



# GIVING BACK USA

## (GB USA)

### RECREATIONAL PROPERTY & SHOOTING RANGE RULES, REGULATIONS, SAFETY, & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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*All visitors to any Giving Back USA property must read, print, and sign/initial each specific section of this document prior to participation in any GB USA events or activities.  
(3 places for signatures & 2 places for initials, marked by "\*\*\*\*\*")*

- All users must sign the safety brief/rules (this document), liability waiver, and property owner's access log (1<sup>st</sup> day of event) **BEFORE** participating or observing any activity on our properties.
- Giving Back properties are reserved for the purpose of hosting specific events and recreational supportive therapeutic activities for our active-duty service members, veterans, and first responders.
- Individual use of the property during organized GB USA events is prohibited.
- All users must **TEXT IN (or call)** and **TEXT OUT(or call)** of the property with a GB USA Officer, or designated staff member.

- All game animals must be harvested in an ethical manner, and in accordance with Virginia DWR Rules & Regulations, as well as any applicable local, state, and/or federal laws.
- All hunters must game-check any harvested animals with the GB USA staff prior to taking them off the property.
- Hunters are required to report all shots taken on big game animals, including a “clean miss”, to Giving Back staff within 5 minutes of the shot(s) being fired, and **BEFORE** you begin to track your animal. **DO NOT** begin tracking any animals until **AFTER** you have contacted Giving Back and been given the go-ahead. Hunters are not allowed to continue hunting after taking a shot until that animal is recovered.
- All hunters need to **use good hunting practices and common sense when tracking** wounded, or potentially wounded animals. Wait at least 15 minutes if the animal dropped within sight of your hunting location. Wait at least 30 minutes if you heard it “crash” but cannot see it. Wait at least 60 minutes if you do not see the animal, and did not hear it “crash” nearby,
- If in doubt, **BACK OUT**. Text or call Sean, and we will gather additional resources, develop a good plan, allow additional time as necessary, and then go find your animal. We have the resources (blood lights, thermal imagers, night vision, and an award-winning dog) that makes tracking a downed animal much easier if you don’t contaminate the area.
- **DON’T BE THAT GUY** who wants to do it all on his own, and by the time you ask for help, you’ve mucked up and contaminated the entire area, which then results in an unrecovered animal.
- **\*If you do not follow our policy and it results in an unrecovered animal, you will lose access privileges.\***
- Whitetail Bucks **MUST** have a minimum of eight (8) scorable points, with four (4) scorable points on one side of the rack, three (3) of which must extend beyond the width of his ear(s). Notable exceptions will be identified by photograph(s) and detailed description(s) for bucks that do not meet the above criteria but have been designated as “Shooters” on the GB USA “Hit List”.
- Please DO NOT shoot does with late birth (especially undersized or spotted) fawns.
- Deer hunters are limited to one buck, and one doe per season.
- Bear Hunters are limited to one bear, and one bear only per season. If you fill your bear tag on our property, your big game hunting opportunities are over for the calendar year, If you punch a whitetail tag before a bear tag, your bear hunting opportunities are over for the calendar year,
- Cull quotas will be announced by GB USA as necessary to ensure the health of the local deer population.
- Only Climbing or Ladder Stands may be used in a tree. It is your responsibility to inspect and assess the safety and suitability of your tree stand prior to climbing.

