

## XIV. Parks and Recreational Facilities Rules

The HVL Streets and Parks Committee and the HVL POA Board of Directors have approved the following rules for all Parks and Recreational Facilities. The purpose of the HVL POA parks and recreational facilities is to provide the opportunity for a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and we sincerely request the cooperation of all HVL POA members, their immediate family members and their guests in adhering to these rules. These rules shall remain in force until changed or amended upon recommendation by the HVL POA Streets and Parks Committee and approved by the HVL Board of Directors.

The HVL POA parks and recreational facilities consist of the following community property within HVL:

- ◆ Greenbelt areas
- ◆ Docks and landings
- ◆ Ball diamonds and soccer fields
- ◆ Walking and nature trails
- ◆ Picnic shelters and tables
- ◆ Playground equipment
- ◆ Tennis courts
- ◆ Basketball courts
- ◆ HVL Community Center Meeting Room

### A. Definitions of Terms

For the following Parks and Recreational Facilities Rules, unless the context otherwise indicates when used in conjunction with the term, the definitions of the following terms apply:

- ◆ **Littering** - Depositing injurious or other material along the roadway or any other community property within HVL.
- ◆ **Vandalism** - Knowingly causing injury or damage to property.

### B. Usage Rules

- 1) Vehicle parking at parks and recreational facilities is permitted only in the designated areas. Parking on grassy areas is prohibited.
- 2) No person shall litter in parks and recreational facilities.
- 3) HVL POA-provided litter containers may only be used in a lawful manner.
- 4) No person shall vandalize parks and recreational facilities.
- 5) Hunting, trapping, or discharging a firearm of any kind in parks and recreational facilities is prohibited.
- 6) Parks and recreational facilities are to be left undisturbed and in their natural state and are to be maintained only by HVL POA employees and/or HVL POA volunteers with the appropriate approval.
- 7) Only the designated access areas may be used within the parks and recreational areas and, with the exception of dock and landing areas, only foot traffic is permitted.
- 8) Burning in parks and recreational facilities is prohibited without the use of a non-combustible container and approval from the HVL POA Community Manager.
- 9) The operation of any all-terrain vehicle (ATV)/off-road vehicle in parks and recreational facilities is prohibited unless approved by the HVL POA Community Manager or the HVL POA Board of Directors.
- 10) Landings are located at the marina and beach areas solely for picking up and dropping off boaters. Docking a water craft on a landing is prohibited.
- 11) Tennis and basketball courts are to be used only for their intended purpose. Skating, skateboarding, rollerblading or use of motorized vehicles on these courts are prohibited.
- 12) Playground equipment is to be used only by persons twelve (12) years old or younger.
- 13) The HVL POA Board of Directors or the HVL POA Community Manager from time to time may approve parties or events in parks and recreational facilities, and may place restrictions on these approvals as they see fit.

- 14) The HVL Community Center Meeting Room may be reserved by members of the HVL POA in good standing for approved activities. A copy of the Community Room Rules and Regulations may be obtained at the HVL POA Office or on the website.

## C. Scheduling Rules

- 1) The HVL POA owns all docks on community property within HVL with the exception of some docks that were built for personal use with prior approval from the HVL POA. HVL POA-owned docks are located at the base of Sandamont Drive, the base of Raylynn and Aqua Vista Drives, the HVL POA public beach, the HVL POA marina, Chalet Park, and Moeller Park. If an HVL property owner can produce a signed document attesting the right to use a specific HVL POA dock, then that property owner will be given preference to the use of that dock with payment of annual rent.
- 2) All HVL POA docks are available for use by HVL POA members in good standing but must be reserved and rented on an annual basis through the HVL POA office. POA docks are reserved for non-lake front property owners only, one dock per property owner. Dock space is not transferable. No liability of any kind is to be assumed by Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association.
- 3) The HVL POA ball diamonds and soccer fields are managed by the HVL POA Athletic Club and are used primarily for organized sports. The Athletic Club will provide game and practice schedules to the POA office. HVL POA members in good standing, their immediate family members and their guests may use the ball diamonds and soccer fields on a first-come-first-served basis when HVL Athletic Club sports are not scheduled.
- 4) HVL POA members in good standing, their immediate family members and their guests may use the greenbelt areas, walking and nature trails, tennis courts, basketball courts and playground equipment on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 5) HVL POA picnic shelters and/or tables are located at the swimming pool, ball diamonds, beach (2), Lake Melody and several other small lakes. HVL POA members in good standing, their immediate family members and their guests may use these facilities by reserving them through the HVL POA office. If these facilities have not been reserved in advance, they are available for use on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 6) HVL POA members in good standing may reserve the community room up to 6 months in advance. Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance of event by contacting the POA Office. Cancellations must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to the event. A rental agreement must be completed and signed at the time the reservation is made, as well as the \$75.00 facility fee paid in full. Please see the Community Room Rental Agreement and Rules for a complete list of rules and procedures. The HVL Community Manager will have administrative authority over the building. A copy of the Community Room Rules and Regulations may be obtained from the HVL POA Office or off of the HVL website.

