

Bell County Sportsman's Club Dock Rules as of 7-17-2021

These rules are enacted by the board pursuant to Article IV, Section V of the bylaws that were approved by a quorum of membership on May 15th, 2021 and maybe modified at any time by the Board of Directors.

Respect is the central theme of the rules below. Respect for fellow members, respect of our facilities, and respect of our natural resources.

Rule 1

Use will be limited to members and **accompanied** guests. Members using the fishing dock **must** clearly display their membership card in some fashion while on the dock (lanyard on neck, clearly visible on a tackle bag, etc.). The exception is the dock manager who may need to make frequent runs and/or the lanyard may also cause a safety issue in dock adjustments.

Due to membership turnover, you can't assume everyone knows who a member is. Each member may bring two adult (17 and up) guests per year. If the member needs to leave the dock (other than a quick restroom/vehicle run), the guest must leave as well. Junior anglers, those 16 years of age and under, may accompany a member at any time, but the member must be present (no drop off's, etc.). Once a person turns 17, they either count towards one of the members' two annual guests or will need their own membership. Due to impact of this rule on other members' rights, violation by members will likely lead to expulsion from membership and unauthorized users may be subject to referrals to law enforcement for trespassing.

Members are responsible for their own conduct and that of their guests, including damage to the dock and/or club equipment.

Rule 2

If another member is on the dock and is fishing a similar area (inside or out), each person is limited to the use of two poles in the water at a time in those areas. Poles should also generally be no more than 6 feet apart to allow for freedom of movement for others, including those using jigs that move around the dock. The inside can be thought of as 8 total quadrants, so generally fish one quadrant at a time when others are present. On the outside, generally fish the area around one bench. Inside poles should be no more than 7 feet in length (6 feet or less preferred) and should be fished in a manner that does not extend past the halfway point in each well, so as to not take up too much space if others are fishing that well, as it reduces the risk of tangles when fish are caught. As stated in the preamble, respect others and not take up too much space for yourself. If you have quests, consolidate your party as much as possible to allow other members the access they pay for.

Rule 3

Take **ALL** your trash and equipment with you. The wood stove is **NOT** a trash can and the burning of certain items is toxic. If you cannot take it with you, do not bring it in the first place.

Rule 4

Clean-up after yourself. Wipe down counters and/or measuring boards used. Mop up any water spilled. Return any equipment **BORROWED** (fish baskets, buckets, or nets) during your trip.

Rule 5

Traditionally, members put leftover minnows in the bin for other members to use on the dock if they run out. The minnow bin is **NOT** stocked by the Club and should **NOT** be treated as your own bait store to avoid buying bait. Members or guests are **NOT** allowed to take donated minnows from the bin for use off the dock unless they were the ones that put them in.

Rule 6

Be respectful with the usage of wood for the stove, as it is donated, cut, and stacked by volunteers. If you use wood already placed inside the dock, restock it at the end of your trip for the next person, as it's nice to have dry wood in case of rain! Do not overfill the stove.

Rule 6

Carp fishing or baiting of other fish (pouring soured grain, range cubes, etc.) is prohibited inside the dock wells.

Rule 7

Food is allowed on the dock but clean up any crumbs, spillage and take all trash with you per Rule 3.

Rule 8

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the dock. Members and guests under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are also not allowed on the dock.

Rule 9

No smoking or cell phone calls inside the dock.

Rule 10

As there are frequently kids present, profanity, vulgar or abusive language is prohibited.

Rule 10

The last member leaving the dock is responsible for closing window, doors and must turn off the electricity at the pole to lessen our utility bills. Also, please only turn on those lights in areas of usage. Every light on the dock should not be on if just a couple of people are fishing.

Rule 11

Fish cleaning on the dock is prohibited by law.

Rule 12

Any dock modifications must be approved by the Board.