levee around the lake.***
- ***If a Shareholder or his Dependent/ Family Guest has a hunting stand in the woods, that's not being maintained or used on an annual basis, it is strongly asked that you remove it from the woods.***
- ***Please make sure that all stands you intend to keep in the woods are checked yearly to ensure safe usage.***
- ***During gun season a "hunter's-orange vest" must be worn at all times except while in a shoothouse. If not, a \$250.00 fine will be levied.***

Guests and Dependents

There are 2 defined guests at Slay Wilderness:

- ***"Family Guest"- STRICTLY DEFINED as a Shareholder's biological/step parent, a Shareholder's biological child/adopted child/stepchild who is not classified as a Dependent, or a Shareholder's biological/adopted/step grandchild. Also to be included are any son in-law or daughter in-law of the Shareholder.***
- ***"Non-Family Guest"- any guest who does not fit any of the relations to the Shareholder above.***
- ***A "Dependent" is defined as any biological child/adopted child/ stepchild to the Shareholder who is 25 years old or younger AND is a full-time student. Any biological***

child/adopted child/ stepchild of a Shareholder who is 25 years of age or younger and who is NOT a full-time student will be classified as a Family Guest to the Shareholder.

- ***All Slay Wilderness rules and policies pertaining to a spouse of a Shareholder shall be treated as if the spouse was a shareholder.***

Designated Hunters

- ***A Shareholder can transfer ownership of his hunting share into the name of another hunter or he can sell his hunting share to another hunter only if that hunter is 25 years of age or older.***
- ***All designated hunters must be approved by Slay Wilderness Shareholders at their annual Shareholder's Meeting. Shareholder approval must be obtained EVERY YEAR, for EACH hunter, for the upcoming hunting season.***
- ***If approved, the transfer of a Shareholder's hunting rights shall happen only ONCE per season and shall stay with that designated hunter for the WHOLE hunting season.***
- ***The Shareholder is financially responsible for any dues or fines owed from the designated hunter hunting off of his share.***
- ***The designated hunter is obligated to give Slay Wilderness, a minimum of, four 8-hour workdays prior to each deer hunting season as directed by the Board.***
- ***A designated hunter does not need a sponsor to hunt.***
- ***A designated hunter does not have any voting rights.***

Facilities

All Shareholders have a substantial investment in the facilities, amenities, and real estate at Slay Wilderness. Constant vigilance of all Shareholders is critically essential to preserve and enhance Slay

Wilderness' appearance, value, and traditions. These policies are in place to carryout those objectives:

- **Shareholders are responsible to clean up after themselves on all areas of Slay.**
- **A Shareholder is financially responsible for the repair or replacement of any Slay Wilderness Shareholder's property that's damaged by him, his family member, or guest.**
- **The rifle range is open daily from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Please check the sign-out map in the mudroom before heading to the rifle range to respect fellow Shareholders who may be deer or turkey hunting. TO MINIMIZE OUR HUNTING PRESSURE PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND DO WHAT YOU CAN TO ENSURE YOUR RIFLE IS SITED-IN BEFORE THE START OF BOW SEASON.**
- **Do not litter in the woods or anywhere on Slay property... please dispose of your garbage properly to preserve Slay's beauty.**
- **Shareholders, who own "family units", are to keep the outside of their family unit clean & free of clutter at all times. The frontside of all family units shall have NOTHING stored in the front whereas the only permitted items to be stored on the backside are BBQ pits, swings/patio furniture, firepits, and a food & water bowl for your pet. Hunting gear & equipment shall be kept inside of the family unit or inside of your golf cart shed....it is ok to air-out hunting clothes and keep muddy boots on your back porch.**
- **No one is allowed to live in a family unit, as a full-time resident, unless permission is granted by Slay Wilderness' Board of Directors. If permission is granted, the Board will dictate the length of stay on a case by case basis.**
- **We understand that, for many, your dog is an important part of your family. We welcome all Shareholders to bring their dog to Slay but it is IMPERATIVE that all dogs are**

properly kenneled, cared for, and watched over to ensure that any pet does not take away from anyone's enjoyment while at Slay. To meet this objective these rules are to be followed:

- ***All dogs are to be leashed-up or kenneled if its owner is not outside overseeing their activity.***
- ***Kennels are only to be located underneath the overhang behind Slay's workshop.***
- ***Only Shareholders, Dependents, or Family Guests may bring their dogs to Slay.***
- ***Owners must immediately pick up any dog feces and properly dispose of it.***
- ***Owners must pick up anything chewed up or shredded by his dog and properly dispose of it.***
- ***Owners are financially responsible for any damage to Slay or anyone's property caused by his dog.***

Deer Hunting Rules, Policies, & Procedure

Slay Wilderness was created & designed for your participation in hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation. Mutual enjoyment of these activities, through a diverse group of individuals, requires that the good of Slay Wilderness always be at the forefront of everything that we do. To carryout this objective the following policies are designed to enhance the hunting experience for Slay's Shareholders and to responsibly manage its game harvest:

- ***Slay Wilderness employs the services of a wildlife biologist to make game harvest recommendations. Our objective is to consistently work together to achieve those defined goals.***
- ***The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion and at anytime, has the authority to enact restrictions to close or limit harvest on***

certain food plots or areas. Any such closing(s) or restriction(s) will be clearly posted in the mudroom.