## D. Deer Feeding Rules

### 1) Feeding Prohibited:

- a) No person shall knowingly, purposely or intentionally feed deer, cause deer to be fed or provide food to deer in HVL on any property, public or private. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, disbursement of food on the ground, at a feeding station, in a feeding device, or in a container of any form, providing a salt or mineral lick/block, or any other means which serves to provide feed to any deer in HVL.
- b) A person shall be deemed to have knowingly, purposely or intentionally fed deer, caused deer to be fed, or provided food to deer if the person places, or allows to be placed, wheat, pelleted livestock food, corn in any form, fruit, vegetables, hay or alfalfa, human food scraps, any form of wildlife feed, birdseed or livestock feed, or any other edible matter that deer will consume on the ground or within the reach of deer. This prohibition shall not include live vegetation such as ornamental landscaping, flowers, trees, vines, vegetable gardens, edible matter located either in an enclosed building or stored in a securely sealed package, or unmodified commercially purchased bird feeder or their equivalent when placed out of the reach of deer.

### 2) Removal of Feed:

Any person, upon written notification by HVL personnel violating this rule shall immediately and permanently remove feed and feeding devices utilized to feed deer, and discontinue the activity for which the notification was given.

### 3) Penalty:

Fines to be determined by HVL POA BOARD and Judicial Committee.

#### 4) **Exclusion:**

**In the event that Hidden Valley Lake is given permission from the State for a culling of the deer, baiting would be required and permitted, (If permitted by the State) to ensure culling could be performed on POA properties with 10 acres or more.**

### **E. Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association Deer Management Program Bow Hunting, Deer Culling Policies**

The following Bow Hunting, Deer Culling Policies have been created for the specific purpose of defining how and when deer shall be hunted within Hidden Valley Lake (HVL) during times certified only by the HVL POA Board of Directors. During the certified hunting times, an **HVL POA Hunting Tag** shall be issued to approved hunters for the express purpose of granting them 1) permission to discharge a bow-type weapon within HVL, 2) to harvest deer within HVL and 3) to hunt only in approved hunting zones within HVL.

#### **1) Hunting Zones**

- a) All community property within HVL may potentially be designated as an approved hunting zone.
- b) All hunting zones shall be approved by the HVL POA Community Manager and the locations shall be documented at the HVL POA Office.
- c) Private property may be used to extend the size of a hunting zone provided the property owner gives written permission by signing a **Property Owner's Waiver**.
  1. The property owner shall be provided the names of the hunters assigned to use the approved hunting zone that includes their property.
  2. Any private property approved shall be adjacent to community property within HVL.

#### **2) Bow Hunting Applications**

- a) **HVL POA Bow Hunting Application** shall be submitted in person to the HVL POA Office. Incomplete applications, late or faxed applications, and duplicate applications shall not be accepted.
- b) Applicants must be twenty-one (21) years old or older and first priority for qualification shall be given to HVL POA members in good standing. Hunters between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty (20) may apply to the HVL POA Community Manager for special consideration.

