

FCC - General Rules

2020

**Farmland Conservation Club
Inc.**

www.farmlandconservationclub.org

Property Address:
1464 N. 500 W.
Winchester, IN 47394

Mailing Address:
PO Box 135
Farmland, IN 47340



FCC - General Rules

(Your Membership Card enables you to use the grounds, so you MUST carry it with you!)

1. The last one out locks the gate.
2. Fires shall be in fire rings only.
3. Parking shall be in designated areas.
4. Wood cutting for club use only.
5. Firearms maybe discharged only in designated shooting areas.
6. No public intoxication.
7. 10 MPH speed limit.
8. No littering.
9. Plants and trees are not to be damaged
10. No person under 16 years of age will be allowed on the property after 9:00 pm without a parent or guardian.
11. All pets must be under their handlers control at all times.
12. The following activities are not allowed:
 - a. No Hunting
 - b. No Swimming
 - c. No Off Roding
 - d. No Horseback Riding
 - e. No Gas motors on lake (electric motors are okay)
13. Fishing regulations- Daily family bag limit:

1 Bass 15-18" 4 Crappie 6 Bluegill and Redear 2 Catfish over 15"

All other fish must be released back into the pond.

Guests catch & release all fish

Do not use minnows as bait.

14. Each person in a boat shall have a wearable Coast Guard approved flotation device and boats over 16' must have a throwable flotation device carried on board.
15. Primitive camping is permitted in the designated areas. No Electrical Hookup
 - a. Not to exceed three consecutive nights.
 - b. Equipment is not to be unattended for over 24 hours.
16. Guest
 - a. Guest from the local area, 100mile radius, are permitted one visit a year with you.
 - b. Guest visiting you from outside the local area, beyond 100mile radius, is permitted to visit the club with you.
17. A family membership includes all dependent children, including those dependents who are continuing their education.

Rifle and Pistol Shooting Range Rules

1. No alcohol or illegal drugs allowed on the shooting range.
2. No one under the age of 18 allowed on the firing line without adult supervision.
3. Range is first come first served.
4. **Use the range red lights to let other shooters know you are down range. The red lights designate a cease fire condition when shooters may go down range to post targets.**
5. All guns to be used on the range must be unloaded and BOLTS REMOVED Locked back on Semi Autos or ECI *empty chamber indicator* in place prior to entering or leaving the property. This does not apply to concealed carry.

6. Case and uncase firearms only in the firing line shelter house.
7. Load and unload your firearm ONLY at the firing line and ONLY with the muzzle pointed toward a backstop.
8. The action shall be kept open when not firing.
9. Keep your finger off trigger until ready to fire.
10. Paper targets only except when the Club sanctions special shoots.
11. All rounds are to be fired straight into backstops. No angle shooting *from one lane to another* Except during sanctioned club events.
12. Shooting at any type of moving target is strictly prohibited.
13. No shooting at backstop frames or at objects on the ground (*example: tin cans, plastic bottles, clay pigeons, balloons, fruit, vegetables, etc.*).
14. No shooting in fully automatic mode and no rapid fire with semi-automatic firearms. The muzzle must be under control and pointed down range at all times.
15. No 50 BMG or similar ammunition allowed.
16. No armor piercing, tracer, or incendiary ammunition is allowed on the range. No binary explosive or Tannerite like material is to be detonated anywhere on FCC property.
17. No handling of firearm when others are down range. Actions **MUST** be open whenever someone is down range. Do not move your firearm to and from the bench when others are down range.
18. No shooting when trains are passing or stopped on the tracks. The use of electronic hearing protection improves the ability to hear trains approaching.
19. Always wear eye and ear protection.
20. Clean up the shooting benches when finished shooting. Pick up casings and targets and take them home or dispose of them in trash barrels. DO NOT PLACE LIVE OR MISFIRED ROUNDS IN THE TRASH CONTAINERS.
21. Practice safety at all times and take responsibility for the safety of others.
22. The shooting range may be closed for maintenance or other activity with Board of Directors approval.
23. ANYONE SEEN HANDLING A FIREARM IN AN UNSAFE MANNER SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
24. ANYONE VIOLATING THESE RULES OR ACTING IN A MANNER OTHERWISE CONSIDERED UNSAFE IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FARMLAND CONSERVATION CLUB UP TO AND INCLUDING EXPULSION FROM THE CLUB.
25. ANYONE EXPELLED FROM THE CLUB FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EXPULSION. Please contact a member of the Board of Directors if there are unresolved or repeated safety or membership violations.

Trap Range Rules

As a firearms owner/user YOU are responsible for your actions.

1. NO pistols or rifles permitted on the trap range.
2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
3. Always keep your shotgun unloaded with the action open until ready to shoot.
4. Wear eye and ear protection.
5. Target loads no larger than 7 ½ shot size allowed.
6. Load only one shell for singles or two for doubles targets.
7. Always check the barrel for obstructions after and abnormal discharge.
8. Never Use alcohol or illicit drugs before or during shooting.
9. At an FCC sponsored or organized event the range officer/scorer has full authority over the range.

