

# GAME RESERVE ASSOCIATION MANDATORY CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Members shall park automobiles at the landowner's home, where the landowner designates. This means no "ROAD PARKING" at any time. Note: Exceptions to rule will be made in large tracts of land.**
2. Members shall place their membership card in one of the designated mailboxes in that area and sign in the log book in exchange for a G.R.A. arm-band before hunting is commenced and return the arm-band upon completion of their hunt in exchange for their membership card. In areas without houses G.R.A. badges must be worn or display parking permits as directed by the Board of Trustees and/or Landowner.
3. **Any member who permits his or her membership card to be used by anyone other than him or herself shall be subject to expulsion from G.R.A.**
4. The landowner reserves the right to limit the type of game hunted on their property.
5. Members hunting with a rifle must obtain the landowner's consent. In such cases, permission is only valid for that farm. In other words, obtain permission to use a rifle from each landowner.
6. There shall be no more than four (4) hunters in a group, and no two (2) associated groups shall hunt closer than 100 yards from the other, except when crossing or passing each other. (100 yard rule does not apply to G.R.A. Farm) **(but you should keep a respectful distance)**
7. There shall be no more than four (4) dogs per group of hunters and/or not more than two (2) dogs per hunter. **Dogs must be leashed until released in the field and leashed when returning from the field.** All dogs should be licensed and current on all vaccinations.
8. Junior members may accompany an active member, whether or not they carry a firearm, provided they have passed a **"Hunter Education Course"**. Junior members must have a valid Ohio Hunting License. Junior members may accompany an active member whether or not they carry a firearm. They must have passed a Hunter Education Course or be enrolled in the Apprentice Hunting Program to carry a firearm. **The active member that the junior member is with is liable and responsible for all actions of said junior member.**
9. **No alcohol or drugs are to be carried in the field. No person that has been drinking or is under the influence of a controlled substance shall be granted permission to hunt. Members violating this rule are subject to expulsion from the G.R.A.**
10. Members shall hunt only on the G.R.A. section for which the arm-band has been designated. Each section is designated by the color of the arm-band.
11. **Restricted Areas - Areas posted on landowner's property are identified by brightly colored signs indicating that it is illegal to hunt game from this area. Hunters violating this rule are subject to expulsion from the G.R.A. Restricted Areas includes the 20 foot NO HUNTING AREA around the Pheasant holding pens at the GRA farm (in Dundee) or any other G.R.A. holding pens.**
12. **Members shooting in the direction of housing, buildings, and personnel living and/or working on the property are subject to expulsion from G.R.A.**

13. **Members violating game laws of the State of Ohio or G.R.A. hunting rules & regulations are subject to expulsion from the G.R.A.**
14. Trapping privileges are granted and controlled by each landowner.
15. Protect your privilege to hunt. **Do not litter.** Cigarettes; cigar & pipe ashes cannot be disposed of in the field, please dispose of your trash properly. Respect boundaries and close gates behind you.
16. **Hunter Ethics - DO NOT SHOOT BIRDS ON THE GROUND! Anyone shooting a bird on the ground or endangering the life of a member or a member's dog is subject to expulsion from the G.R.A. DO NOT HARVEST BIRDS OFF ANOTHER HUNTER'S DOG UNLESS PERMISSION IS GRANTED. If you are hunting without a dog; you may ask permission to hunt along with someone who does have a dog, however, if permission is NOT granted; refrain from hunting near someone who does have a dog. In other words, (KEEP A RESPECTFUL DISTANCE!)**
17. **Members can hunt the G.R.A. farm no more than three (3) times a week.**
18. **Retirees should refrain from hunting the G.R.A. farm on weekends. This time should be reserved for those members who work full time and/or work a shift that prohibits them from hunting weekdays.**
19. Sunday hunting is permitted at the G.R.A. farm only.
20. Each member may harvest up to thirty (30) birds on the GRA farm per season.
21. Orange hats and a vest or coat with orange on them **must be worn** while hunting all GRA controlled land for safety reasons. Must follow all other hunting laws.
22. **No tree stands** on any G.R.A. controlled land for insurance reasons.
23. No A.T.V. vehicles on any G.R.A. controlled land except for bird release, maintenance or patrolling of land.
24. **Members that release birds prior to the hunt are in charge of the way the hunt is conducted.**
25. **Members that hunt the G.R.A. farm.** When you arrive at the farm you must sign the log book And place your membership card in the bucket. If there are more than 8 hunters (plus the 2 bird releasers) there will be a drawing at 8:30 to determine who will hunt. When you are done hunting return your arm band so that someone else may hunt. **(No More than 10 hunters in the field at the G.R.A. farm at one time.)**

26. G.R.A. Annual Membership Dues:

Retirees - age 62 and older - \$50.00.

Active members – age 18 to 61 - \$70.00.

Junior members – age 17 and under – free.

Members – age 75 and older with 10 years service in the club are free.

New Members - Initiation fee of \$200.00 plus annual dues.

27. **Prohibited Conduct:** Members shall act in a manner which earns and maintains the trust and respect of their fellow members and the public.

**Prohibited conduct includes but is not limited to:**

1. Malicious destruction of Game Reserve Association Property and or equipment, including leased or agreement properties.
2. Misconduct which negatively reflects on the Game Reserve Association.
3. Commission of acts, which if proven, constitute a felony or misdemeanor as established by proper investigation.
4. Permitting any other person, including another member, to use any badge or membership card to gain access to G.R.A. properties and or any considerations given to the Club by private companies and businesses.
5. A violation of G.R.A rules and regulations as established by proper investigation.
6. Losing temper or composure and overreacting to verbal comments of others.
7. Taking frustrations out on others or allowing such frustrations to lead to injury or damage to persons or property.
8. Consumption of intoxicants to the extent that it results in impairment, intoxication or obnoxious or offensive behavior which discredits oneself or the G.R.A.
9. Possession of any illegal or controlled substances.
10. Hunting while under the influence of alcohol and or drugs of abuse.
11. Causing or contributing to an accident by hunting or acting in an unsafe manner.
12. Violating any safety rules or practices which may endanger members and or the public.
13. Intentionally falsifying or destroying, or defacing any club records or sign in books.
14. Malicious personal criticisms and or attacks on other Club members and or using Club properties to carry out these criticisms.