



United Northern Sportsmen
MINNESOTA'S LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE
CONSERVATION CLUB
P.O. Box 161108 – Duluth, Minnesota 55816



April 15, 2021

Dear UNS Member,

Enclosed find a copy of the recently revised UNS Official Club Rules. They were reworked over the winter and approved by the club's board of directors on April 7, 2021. They go into effect as of that date and will be strictly enforced. All members are expected to read the rules and to be aware of the changes.

We now have as large a membership as we have ever had. Because of this the facilities are more heavily used especially during the summer. Increased usage leads to additional stress on grounds and staff. This has prompted your board of directors to update the club rules which have not had major changes in some time.

Club rules are now organized with clear headings and categories that make them easier to find. Much of the document deals with usage of our facilities including shooting ranges, waterfront and boat launch, and campground. Other areas of the document have to do with general topics including membership, joining the club, fees, guest policies, and a section on pets. Also note the changes to the campsite layout down by the lakeside.

Careful thought has been put into the new rules and how we will operate. With our property containing both shooting ranges and waterfront, the safety of our members and guests is paramount. We also need to keep in mind the club's legal liability. Finally the board wants the property to continue to stay well maintained.

Please bear in mind we are a private club with one of our goals being furthering the conservation of our natural resources. We appreciate you being a member and hope our facilities meets your expectations as an attractive place to enjoy the outdoors.

Respectfully,

Thomas Wasbotten
President
UNS Conservation Club

United Northern Sportsmen is a non-profit conservation club organized for the following purposes: To improve conservation and attempt to increase game and fish by legislation, or other legitimate means...To endeavor to provide education for its members and their children in better understanding of our natural resources...To guard against those who infringe upon the game and fish laws of our State, and to enforce existing laws and secure the repeal of those considered unjust.

United Northern Sportsmen Club

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Official Club Rules

Members Only – This is a private club. If you are not a Member or a registered guest, you are trespassing and cannot be on the property or use any UNS facilities.

Types of Annual Membership

- Individual Membership – One individual over 18 years of age
 - \$35.00 for one year, or \$68.00 for two years
- Family Membership – A Cohabiting couple and, if there are children in the household, includes those under 18 years of age. Also includes a family unit headed by a single adult who wants to include children in the household under the age of 18.
 - \$62.00 for one year, or \$120.00 for two years.

Membership Information:

- New Memberships must be purchased PRIOR to using any UNS facilities.
- All potential new members may not be on UNS club grounds or use any of the club's facilities until the following requirements are met to become a member:
 - The individual or family has submitted a paper application, or online application, along with a signed rules agreement, and payment to the membership administrator.
 - The application is received and processed by the membership administrator.
 - The applicant has received a new member packet and membership cards in the mail.
- New Members will NOT be allowed to have guests until after you receive your Membership Card.
- Prospective members must be accompanied by a Member. They do not need a Membership Guest Pass to tour the facilities (limited to 1 hour max.) and are not allowed to use the facilities during the tour.
- Contractors/subcontractors performing maintenance under contract by UNS do not need a Membership Guest Pass.
- Members will be held responsible for their day guests. Any person under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult Member.
- A Member with an unregistered guest on the property will be required to vacate the property (including all personal property) for 48 hours.

Guest Information:

- **Guests must be accompanied by a current Member** who must fill out the guest application per instructions at the Clubhouse building and pay the posted Guest fee PRIOR to using any UNS facilities. Payments can be paid to campground host or in drop box.
- Membership Guest Passes are available on a one-day basis (8:00am – 11:00pm), limited to one guest per Individual Membership, and two guests per Family Membership.
- Membership Guest Passes are **NOT ALLOWED FOR OVERNIGHT USE.**

Refusing to comply with any rules and/or defying requests to follow rules by a Club Officer or Board Member is grounds for the Member and their guests to be asked to vacate the club property immediately and risk loss of membership.

General Information:

- **UNS MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH AND ENFORCING ALL CLUB RULES.**
- Proof of Membership or Membership Guest Pass must be **shown** if asked to do so by another UNS member. Proof of Membership can be:
 - UNS issued Membership card
 - Or, Driver's License or other ID for verification against UNS membership records
- Children under 18 years of age must be with an adult Member at all times on all shooting and archery areas.
- Disorderly conduct by Members or guests, as determined by UNS, may result in local law enforcement being called.
- **No lifeguard is on duty at or near the water, swimming will be at your own risk.**

General Rules (UNS G):

UNS G1. No hunting is allowed at any time on UNS property.