- **Each Slay Shareholder is entitled to take the State of Mississippi's bag limit on Slay property (3 bucks & 2 does) up to the point the season doe quota, set by Slay's biologist, is met. The 2023 - 2024 season quota for does has been set at 10.**
- **A jawbone from every harvested deer shall be removed, tagged, and placed in the walk-in cooler. The collected jawbones will be retained for Slay Wilderness' biologist for data compilation.**
- **Every harvested deer shall be recorded in the "kill book" located at the sign-out table in the mudroom. This info will also be retained for our biologist for data compilation.**
- **All food plots and shoothouses are open for game harvest.**
- **Please DO NOT drive on food plots. When retrieving your kill please drag the deer to the EDGE of the food plot so there is no need to drive onto the plot.**
- **The Slay Wilderness standard, to harvest a whitetail buck, is one which meets any one of the following criteria:**
 - 1. 4.5+ years old (to be verified by Slay's biologist)**
 - 2. 140"+ Boone & Crockett score (to be verified by 2 Shareholders exclusive of hunter who harvested the buck)**
- **Any doe harvested shall have a minimum weight of 100 lbs.**
- **To minimize hunting pressure, it is STRONGLY REQUESTED that all does are harvested by bow or crossbow.**
- **Any buck harvested with a nub length one inch or less, above the hairline, will not be considered illegal.**
- **To minimize hunting pressure and to increase the probability of harvesting a legal buck, 4 plots will be designated "Buck Only".... does may not be shot at in these plots. The 4 Buck Only plots for the 2023-24 hunting season shall be:**
 - **Brooke's Corner**
 - **Wade's Field**
 - **The Dog Leg**
 - **David's Field.**

- ***Only biological/step/adopted children or biological/step/adopted grandchildren of Shareholders, under age 15 (not Non-Family guests of Shareholders under age 15), are allowed to harvest ONE buck less than the minimum criteria stated above. This shall only apply if it's the young hunter's FIRST BUCK EVER NOT THE HUNTER'S FIRST BUCK OF THE SEASON. Any future buck harvest by the same hunter shall meet any one of the criteria listed above.***
- ***Non-Family Guests are allowed to harvest a doe(s) but CANNOT harvest a buck. The harvested doe shall go against the sponsoring Shareholder's season bag limit.***
- ***Family Guests ARE ALLOWED to harvest a legal buck. The buck(s) shall go against the sponsoring Shareholder's season bag limit.***
- ***A legal buck shot by a Shareholder, his Dependent, or his Family Guest must be mounted and hung in the lodge up until the opening of the following bow season. It is encouraged that a 8"x10" photo of the Shareholder, Dependent, or his Family guest with his kill be hung in the lodge hallway.***
- ***Signing out to hunt-***
 - ☆ ***The morning hunt sign-out shall be on a first-come, first-serve basis, the day of the hunt, starting at 90 minutes before sunrise for Shareholders, 10 minutes after Shareholders for Dependents & Family Guests, and the following 10 minutes for Non-Family Guests.***
 - ☆ ***The mid-day hunt sign-out shall be on a first-come, first-serve basis, on the day of the hunt, starting at 8:00 a.m. for Shareholders, 8:10 a.m. for Dependents & Family Guests, and 8:20 a.m. for Non-Family Guests.***
 - ☆ ***The afternoon hunt sign-out shall be on a first-come, first serve basis, on the day of the hunt, starting at 1:00 p.m. for Shareholders, 1:10 p.m. for Dependents & Family Guests, and 1:20 p.m. for Non-Family Guests.***

☆ *The clock posted above the sign-out table shall be recognized as official Slay Wilderness time.*

- *RESTRICTED travel times in the woods- there is to be absolutely no vehicle operation into, through, or out of the woods during these times UNLESS it is an emergency:*

- *30 minutes prior to sunrise until 10:00 a.m. (morning hunt)*
- *10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (mid-day hunt)*
- *3:00 p.m. until 30 minutes after sunset. (afternoon hunt)*

☆☆ *The PERMITTED TIME for vehicle operation when leaving your morning hunt or going to your mid-day hunt is 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.*