- All hunters must use a tree safety strap, harness, and safety line if using a tree stand taller than 10’.
- During hunting season, **stay in your designated hunting section of the property**. Do not wander from your assigned location. Knowing where you are is a key component of being able to assist you in an emergency, as well as prevent a serious accident.
- **DO NOT** cross onto private property from the Giving Back property.
- **TEXT** or call Sean before tracking onto another section of the property or onto an adjacent property, and **WAIT** for approval. We ask our neighbors to give us this courtesy, and we return it to them when their property is involved. Everyone is safer when everyone knows who/what is walking in their hunt area.
- We highly recommend that you have the “HuntStand” App installed on your smart phone(s) and synchronize it the evening prior to beginning your hunt or activity for the latest information regarding the property layout, as well as download an “offline map” to your personal electronic device. This identifies property boundaries, trails, and can be used to estimate your location, as well as gives us the ability to visually share/reference each user’s location to other users.
- Hunters wanting to hang their own stand **MUST** use a climbing stand, or sling/saddle, and bring it out with them at the end of their hunt. GB USA has two (2) climbing stands available.
- Fires are prohibited, except as approved by GB USA Staff. Certain, very specific conditions must be met prior to igniting the fire pit. If any one of those conditions are not met, we cannot have an open fire.
- Alcohol and/or illicit drug use is prohibited on the property. This is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy.
- Users are expected to help keep trails open and ensure property features, such as trail cams, tree stands, hunting blinds, bridges, and stream crossings are in good order by notifying GB USA staff of significant obstacles or issues with trails or equipment.
- Motorcycles are prohibited.
- No ATVs allowed within 100’ (~33 yards) of the federally protected Wetlands or ponds.
- Privately Owned Street Vehicles (except GB USA Staff) are prohibited beyond the following designated areas on the property: (if you drive your POV to one of these areas, park off the roadway to allow other vehicles to get by)
  - Lloyd Lane- Giving Back Camp Area
  - Daniels Creek – Gate
  - Ruritan Building – Outside of Ruritan Club gate.
  - Lynn Court- Cable
  - Jamerson Driveway- To Post Point
- Coordinate **ALL** personal ATV use during hunting season with GB USA staff prior to use.

- ATV use is prohibited year-round during or after significant rainfall/snow melt, as it tears up our trails, and we do not have the resources necessary to repair badly damaged /rutted trails.
- **DO NOT cut your own trails** for ATV/UTV's. If there is an obstacle or hindrance to your continued travel, clear it if you can, or advise the GB USA staff so we may resolve the issue ASAP.
- If cutting around a significant obstacle, a GB USA staff member must be present to lay out the new path.
- Pack out your trash, leave the woods/creeks/ponds better than you found them.
- Any burnable trash may be placed in the burn barrel at the west/gambrel end of the pavilion. All aluminum cans, batteries, and other non-burnable items need to be disposed of in the black plastic trash can next to the hand winch under the pavilion.
- Reckless behavior, or activity that results in destruction to trails, damages property, or reflects poorly on our organization will result in immediate dismissal, and termination of access privileges.
- We are a **LONG** way from higher level medical care, and we can be difficult to find for those who have never been to our camp. Take ownership of your own safety, and make good decisions in the woods.
- Any questions, comments, complaints, or problems should be reported to GB USA staff as soon as it comes up. Call or text Sean Morrison: (757)-763-8285, or Facebook Messenger (Giving Back USA).
- We take photographs during most of our events and activities, and occasionally post them on social media, our website, and/or printed materials about our organization. If you prefer to NOT have your photo included in those we select for release to the public, please circle the appropriate selection below.

\*\*\*\*\*I, \_\_\_\_\_(printed name) **DO / DO NOT** authorize Giving Back USA to use photographs or other likeness of myself (and/or my minor child if under 18) for public distribution, including, but not limited to: Social Media, Media Outlets, Media Publications, GB USA Website, and GB USA printed promotional materials. \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

\*\*\*\*\* Giving Back USA **IS / IS NOT** authorized to "tag" me on social media posts including my photograph, or otherwise use my name along with the public release of said photographs. \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

\*\*\*\*\* I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) have read, understand, and will comply with all rules, and aspects of the Safety & Medical Emergency Procedures. I understand that any violation may result in my immediate dismissal from the property, and prohibit my future participation in GB USA events, activities, and services.