UNS G2. Remove all personal property and trash when leaving. If you bring it with you, you must take it home with you.

UNS G3. Except vehicles for disabled/handicapped, Members are not allowed to use 3, 4 or 6-wheeled ATVs or UTVs, motor scooters, motorbikes, and motorcycles, except for transportation to and from UNS property. UNS maintenance vehicles are exempt from this rule.

UNS G4. Use only designated driveway approaches on county HWY #4 for entrance and exit to UNS.

UNS G5. Fireworks or explosives are not permitted at any time.

UNS G6. Some rules may be preempted by club special events.

Pet Rules (UNS P):

Domesticated pets are allowed on UNS property under the following rules.

UNS P1. UNS reserves the right to reject any pet from its property.

UNS P2. No more than two (2) common household pets (e.g., cats and dogs) may be kept on any site. No other animals, livestock, poultry, reptiles, or insects of any kind shall be kept on any site.

UNS P3. No dangerous, aggressive, or poisonous pets of any kind are permitted.

UNS P4. All pets must be registered with the clubhouse or campground host and vaccination records must be available upon request.

UNS P5. All pets must wear a collar with means to identify the owner and phone number.

UNS P6. All pets must be on a 6ft maximum leash, and under control at all times. Retriever dogs must be leashed when not in the water.

UNS P7. No pet shall be left tied or otherwise unattended at any time.

UNS P8. Pet owners must clean up after their pets.

UNS P9. Pets are not permitted in the public buildings or amenity areas, including but not limited to the bathrooms, clubhouse, and shooting ranges. Authorized Service animals are exempt.

UNS P10. Pets should not be an annoyance (barking continually), or a danger to the other occupants or visitors of the campground.

UNS P11. UNS shall have no liability to Members or guests for any damage or injury to persons or property caused by any pet.

Range Information:

- All ranges are operated on a first come first served basis, unless otherwise posted for closures. Please exercise common courtesy, common sense, and good sportsmanship for a safe and enjoyable experience.
- During camping season all ranges are closed during national holidays and special events (i.e., Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July weekend, and Labor Day weekend). **Check web site for range closings.**
- “CEASE FIRE” can be yelled by anyone for any unsafe situations.
- When range officers are present, they control the range.
- Shotgun patterning is to be done on the rifle range only.

Range Rules (UNS R):

Always be alert for people, pets, and wildlife downrange.

Report unsafe behavior to 218-721-4843 or the campground host when available.

- UNS R1. Ranges are open 8:00 am to 1/2 hr. before sunset. All ranges are closed on Mondays.
- UNS R2. Children under 18 years of age must be with an adult Member at all times on all shooting and archery areas.
- UNS R3. Eye and Ear protection is required for all people on the range.
- UNS R4. All firearms are unloaded and cased when not on the firing line. Remove guns from their cases pointing down range on the benches provided. Always keep muzzles pointed down range.
- UNS R5. **DO NOT touch firearms when people are down range.**
- UNS R6. Loaded firearms shall not be left unattended at any time.
- UNS R7. All shooting is to be controlled and aimed at targets straight down range **only**. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- UNS R8. No one is allowed in front of the firing line while firing at the rifle range.
- UNS R9. All firearm actions must be open unless aiming and shooting.
- UNS R10. NO ALCOHOL OR FDA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES shall be used prior to or during range use.
- UNS R11. Paper targets only. No metal, wood, glass, exploding targets, or plastic material.
- UNS R12. Only UNS authorized metal gongs can be used on the 200- and 300-yard ranges.
- UNS R13. Only clay pigeons can be used on the trap range.
- UNS R14. Targets shall only be placed in the target holders at the backstop. All targets are placed at the **BOTTOM** of the back stop – NOT AT THE TOP.
- UNS R15. Anyone not shooting or spotting must remain behind shooting range divider when range is active.
- UNS R16. Centerfire rifles, black-powder arms, shotguns, or handguns larger than 45 caliber are prohibited on the pistol range.
- UNS R17. Fully automatic firearms, and trigger activators, bump stocks, or machine gun conversion kits are prohibited as per State of Minnesota Law MS609.67
- UNS R18. Remove all targets when it's safe and you are done shooting.
- UNS R19. Pick up your spent brass and put in the buckets on the ranges.
- UNS R20. Pick up your trash and take it with you.

UNS Maintenance is all done by volunteers. Do your part to keep the ranges neat and presentable.

