

Putty Ranch Rules 2020-21

1) Wild Game, Exotics and Fishing:

- Follow and obey all Texas licensing, hunting, and fishing rules and regulations.
- This is primarily a hunting, fishing and recreation lease that offers deer, wild hog, and turkey, as well as dove and waterfowl hunting. If you are a serious deer hunter, meat hunter, or desire to shoot doe, then this ranch will not be a good fit.
- Stands and feeders: Each hunter will be assigned an area to deer hunt. Feeding is voluntary. Deer hunting is from a stand or blind. No still-hunting, or stalking. Hunt your own stand unless you have permission from the stand owner to hunt in his assigned area. Check with me before moving or putting up a stand. No hunting from vehicles or along roads.
- Deer: A maximum of two deer, one trophy buck and one spike buck (as defined by TP&W rules in this county) may be taken. Any animal taken by a family member is deducted from that member's tag.

DOE AND ANTLERLESS DEER ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN DURING ANY REGULAR OR SPECIAL SEASON. This restriction currently applies and will apply into the foreseeable future.

- Turkey: Two turkeys are allowed per year. Spring turkey is shotgun only. No turkey hunting in or around a feeder unless you have the owner's permission. Shooting hens is not allowed during any season.
- Feral Exotics: Limited to only one ram or buck a year. If you take an exotic, you forfeit your trophy buck. If you take a trophy buck, you forfeit your exotic. Tagged exotics are off limit.

2) Cabin:

- The cabin is for the use of the lease member if they are hunting, working or visiting the ranch. It may not be used for extended stays, a vacation home, a base of operations, or as your private cabin if you own land nearby.
- We have exclusive use of the cabin during deer season. During the rest of the year, the ranch and/or cabin may be unavailable for short periods of time for the Putty family's private use. I will send out an email and post on the ranch calendar as soon as I am aware of any such plan.
- Due to logistics, it's possible that cabin maintenance may not happen promptly. If there are significant problems with the cabin such as plumbing, water, or electrical, you may stay in the cabin "as is," stay in town at your expense, bring your own trailer, or fix the problem if able. Use of the cabin is offered "as is" whether it is in a habitable condition or not.
- Please keep the cabin clean. Use electricity in moderation. At the end of your stay, turn off all breakers except for the taped breakers.
- Paying members have first choice of bedrooms or beds based on seniority on the lease.
- Remove all perishable food from the refrigerator and cabin at the end of your stay.
- The storage of personal property is not allowed in the cabin.

3) Ranch and Ranch Roads:

- 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.
- Hunters must use only the main gates off CR133 to access the ranch. The gate off CR270 past the steel bridge may only be used if the creeks on the north side are not passable. This gate will be locked at all times.
- 4 wheelers, 3 wheelers, motorcycles, or gas powered off road vehicles are not allowed on the ranch. Electric off-road vehicles are allowed. You must remain on existing roads unless filling a feeder or retrieving an animal.

4) Firearms:

- No loaded guns or shooting around the cabin or campfire. You may check your rifle at the target area.
- No shooting on the runway.
- If under 12 years old, and participating in youth weekend hunts, the hunter must have completed a hunter safety course. Additionally, he/she must demonstrate safe gun handling practices and high power rifle handling/accuracy to me.

5) General Rules:

- This is a non-smoking lease, so smoking is not allowed in the cabin or on the ranch.
- **No alcohol allowed on the property. Bringing alcohol on the ranch will result in the immediate forfeiture of your membership with no refund.**
- Your child may visit the ranch with you, (max two children per visit), and they must hunt in your blind with you, regardless of their age. No unattended children at the cabin. You must accompany a child or family member on the ranch at all times. Please check with me regarding the current guest policy.
- All barns, hangars, and out buildings are off limits to all lease members. The storage of personal property is not allowed in or adjacent to those areas.
- No horses, dogs, or pets, are allowed in the cabin or on the ranch.

- No swimming in the lake, ponds, creeks, or rivers on this property.
 - Extinguish and cover all fires when unattended. No fires during dry periods or burn bans.
 - Hunters are required to sign up on the web calendar, or email, text, or leave a message on my cell phone before you hunt or visit the ranch.
 - Any hunter, family, or guest must display a ranch hang tag on the mirror of their vehicle while on the ranch property.
 - Any livestock killed or wounded will be paid for by the hunter at market price plus \$100.00.
 - No trash should be left on the ranch, on the runway, in the blinds, or in the cabin.
 - Failure to abide by all lease rules may result in the loss of all hunting rights, including dismissal from the lease without a refund. Bring any concerns to me, and I will work with the Putty family to resolve the issue.
 - Hunting rules will not change during the current hunting year. It's possible that ranch rules such as gate access, road access, etc., are subject to change as needed due to security, land reclamation projects, or ranch operational needs. I will let you know of any changes as soon as I am aware.
- 6) You must have a signed release of liability and hunter info sheet on file with me. This is mandatory and applies to anyone who hunts or visits the ranch.
- 7) Payment is due on or before July 1st. Failure to pay by the due date may result in the loss of your slot. No refund of any kind will be offered.