Once signed, this certification is valid for the remainder of the current calendar year.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Giving Back USA**

### **Safety Brief and Emergency Plan**

IF EMS, Law Enforcement personnel, or Firefighting apparatus is required, use the addresses listed below:

#### **GB USA Hunting Camp**

**225-101 Lloyd Lane/State Rte 883  
Martinsville, VA 24112**

**(This area is called "Figsboro")**

**The nearest intersection is Lloyd Lane & Figsboro Road.**

#### **Nearest Hospital is:**

**SOVAH Martinsville  
320 Hospital Drive  
Martinsville, VA 24112**

***-YOU ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY WHILE UTILIZING OUR PROPERTY. We do our best to ensure every location, trail, walk-in trails, blinds, and tree stands are safe, however, a lot can happen between the time(s) we inspect an area or piece of equipment, and the time you go to occupy that spot.***

-We expect you to be familiar with any equipment you intend to use, and intimately familiar with the safe handling, loading, unloading, and discharging your weapon(s); to include bow & arrow, crossbows, muzzleloaders, and firearms (as applicable to your circumstances)

***-ALL WEAPONS WILL BE TRANSPORTED/CARRIED IN CONDITION 3 or CONDITION 4. (Lawfully carried, and properly holstered/secured sidearms are exempt from weapon condition restrictions)***

***-DO NOT*** chamber a round, load your primer, nock your arrow, or cock your crossbow until you have been dropped off at your "Walk-in" point. If utilizing a tree stand, do not perform any of the above until you have safely completed your climb, and are clipped into your safety harness.

***-DO NOT*** climb with or hoist any weapon in CONDITION 1. (You may cock a crossbow if it utilizes a stirrup and cocking cord before starting your climb, but DO NOT nock an arrow/bolt until you are clipped into your harness).

**-HUNTERS WILL** Unload, de-prime, un-nock, or de-cock your weapon(s), as appropriate, at your pick-up point prior to riding (either alone or as a passenger) an ATV/UTV.

**-NO HANDLING** of weapons in the camp area, including the parking areas. Uncase your weapon and rack it immediately until it is time to depart camp.

-Rack all rifles/muzzleloaders under the pavilion, near the property map, or rack them in the ATV/UTV racks. Bows and Crossbows may be hung in the same location as the rifle rack, using the hooks above.

-If you have an issue with your weapon that needs to be addressed, inform a GB USA staff member, and we will set up a table/bench on the range/target area where you can diagnose, and resolve your issue.

-If you are using one of our weapons, GB USA staff will accompany you on your hunt and oversee your safe usage, or work with you prior to your hunt until you demonstrate proper working proficiency with the weapon on loan to you.

-If using one of our weapons, hunters are required to use the ammunition/arrows we provide.

**-ALWAYS** inspect your tree stand/blind/platform **BEFORE** committing to climb.

**-USE OF A HARNESS AND SAFETY LINE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL TREE STANDS TALLER THAN 10'**. Let us know if you require either. We have spares we can loan you.

-If you are not comfortable or do not feel safe climbing or occupying a stand, **DON'T DO IT!** Send us a message (and photos if possible/applicable), citing your concerns, and we will get you into another hunting location, or fix the discrepancies you noted at your initial site. If it is something as simple as a worn ratchet strap, or lack of seat cushion, a giant branch or tree has fallen, etc., let us know, so we know to have the proper equipment when we arrive.

**-DO NOT** wander the property or walk yourself out from your stand without prior permission from GBUSA staff. We know where everyone is "supposed" to be and ensure that everyone's field of fire is a safe direction. If you wander, there is nothing to prevent you from wandering into someone else's hunt zone, or worse, their Surface Danger Zone. If you're tracking a blood trail further than 50 yards from your stand, you need to coordinate your movement with GB USA staff **BEFORE** you continue.

-All hunters will have a storm/rape whistle, or unsuppressed firearm on their person in case of emergency, and you have no cellular signal to make a voice or text call for help.