Waterfront and Boat Launch Rules (UNS W):

- UNS W1. The waterfront and boat launch is for adult Member use only. Guests must be accompanied by a Member and must have a paid Membership Guest Pass (see Membership).
- UNS W2. Guests may not bring boats, trailers, or other personal watercraft (jet skis, kayaks, etc.) on UNS property. We suggest using a nearby public boat launch.
- UNS W3. All docks are for general use only. The docks are on a first come, first served basis and are not assigned to a campsite.
- UNS W4. "No mooring" at the launch dock, it is for load-in and load-out only.
- UNS W5. No swimming in the main boat launch area.
- UNS W6. Vehicle parking at boat launch area is only for current Members utilizing the launch area. All other vehicles must park in UNS designated areas or at a campsite if you are registered camper.
- UNS W7. Vehicles with trailers must park to the east of the main boat launch area.
- UNS W8. Vehicles without trailers must park on the north side by the rope fence.
- UNS W9. Do not leave trailers not attached to a vehicle at the boat launch. Trailers must be parked at the registered camper's campsite, or in a UNS designated parking area.
- UNS W10. No overnight vehicle parking at the boat launch area.
- UNS W11. Boats tied to a dock overnight and/or for multiple days is reserved for Members only.
- UNS W12. UNS is not responsible for items stolen from boats tied to a dock, or for damage to personal boats.

Campground Information:

Camp sites are for Member use only. If you are not a Member you are trespassing. All Members who wish to camp must register immediately upon arrival. Guests are not allowed to stay overnight.

Official Opening & Closing Dates of the UNS Campground: The campground is open to members each season from **May 1st through October 15th**. Any member who wishes to use the campground before or after those dates must request and receive prior written approval from the Board of Directors.

Camp Site Amenities:

Shower House:

- Hours: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm
- Pay-per-use: US Quarters Only – 4 quarters for the first 8 minutes, 2 additional minutes per quarter

Types of Sites Available:

<u>Location</u>	<u># of Sites</u>	<u>Service Available</u>
• Lakeside:	9	No electric or water
• Roadside:	3	50-amp electric service and water - \$7.50/day electric surcharge
• Roadside:	10	No electric or water
• Hillside:	10	30-amp electric service - \$5.00/day electric surcharge
• Hilltop:	5	No electric or water, and group tent sites

Campsites with electrical power available will be charged the electrical surcharge and is payable in advance whether or not the electricity is actually used (tent camping included).

- All campsites are on a first come, first served basis.

- Quiet time is 11:00 pm to 8:00 am CST. Please be respectful of those who may be sleeping. This includes keeping down sounds being emitted from talking, vehicles, speakers, etc.
- Be courteous to your fellow members.
- No generators may run during quiet times.
- Only two vehicles (car and/or truck) allowed per campsite at any time and one wheeled RV (see UNS C4).
- Campers are not permitted to interfere with picnickers.
- All camping sites are for temporary recreation only. No seasonal camping is allowed.
- Members who have documented 300-volunteer hours may choose unlimited camping for the season. The Member volunteer campground stay is limited to 14 consecutive nights then the Member must vacate the campground for at least 5 days before additional camping is allowed.
- The picnic tables are plastic, any hot items placed on them may cause damage. If damaged, you will be responsible for replacement of the table. Do not move picnic table from the campsite.

Campground Rules (UNS C):

- UNS C1. Campground stay is limited to 14 nights per season, per Membership. Additional Memberships cannot extend time in the same campsite.
- UNS C2. Campsites must be occupied a minimum of 6 hours daily.
- UNS C3. Lakeside sites, the sleeping structure must be centered on the railroad tie and perpendicular to the lake.
- UNS C4. Campers and RVs must be parked centered on the campsite marker. Campers and RVs cannot be parked sideways in the campsite. Two sleeping structures (1 wheeled structure max) allowed per campsite.
- UNS C5. There is a maximum of 14 nights use per membership on lakeside campsites per season (Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day Monday).
- UNS C6. Campfires are only permitted in fire rings, stoves, grills, or fireplaces. You are responsible for keeping your fire under control. No campfire shall be left unattended for extended periods of time. Be sure your fire is completely out before leaving. State Fire regulations apply. Do not move the fire rings. Do not leave garbage in fire rings or grills. (Take it home.)
- UNS C7. No raw sewage dumping is permitted in outhouses or portable restrooms on UNS property. No garbage or trash of any kind (including diapers) is permitted in outhouses or portable restrooms. No Food or Drinks allowed in outhouses.
- UNS C8. Personal property may not be left unattended on UNS property for more than 24 hours without prior approval by the UNS Board.

**Trespassers may be prosecuted.
Please play by the rules. Violations will be addressed.**

(Effective April 7, 2021)

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