

CECO Rod and Gun Club Fishing and Hunting Rules

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All Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) rules and regulations shall be followed for all fishing and hunting activities on CECO property. Violations may result in the loss of fishing or hunting privileges for a period of time to be determined by the Rod and Gun Club Board (RGCB) and/or CECO Board. It is the member's responsibility to obtain and adhere to the current edition of the IDNR Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Rules and Regulations.

The following regulations and requirements for hunting and fishing on all CECO property must be adhered to. Any deviation from the stated guidelines will be subject to review by the RGCB and may result in rights and privileges being revoked by the CECO Board.

- CECO sportspersons will cooperate and act respectfully with RGCB Members, CECO Board Members and each other.
- Common courtesy and common sense required by all.
- Any and all conflicts and issues on CECO property are required to be brought to the attention of the RGCB Hunting Chairperson, RGCB Fishing Chairperson, or the RGCB for resolution.
- Everyone is responsible to keep our club clean including removing spent shotgun shells, empty bait and beverage containers, any other materials carried in and NOT disposing live bait into the lakes.
- Hunting and fishing is prohibited during all CECO announced and posted workdays.

Deer hunting

- While hunting on CECO property, deer hunters are required at all times, to have the following documentation in their possession. All IDNR required permits and licenses (as appropriate for the hunting season) including hunting license, deer permit, habitat stamp, FOID card and the issued RGCB deer hunting button attached to your hat.
- All hunters are limited to harvesting two deer, one buck and one doe or two bucks throughout the archery, shotgun, youth and muzzle loader seasons combined.
- All tree stands are required to have their CECO membership number and name displayed at eye level. All stands not conforming to this requirement will be removed by the Hunting Committee of the RGCB. Stands can be reclaimed pending review and decision by the RGCB.
- All permanent ladder or hang on tree stands, used on CECO property, shall be secured with either a chain or cable at upper seat level to prevent failure.
- Any tree stand, ground blind, including marked cleared hunting areas, belonging to a properly identified CECO member will always be available to that member at any time. Other members may use another

hunter's tree stand, blind, or hunting area but must surrender the above to the rightful member upon request.

- All food plots should be marked by the hunter unless associated with a marked tree stand.
- All game cameras must have name and membership number displayed.
- All tree stands, ground blinds, including cleared hunting areas must maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards from any other established hunting area, and maintain a 100-yard separation from any other hunters in the area. All temporary tree stands must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.
- Prefabricated tree stands not recommended.
- All food plots not in the immediate vicinity of a marked tree stand must be marked with name and CECO number.
- Any hunter assuming ownership or permanent possession of another hunter's tree stand, ground blind, hunting area or waterfowl blind without permission of original owner or the approval from the RGCB Hunting Committee, will be referred to the Main Board for disciplinary action.
- In Illinois "it is illegal to feed deer at any time and/or take deer by the use or aid of bait of any kind."
 - Bait is defined as: a liquid or solid, including food, salt, minerals, and other products that can be ingested, placed or scattered in such a manner as to attract or lure white-tail deer.
- Any member/hunter found engaging in baiting, will be referred to the Main Board for disciplinary action. Planted food plots are not considered to be baiting and are allowed on CECO property.
- It is the responsibility of the hunter to contact the Hunting Committee Chairperson and report the harvest of all deer taken within 24 hours. The following information is required. The sex of the deer, number of points if antlered deer and a photo is recommended if possible.
- Deer hunting privileges are extended to all CECO members and their immediate family.
- No part of a deer shall be left other than entrails removed during field dressing.
- A solid blaze orange cap/hat and an upper outer garment displaying at least 400 square inches of solid blaze orange is required to be worn during all deer gun hunting seasons.
- All ground blinds are required to have 400 square inches of solid blaze orange material securely attached to the upper most portion of the blind and must be visible for 360 degrees.
- All hunters are strongly encouraged to participate in the IDNR Chronic Wasting Disease testing program and provide the test results, positive or negative, to the Hunting Committee Chairperson.
- All hunters are encouraged to use appropriate full-body safety harnesses and follow recommended safety procedures when using any type of elevated stand.

Turkey Hunting

- While hunting CECO property, turkey hunters are required at all times to have the following documentation in their possession. All IDNR required permits and licenses including hunting license, turkey permit, habitat stamp, FOID card and the issued RGCB fall turkey hunting button always attached to your hat while hunting.
- Turkey hunting is allowed for all CECO members and their immediate family.
- Turkey hunting using either archery or shotgun is allowed and is permitted on all CECO property except within 50 yards of any camping sites and includes the entire area from the south end of the main lake to the Boy Scout camping area along Olsen Road.
- All hunting hours and state regulations apply for each of the first four designated spring turkey hunting seasons, including youth season. No turkey hunting is allowed during the fifth season.

