

# Lee County Conservation

## Annual Duck Blind Program Rules

### Section A: Definitions

1. Blind Site – A position within 50 yards of the GPS coordinates provided by Lee County Conservation where the blind must be constructed.
2. Blind Party – The three individuals listed on the blind card who have been assigned a blind site as a result of the drawing. All individuals associated with the blind party will face the same penalties if they do not comply with the terms of this agreement.
3. Drawing – Procedure by which blind sites are assigned.
4. Blind Registration Card – Card issued by the Lee County Conservation Board and posted inside each blind listing names and addresses of the individuals of the blind party.
5. Complete Blind – A blind (including boat hide and dog hide) with all framework and siding constructed and in readiness for use, including final brushing.

### Section B: Drawing

1. To be eligible for the drawing all members of the blind party must be 18 years of age or older, and have a valid Iowa hunting license and an Iowa migratory bird fee for the current or previous year.
2. Each blind party must pay a \$250 deposit to register for the drawing.
3. If a blind party is not satisfied with blind locations when they are eligible to pick a site, they may pass on a site and they will be refunded the \$250 deposit.
4. If a blind party surrenders their site after the drawing, they will not be eligible to receive their deposit back.
5. Any sites not selected from the drawing can be signed up for on a first-come basis until the next drawing.

### Section C: Blind Construction

1. The blind must be at least 4 feet by 8 feet (sturdy enough to withstand daily usage) and must be maintained in good condition by blind builders throughout the duck season. The blind shall be numbered and the number shall be visible from the outside of the blinds. The blind must be placed within 50 yards of the assigned GPS coordinates from Lee County Conservation
2. Blind is required to have a boat hide that has a minimum inside dimension of 18 feet by 7 1/2 feet and shall be sturdy throughout the season.
3. Blind, boat hide, and dog hide must be constructed of biodegradable materials.
4. Treated lumber, treated plywood, nails, bolts, wire, tin and sheet metal, and other non-biodegradable materials are not allowed unless removed at the predetermined date by Lee County Conservation. No vinyl, or metal netting or fencing (hog panels, cattle fencing, woven wire, etc) may be used.
5. A blind built over water must be of platform construction with the platform constructed above normal water conditions. Or, a floating blind may be used.
6. Blind must be completed (including brushing) one (1) week in advance of the opening date of waterfowl season excludes teal season, at which time the Lee County Conservation shall inspect all blinds and blind sites. Blind builders must post Blind Registration Card in the blind prior to the first day of duck season.

7. No persons shall be allowed to be a blind builder or partner on more than one LCCB blind. Blind building shall be limited to one blind per blind party.
8. Blinds are not allowed to be placed on blind sites until after July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Poles must have reflective tape during blind building.
9. No trees or brush shall be cut from LCCB areas or land designated at LCCB areas. Lotuses may be removed mechanically to allow better access to a blind site.
10. The blind party must post the blind letter in a visible location on the blind so that it may be identified and inspected according to the rules.
11. Lee County Conservation reserves the right to inspect blinds for structural safety.

#### **Section D: Use of Blinds**

1. Blind party must occupy their blinds by one-half hour before opening hunting hours each day in order to claim their blind for the day. Blinds that are not legally occupied may be claimed on a first-come basis.
2. Claiming or attempting to claim any blind which is legally occupied, and/or harassing, in any manner, the occupants of a blind which has been legally occupied is unlawful.
3. The insertion of a boat into the boat hide and/or the spreading of decoys before a blind is occupied shall not be considered legal occupation of a blind.
4. Blind sites shall be allocated by main drawing for a period of one year
5. Persons under 16 years of age shall not hunt or attempt to hunt unless accompanied by an adult due to safety factors.
6. Blinds shall not be locked and no boat shall be left in an unoccupied blind.
7. All hunting parties shall hunt over a spread of at least 12 factory made decoys that have waterfowl likeness. Decoys must be stake, placed, or floating, be individually visible, must be at least 8 inches long, and not be within a boat, blind, or container.
8. Any type of plastic containers designed for other uses (i.e. milk, soda, chemical, laundry soap, and oil) are not allowed to be used as decoys.
9. The Lee County Conservation Board is not responsible for decoys left on the area. Decoys left at a blind overnight are done so at the hunters own risk of loss.
10. No person shall buy, sell, or commercialize hunting rights – either directly or indirectly.
11. Statewide shooting hours shall prevail during regular duck season

#### **Section E: Blind Removal**

1. All blinds shall be removed prior to the end of duck season.
2. Lee County Conservation reserves the right to require the blinds to be removed earlier due to weather and pool conditions. Lee County Conservation will provide updates starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of November. Hunters should check the LCCB's website daily for blind removal updates.

**Section F: Failure to Comply**

**Failure to comply with any above outlined sections of this agreement will result in the forfeiture of the \$250.00 deposit and may result in the banning of all individual members of the hunting parties in violation of this agreement from participating in the next three drawings.**

**Section G: Hold Harmless**

Hunting can be a dangerous activity. All hunters should exercise due care and strictly follow state and federal law and the rules of good sportsmanship. The Lee County Conservation Board has no responsibility over the construction or maintenance of blinds. All persons should understand that they are entering at their own risk and assuming all risks. No representation is made that the placement of the blind is safe, that it is an appropriate distant from other blinds or hunters, or that the river current and or sediment is appropriate in that area. By signing this application, the undersigned is agreeing to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Lee County, the Lee County Conservation Board members, its employees, officers, and agent from any an all liability, claims, demands, costs, and expenses including attorney fees, except for gross negligence. This specifically includes holding harmless personal injury, death, damage to property, or theft.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations for placement of a blind on the Lee County Conservation Board Areas failure to comply with the terms/rules of this agreement will result in the forfeiture of the \$250.00 deposit and may result in all individual members of the blind party in violation of this agreement from participating in the next three blind drawings.

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