***ANY INJURY THAT IS A THREAT TO LIFE, LIMB, OR EYESIGHT, OR PERMANENT CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE OF LIMB OR EYESIGHT IS AN EMERGENCY, TREAT IT AS SUCH AND CALL OUR MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR ASSISTANCE.***

**LOSS OF COMMS PLAN:**

***-There are numerous locations where cell phone service is spotty, or nonexistent. If a text message is not going through, try using "Facebook Messenger", or vice versa. (Check your signal status after occupying your position and send a test message if questionable.)***

-Blow your whistle three successive times if you encounter an emergency situation and do not have the ability to send a message or make a voice call.

-If unable to whistle, fire three successive (unsuppressed) shots in a known safe direction in lieu of the whistle.

-Repeat your whistle/shots every five minutes until help arrives. We know (generally) where everyone is located and will come to you via the most expedient route upon hearing either of these signals.

-We may be coming from a different direction than we used to drop you off, so ensure you are firing in a safe direction!!!

-Nearly every member of our staff are trained EMS providers, and we have a field trauma kit on our Ranger. We also have a spine board and more comprehensive trauma kit staged at the camp. If you were placed in a tree stand, we will assume you need a spine board until we determine otherwise.

-If you are not involved in the medical emergency incident, **DO NOT SEND MESSAGES TO THE STAFF** until we give the "All Clear". Revert to the standing rules governing use of the property if a question or problem arises. If that means you must wait for a while, you'll have to wait. Your hunt is secondary to our ensuring the health/safety of everyone on the property.

-If a higher level of medical care is necessary, a medically trained GB USA staff member will make the call and send another staff member or unoccupied hunter to the intersection of Lloyd Lane & Figsboro Road with an ATV to meet the Ambulance, and guide them to the pavilion, where we will be transporting the injured patient.

-GB USA medical staff will tend to the patient on scene, during transport, and while at camp. Stay out of the way and stand by to assist as directed by GB USA staff.

***-Be smart about everything you do; climbing, hoisting gear, loading/unloading/ de-cocking, crossing creeks, tracking an animal, etc. and AVOID an emergency.***

***It can take a LONG, LONG time for EMS to reach our camp.....A LONG TIME.***

\*\*\*\*\* I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) have read, understand, and will comply with all rules, and aspects of the Safety & Medical Emergency plan.

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**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVING BACK USA SHOOTING RANGE RULES**

- *Treat all firearms as if they are loaded*
- *NEVER allow the muzzle of your weapon to cover anything you are not willing to destroy*
- *Keep your finger STRAIGHT and OFF the trigger until your sights are aligned and you are justified and ready to fire*
- *Know your TARGET and what is BEHIND IT*

**The address for the GIVING BACK USA SHOOTING RANGE is:**

**6163 HORSEPASTURE PRICE ROAD  
RIDGEWAY, VA 24148**

**The nearest intersection is “BUXTON DRIVE” & “HORSEPASTURE PRICE ROAD”**

**Send someone on ATV/UTV to meet the ambulance at the intersection and guide them down Buxton Drive to the range access road, and down onto the range.**

- Eye and Ear Protection are **REQUIRED** at all times on our ranges.
- Shooters are **REQUIRED** to have an IFAK type first aid kit designed for treating GSW's on the range in order to use any Giving Back USA range facility. We have dedicated trauma/GSW bags we can loan you if necessary.
- A shooting buddy is **REQUIRED** in order to use any Giving Back USA range facilities. No one may shoot alone on any Giving Back USA range. GB USA Staff may be utilized as your “buddy”.
- Make sure all shots fired are hitting in the direction of the berm, or designated impact area.
- Do not shoot pistols at steel targets closer than 10 yards
- Do not shoot rifles at steel targets closer than 100 yards
- Do not shoot .22LR at any steel targets not specifically designed for .22LR.
- Only .22LR on rimfire steel targets is allowed (no .17HMR, .17Mach2, .22 Magnum)
- Do not shoot steel core, green tip (M855), black tip (M995), or shotgun ammunition at steel targets.
- Firearms must be holstered, cased, or placed with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times. If unattended (not on your person), firearms must be placed with the action open, weapon on “safe”, magazine out/all ammunition removed, and the ejection port facing up.
- Clean up after yourself
  - Pick up your brass, and place in the appropriate bucket(s). Shotgun hulls can go in the burn barrel. Place all burnable trash into burn barrel. Take non-burnable trash with you.
- If you damage a piece of range equipment, let a GB USA staff member know immediately so it can be repaired/replaced as needed. Target stands break. Shooters miss. No one will be in trouble for accidentally breaking a piece of range equipment, but we need to know so it can be fixed and ready for the next users.