#### **3) Hunter's Qualifications**

- a) Each licensed hunter candidate shall participate in and pass an **HVL POA Archery Proficiency Test**. To qualify, the candidate shall place four (4) out of five (5) arrows in an eight (8) inch circle with the equipment the applicant plans to use during the HVL deer hunting season. The distance for the **HVL POA Archery Proficiency Test** shall be twenty (20) yards. Candidates shall be allowed two (2) opportunities to qualify. The proficiency test shall be supervised by the HVL POA Community Manager on a date to be announced.
- b) Each hunter submitting an application shall show proof that he/she has successfully completed a State of Indiana or federally-approved **Hunter Safety Education Course**.
- c) The HVL POA shall issue an **HVL POA Hunting Tag** to qualified hunters that shall be worn visibly displayed at all times when hunting.

#### **4) Harvested Animal Procedures**

- a) Qualified hunters shall record all harvested animals at a State of Indiana Check-in Station and shall submit a separate **HVL POA Deer Cull Report** to the HVL POA Office.

- b) In the event that a disabled or killed deer is located on unapproved private property, the following procedure shall be followed:
1. The hunter shall immediately notify the POA Office (if open) or the HVL POA Deputies by phone before entering the private property and attempting to remove the deer.
  2. An HVL POA Deputy shall be dispatched to notify the private property owner and shall request that the hunter be allowed to remove the deer from the property.
  3. Upon successfully notifying and gaining permission from the property owner, the hunter shall enter the property and, under the deputy's supervision, shall properly remove the deer.
  4. In the event that the private property owner cannot be successfully notified, the hunter shall be authorized by the HVL POA Deputy to enter the private property and, under the deputy's supervision, shall properly remove the deer.
  5. In the event that the property owner is successfully notified and refuses to give permission to allow the deer to be removed from the property, the responsibility of disposing of the deer shall lie with the property owner.

## 5) Hunting Dates

- a) The 2010 hunting dates shall correspond with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDR) bow hunting season with the following exceptions:
1. No hunting shall be allowed on holidays, weekends or school break periods.
  2. Should it be decided, the HVL POA may apply for a special **INDR Fish and Wildlife Permit** to extend the hunting season or to request certain exceptions to the standard bow hunting regulations. Should that permit be applied for and granted, the HVL POA shall notify all persons involved in the HVL Deer Management Program of the new policy details.

## 6) Rules and Regulations

- a) Each qualified hunter shall attend a mandatory **Orientation Meeting** conducted prior to the start of the HVL deer-hunting season. The meeting will cover HVL POA hunting rules, reporting instructions, hunter etiquette and hunting zone assignments. During the meeting, a **Hunter's Liability Waiver** shall be signed by each qualified hunter in attendance and the original copies shall be filed with the POA Office.
- b) Upon assignment of qualified hunting zones, all hunters assigned hunting zones that include private property shall collect a **Property Owner's Waiver** from the property owner(s) involved. The original copy of each signed **Property Owner's Waiver** shall be filed with the POA Office and a copy of the appropriate form shall be carried by the hunter at all times when hunting.
- c) Hunters shall hunt at all times from a surface elevated from the deer.
- d) Hunters shall only hunt within their assigned hunting zone(s).
- e) A hunter physically located on private property shall only shoot in the direction of an approved hunting zone.
- f) Hunters are encouraged to communicate with other hunters in adjacent zones before selecting a stand site in their hunting zone.
- g) All hunters shall use a safety belt or rope while occupying a tree stand.
- h) All tree stands shall be removed after the hunting season is completed.
- i) Hunters shall be provided with the phone number of a food pantry that can be notified if they determine that they do not want the deer meat that they harvest.

- j) Field dressing of deer shall be done only in the designated area determined by the HVL POA Community Manager.
- k) After completing the reporting of his/her harvesting of at least five (5) non-antlered deer, a hunter shall be allowed to shoot one (1) antlered deer. All offenders shall be banned from participating in all future HVL Deer Management Programs.
- l) Still-hunting, defined as the continuous movement of a hunter through an animal's environment, shall not be allowed.
- m) The use of decoys shall not be allowed.
- n) All harvested deer shall be completely covered while being transported within HVL.