Archery Range Rules

1. Archery practice is permitted in the east woods only.
2. No broadheads except for club sponsored events.

Dog Training Rules

Far East (1), East (2) & West Fields (3)

1. FCC has a DNR dog training permit for the East Field. This is designated as field number 2 immediately east of the club house. This permit allows 20 acres to be used year-round, using pen-raised native game birds (pheasant and bobwhite quail) and non-native game birds (everything else).
2. A permit for the Far East Field and the West Field, designated as field 1 and 3 respectively, will not be issued by the DNR. The Fields 1 and 3 can be used with native pen-raised game birds during the regular Indiana state game bird hunting season and non-native game birds year-round.
3. Groups wishing to rent the training fields should abide by these rules or obtain a special permit from the DNR allowing them to shoot pen-raised game birds in the West Field.
4. Special events, such as Club dog trials, may warrant exceptions to these rules. Any exceptions will be described and considered by the Board or membership with the use request.
5. In the Rifle Range Area a marked buffer zone for the West Field number 3 extending 50 yards south of the gravel access road. No training or shooting will be permitted in the marked buffer zone.
6. Any person training on Club grounds must adhere to all DNR and Club rules with no exceptions.

**FARMLAND CONSERVATION CLUB, INC.
AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS
NOVEMBER, 2019**

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1 – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Farmland Conservation Club, Inc. of Farmland, Indiana.

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

The corporation is organized exclusively for educational, scientific or charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service. The purpose of the Farmland Conservation Club, Inc. is to perpetuate the welfare of our natural resources by providing leadership in the conservation, development and use of natural resources and sporting events associated with them.

All services are provided to individuals or groups within the Farmland Conservation Club, Inc. area that are directly associated with the Farmland Conservation Club, Inc.'s purposes. All Farmland Conservation Club, Inc.'s programs and services are offered on a nondiscrimination basis without regard for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, political belief, marital status or familial status.

The broad objectives shall be to plan, promote and implement activities to support conservation and development of natural resources. These resources include but are not necessarily limited to People, Land, Water, Plants, Animals and Air.

Farmland Conservation Club, Inc. shall base its operation on two fundamental principles:

1. To better the environment and wildlife habitat through conservation and preservation of our natural resources.
2. Educate youth and adults using our conservation program and facilities.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1 – OFFICERS

- A. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot in December and shall hold office from January 1 through December 31, a one-year term.

- B. The president shall be the chief executive officer, presiding over meetings and providing effective leadership for the club.
- C. No individual member or group of members other than the President shall state views as being those of the club's without official authorization by the membership or the President.
- D. The President may appoint ad hoc committees.
- E. The vice-president shall assist the president and assume the president's role when necessary. The vice-president shall be a member of all committees that are appointed.
- F. The secretary shall record and maintain minutes of all regular and special meetings.
- G. The treasurer is the chief financial officer, maintaining financial records in accordance with established accounting procedures. A treasurer's report shall be given at every regular membership meeting.

SECTION 2 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors (hereinafter known as the board) shall consist of the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, chairman of the board and six (6) directors. Duties of the board shall be to provide direction, guidance, and adherence to the By-Laws and decisions of the club.
- B. The immediate past president shall be the chairperson of the board. The directors shall be elected by secret ballot in December; three (3) in even numbered and three (3) in odd numbered years and shall hold office for a two (2) year term.
- C. Any vacancy on the board prior to a general election, may be filled by a successor appointed by the board until the next general election. Any vacancy, excluding the chairman of the board during a general election, shall be filled by member vote during that election.

SECTION 3 – MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The president and/or vice-president shall be present at all board meetings.
- B. The president and/or any two (2) directors shall have the power to call special meetings.

ARTICLE 3

SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available to anyone regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

SECTION 2 – DUES

- A. Each member shall pay a one-time initiation fee and yearly dues as established by the club.
- B. All dues shall be paid to the Treasurer within one (1) month of their expiration date. Members in arrears after January 31 shall be dropped from the active rolls of the club. A member to be reinstated shall pay a fee and all delinquent dues as established by the club.

SECTION 3 – MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday night of each month.
- B. There shall be written notice of all special meetings in accordance with Article 4, Section 1, subsection D.
- C. The Roberts Rules of Order shall be used by this organization in regard to all procedures.

SECTION 4 – VOTING

- A. All voters shall maintain a membership in good standing.
- B. One (1) vote per membership.
- C. All voting decisions shall be made by majority of eligible voters present at the meeting, and those items requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority shall be by two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voters who are present.

ARTICLE 4

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

- A. Documentation shall accompany all monetary transactions.
- B. All accounts shall require dual signatures, president and treasurer.
- C. All financial records of the Club shall be available for review upon request to any member in good standing at any time.
- D. Any proposed non-budgeted expenditure from the “General Fund” in excess of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars shall be posted on the property and on the organization’s website twenty-eight (28) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be held. This posting shall serve as notification of the proposed expenditure.

ARTICLE 5

SECTION 1 – NON-PROFIT SUPPLEMENT

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the By-Laws, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION 2 – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.