- Spring turkey hunters are required to inform the RGCB Hunting Chairperson of any IDNR turkey permits drawn including season and county for use on CECO property.
- Upon successful harvest of a turkey, the hunter is required to inform the RGCB Hunting Chairperson and the IDNR within 24 hours of harvest.

Waterfowl Hunting

- Waterfowl hunters can contact the RGCB Hunting Chairperson for a list of approved duck blinds on CECO property.
- Any waterfowl hunter interested in establishing a new duck hunting blind on CECO property will need approval from the RGCB prior to construction.
- All established, permanent duck blind owners are required to have their name, phone number and CECO membership number, clearly visible on the duck blind at all times.
- Permanent duck blinds are required to be cleaned and brushed within 2-weeks of opening day of the regular duck season. If unable to complete this task and the CECO member would like to maintain ownership of the duck blind, the owner needs to contact the RGCB or Hunting Chairperson with their intentions, including timeframe, for approval. Failure to do so will result in the blind being forfeited.
- Water fowl hunting out of boat is not allowed.

Trapping

- Trapping is allowed in conformance with all IDNR Trapping Rules and Regulations.

Coyote Hunting

- Is allowed year-round on CECO property in conformance with IDNR Hunting Rules and Regulations. Approved coyote hunting methods are limited to shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery equipment.

Small Game Hunting

- Squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, raccoon, dove and quail hunting during IDNR seasons is allowed in conformance with IDNR Hunting Rules and Regulations. Shot guns and archery with proper equipment are permitted. Blaze orange requirements must be met by all hunters.

Trap Range and Gun Range

- Both ranges are available to all members and guests year-round however both ranges have restricted hours of use and are only open between the hours of 10am and 2pm, October 1 through January 20. Ranges are closed during all gun deer hunting seasons.
- Users of either ranges are required to clean up all used shot shells, clay target boxes, range targets and personal debris prior to departure.

Fishing

- Lakes will be closed for fishing for a period of one week following fish stocking. Notice of lake closures will be posted on all gates. This is to allow fish to acclimate to the lakes and disperse.
- All fishing shall meet posted CECO creel limits and fish size limits.
- Effective May, 2019, CECO creel limits are as attached.
- Live bait shall not be disposed into CECO lakes to prevent introduction of invasive species.
- Bow fishing is allowed in conformance with all IDNR Fishing Rules and Regulations.
- No bluegill or bass fishing on spawning beds.

CECO Rod and Gun Club Trap Range Rules

- Trap range is open to all members and their guests.
- Members can receive a key for use of trap house by leaving a deposit with the Rod and Gun Club. Amount to be determined by the Rod and Gun Club Board.
- All users are responsible for policing the trap range after each use. Dispose all materials off site.
- Please report any issues or problems with the trap thrower or range to a Rod and Gun Club Board Member.
- Restricted hours of use are in place October 1st through January 20th. Range is only open between the hours of 10am and 2pm. However, the use of the Trap Range is closed during all gun deer hunting seasons including shotgun, muzzleloader, youth and late seasons.
- All shooters are Safety Officers because SAFETY is your responsibility, not someone else.

Each shooter is required to observe and comply with all range safety rules

- As a firearms owner/use you are responsible for your actions.
- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Always wear eye and hearing protection.
- Firearms must be shot from firing line only and nowhere else. Cross firing is prohibited.
- Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Keep your shotgun unloaded with the action open until you are on a firing position and trap house is clear.
- Keep your gun pointed downrange at all times when on the trap line.
- Never move from a station with a loaded gun.
- Load only one shell for singles. Load only two shells for doubles or continental.
- All duds and miss fired shells must be removed from club grounds by the owner. Do not leave them on the ground or put them in the trash.
- If an emergency cease fire is called, all firearms must be immediately unloaded and placed in a gun rack.
- Do not handle firearms during an emergency cease fire.
- Only individuals that are shooting are permitted on the trap line.
- No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to shoot or use the Trap Range without the supervision of a parent, guardian, or designated adult. The range officer cannot be that designee.
- Never use alcohol or drugs while or before shooting. No one may operate a firearm if they have consumed any alcohol.

FISH CREEL LIMITS:

Effective 5/1/2019, CECO creel limits and size restrictions are as follow:

<u>Main Lake</u>		
Walleye	14" Minimum	2 Per Day
Bass	14 inches or larger	Release All
Bass	Under 14"	3 Per Day
Crappie	No Size Limit	10 Per Day
Bluegill / Redear		10 Per Day
Green Sunfish		
REMOVE ALL COMMON CARP DO NOT DUMP UNUSED MINNOWS INTO THE LAKE		

<u>Shawnee</u>		
Walleye	14" Minimum	2 Per Day
Bass	14" Minimum	Release All
Bass	Under 14"	No Limit
Crappie	No Size Limit	10 Per Day
Bluegill / Redear		10 Per Day
Green Sunfish		
PLEASE KEEP ALL BASS UNDER 14 INCHES DO NOT DUMP UNUSED MINNOWS INTO THE LAKE		