- Use only targets designed for use as firearms targets (No soup or soda cans, dishwashers, street signs, water jugs, etc). We have a variety of targets, all you need to do is ask for what you want.
- **TANNERITE (or other explosive target material) is PROHIBITED** on any Giving Back USA range except under the direct supervision of Giving Back USA staff. Use of Tannerite or other binary explosive target materials requires prior authorization and coordination when the range event is being scheduled, and well in advance of the range event taking place.
- Reckless handling of firearms, violations of any of our policies/rules, intentional destruction of property, or general carelessness will result in immediate termination of range & property access.

\*\*\*\*\* I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) have read, understand, and will comply with all rules, and aspects of Giving Back USA's Shooting Range Rules.

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**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



Release of Liability and Waiver  
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Acknowledgment and Acceptance of  
Dangers, Risks and Hazards

By signing this agreement, I hereby release and forever discharge Giving Back (hereinafter collectively known as "GB") (whether or not the same are affiliated companies), and their landowner/lease manager Lester Forestlands, its agents, servants, directors and/or officers from any and all damage(s),

Loss(es), claim(s) and cause(s) of action whatsoever, arising out of or in any way connected with my participation with GB. I further understand and acknowledge that GB assumes no responsibility for any act and/or omission which may cause any damage to any person, including me, or an animal resulting from or in any way connected with the event, including traveling to or from, or while participating in the event.

This document is sufficient warning that dangerous conditions, risks, and hazards do exist. My presence and activities on GB leased land expose both me and my property to dangerous conditions, risks and hazards, including but not limited to: poisonous snakes, insects and spiders; blinds and tree stands, whether or not erected by GB; erosion and general condition of the land, both on and off roadways or senderos, creating rough, hazardous and dangerous driving and walking conditions; animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous; deep water, a person with firearms both on or off the leased premises and the use of vehicles or recreational vehicles, including boats. I hereby state that I expressly assume all such dangers, risks and hazards.

In consideration for the right to enter the leased premises by GB, I hereby release and agree to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless GB, and his/her respective agents, employees and assigns and their landowner/lease manager Lester Forestlands, and its agents, employees and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action and damages, by or on behalf of the undersigned, including attorneys' fees, resulting from any accident, incident or occurrence arising out of incidental to or in any way to all improvement thereon, whether or not caused by the Lessor's negligence or gross negligence. This release applies during the time that I am on the leased premises. I hereby further covenant and agree that I, my heirs, successors and assign will not make any claim or institute any suit or action at law or in equity against the Lessor or his/her respective heirs, agents, representatives, employees, successors or assign by reason of conditions of the leased premises or activities occurring thereon. The Undersigned agrees that in the event that any dispute procedure is filed or initiated in order to enforce or interpret this Agreement or by the Undersigned against the Releasers, venue shall lie in Henry County, Virginia, and the Undersigned expressly waives any rights, which he or she might have for venue to lie elsewhere.

As used in this release, the term I, my, person and myself, include dogs, associates, and dependents in my care while on the Ranch. I understand that no one under the age of eighteen (18) is allowed to be on the leased premises at any time.

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND IT AND ALL OF ITS PROVISIONS, AND I AM SIGNING VOLUNTARILY.**

Date and signed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Name (PRINTED) \_\_\_\_\_

Minor's Name (Printed, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to minor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_