☆☆ *The PERMITTED TIME for vehicle operation when leaving your mid-day hunt or going to your afternoon hunt is 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.*

- *Midday hunters should be given the same courtesy & respect as the morning & afternoon hunters. Occasionally a hunter will get to camp late in the morning or afternoon and still wishes to hunt...if this is you please check the sign-out map to see where others are hunting and take every precaution to not disturb hunters already in the woods.*
- *Stands in the woods, that are owned by a Shareholder, are not recognized as a "private stand". ALL stands in the woods are offered on a first come, first serve basis. If one does hunt a stand that belongs to another Shareholder please be respectful and leave the stand and its surroundings as you found it.*
- *Drive hunting is not allowed.*

Deer Hunting Fines

- *Any buck harvested with a nub length one inch or less, above the hairline, will not be considered an illegal buck and won't go*

against the hunter's buck tag allotment. The hunter shall have a \$100.00 fine levied for this type of buck kill.

- **Any Shareholder or his Family Guest who shoots an illegal buck shall be fined \$500.00 and an additional buck will be counted towards the Shareholder's season bag limit.**
- **A second illegal buck shot under the same Shareholder shall have another \$750.00 fine levied and the additional buck counted will apply towards the Shareholder's season bag limit for the following year.**
- **The above fines for shooting an illegal buck shall DOUBLE if harvested in the month of January.**
- **If a Non-Family guest shoots any buck then his fine shall be equal to what a Shareholder paid in hunting dues for the current season.**
- **A Shareholder will be financially responsible for the fine levied on any illegal buck(s) harvested by his Dependent or guest.**

Hunting With Guests

Shareholders are encouraged to bring guests to Slay Wilderness....particularly responsible, game-minded hunters who have the financial capacity to buy a Class-B share when one is available to purchase. Our guests are required to abide by and follow the same rules & policies as the Shareholders. To reserve peak hunting periods for Shareholders, NON-FAMILY GUESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED during these times (it IS ok to bring a Family Guest during these times):

- **Opening week of turkey season**
- **Opening week of bow season (deer hunting)**
- **Youth weekend (deer hunting)**
- **Opening week of gun season (deer hunting)**
- **The week of Thanksgiving**
- **Christmas day through January 07th (1st rut)**
- **January 25th through January 31st (2nd rut)**

- **Shareholders are limited to a total of two (2) guests at any one time (Family and/or Non-Family Guest).**
- **All Family & Non-Family Guests are to sign the Slay Wilderness "Release Agreement" prior to engaging in any activity. If a release is not signed by any guest the sponsoring Shareholder will be fined \$250.00 per occurrence.**
- **Shareholders are ultimately responsible for prompt payment of guest fees. Our guest fee schedule is as follows:**

☆ **Deer hunting-**

- **Non-Family Guest- \$100.00 per day**
- **Family Guest- \$50.00 per day**
- **(Family Guest) A biological, adopted, or step child of a Shareholder, that is UNDER 30 years of age, is allowed a limit of 20 deer hunting days, per season, with a \$50.00 per day guest fee.**
- **(Family Guest) A biological, adopted, or step child of a Shareholder, that is 30 years of age or OVER, is allowed a limit of 10 deer hunting days, per season, with a \$100.00 per day guest fee.**

☆ **All other non-deer hunting- *No guest fees.***

Hunting Pressure & Baiting

Hunting pressure, by sight/sound/smell, SIGNIFICANTLY impacts our success in attracting, holding, and harvesting quality, trophy- caliber bucks. To reduce our footprint in the woods and to minimize excessive pressure these policies are to be followed:

- *The required mode of transportation on Slay Wilderness property during any hunting season is a battery-powered vehicle.*
- *No joy riding between October 1st & January 31st and March 1st & May 1st.*
- *No scouting between October 1st & January 31st.*
- *No baiting between October 1st & January 31st.*
 1st offense- \$250.00 fine
 2nd offense- \$500.00 fine + one buck applied to Shareholder's season bag limit. Mineral licks are ok.
- *PLAN AHEAD and site-in your rifle BEFORE the start of bow season.*
- *Cellular trail cameras are STRONGLY encouraged to be used and is our preferred method of capturing deer movement electronically.*
- *You can go to your camera to pull the card, move camera, change the batteries, etc... ONLY IF YOU ARE HUNTING BY THE CAMERA THAT YOU WANT TO SERVICE.*
- *PLAN AHEAD to work on, take down, move, or put up your hunting stand BEFORE the start of bow season.*

Turkey Hunting Rules, Policies, & Procedure

Turkey season is an official hunting season that is recognized at Slay Wilderness. All rules pertaining to vehicle operation into & through the woods for deer season will be observed and followed for turkey season.

- *Each Shareholder may harvest 3 turkeys that meet or exceed the minimum stated standards as specified by the MDWF&P. Any turkey harvested by a Shareholder's Dependent or Family Guest shall be applied towards the Shareholder's season bag limit.*
- *A Non-Family Guest may NOT kill a turkey.*

- ***Per MDWF&P's hunting guidelines Slay Wilderness will consider a harvested hen or Jake an illegal kill. A Jake will be any turkey with a beard of 6 inches or less.***
- ***If a turkey is harvested and does not meet MDWF&P's legal or minimum standard then the hunter shall be subject to the following penalty and fine:***
 1. ***The harvested turkey will count as 2 turkey harvested. Where applicable, the additional turkey will be applied to the Shareholder's bag limit for the following season.***
 2. ***The hunter with the illegal harvest shall be fined \$500.00.***

Hog Hunting

Hog hunting is permissible year around with no limit. If hog hunting takes place during deer or turkey season then the hunter shall comply & follow all deer and turkey hunting rules, policies, and procedures.

Miscellaneous - Other Matters

It is ultimately the Shareholder's responsibility to pay for fines, to pay for guest fees, or to pay for the repair or replacement of any lost or damaged property belonging to Slay or another Shareholder. When payment is due all payments to Slay Wilderness are to be PROMPTLY MADE and shall be paid to Slay Wilderness' treasurer via Venmo.

For Slay Wilderness to reach its full potential it is critical that all Shareholders fulfill the annual work obligation you committed to when buying into Slay. It is mandatory that each Shareholder work a minimum of four, 8-hour days each year on dates set by the Board. A fine of \$250.00 will be levied for each workday missed by a Shareholder.

☆ **Shareholders 65 years of age or older are exempt from all required workdays.**

Lodge Rental

The crown jewel of Slay Wilderness, our lodge, is available and can be rented out to Slay members and non-members for events & functions.

Our rental fee schedule is as follows:

- **Slay Wilderness shareholder- No rental fee exclusive of cleaning fee to be paid housekeeper.**
- **Per day rental to a non-Slay member- \$750.00 exclusive of cleaning fee.**
- **Weekend rental to a non-Slay member
(Friday/Saturday/Sunday)
\$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00 exclusive of cleaning fee. Price set will be determined if it is a corporate function, wedding party, non-profit group, etc... renting the lodge.**

Any Shareholder, their guest(s), or any of their overflow who sleeps in either bedroom in the Lodge will be charged \$15.00 per person, per night. All people sleeping in the Lodge shall log-in to the sign-out book in the mudroom.

- **Reservations can only be taken-in by **Joey Champagne**. **Joey** can be reached at **985-966-1256**.**
- **To not interfere with our use of the Lodge during deer season, the Lodge may only be rented out to non-Slay members from February 1st through August 31st.**
- **The Lodge is available to be rented out to Slay Shareholders all year long subject to Board approval.**

- **A reservation to rent the lodge at Slay Wilderness will not be recognized or officially accepted UNTIL the Board of Directors vote & approve on the following:**
 - ☆ **the date of the event**
 - ☆ **the organization, business, or family looking to rent the lodge**
 - ☆ **the rental price to be paid**
- **All equipment, accessories, etc... brought on-site shall be removed off of Slay Wilderness property within 48 hours after the function is over. Anything remaining on-site after 48 hours may be moved or disposed of as Slay Wilderness sees fit.**
- **Any non-member group renting lodge must provide Slay's Board proof of insurance before the date of function...Slay Wilderness to be listed as an additional insured. Insurance to be secured through Seth McCallum.**

Skeet Range Rental

Our skeet range is available and can be rented out to Slay members and non-members for events & functions.

Our rental fee schedule is as follows:

- **Slay Wilderness shareholder- \$5.00 per round (25 sporting clays per round).**
- **Non-Slay member- price to be determined by **Slay's Board**.**

- **If the skeet range is rented out the price to rent the skeet range is separate from the price of the Lodge rental.**
- **To protect our deer and turkey season the skeet range may only be rented out to non-Slay members during the months of February and May through August.**
- **Reservations to rent out the skeet range can be taken only by **Patton Bane**. Patton can be reached at **601-757-3998**.**

■ ***A reservation to rent the skeet range at Slay Wilderness will not be recognized or officially accepted UNTIL the Board of Directors vote & approve on the following:***

- ☆ ***the date of the event***
- ☆ ***the organization, business, or family looking to rent the skeet range***
- ☆ ***the rental price to be paid***
- ***Any non-member group renting skeet range must provide Slay's board proof of insurance before the date of function...Slay Wilderness to be listed as an additional insured. Insurance to be secured through Seth McCallum.***