

# VDHA – Member Code of Conduct Acknowledgement

By applying for or renewing membership of the Victorian Duck Hunters Association (VDHA), I agree that I will:

## 1. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- Hold all relevant and required licenses (Game License for duck, Firearms Licence, etc.).
- Follow all relevant game, wildlife and firearms laws and regulations.

## 2. PRIORITISE SAFETY

- Handle firearms safely at all times and never use them while affected by alcohol or drugs.
- At all VDHA endorsed events, follow the directions of the VDHA hunting officer and all authorized representatives and report serious safety concerns.

## 3. HUNT ETHICALLY

- Take clear, humane shots only and make every effort to retrieve and humanely dispatch downed birds.
- Respect bag limits and harvested game, never deliberately wasting game meat.

## 4. RESPECT LAND AND PEOPLE

- Look after wetlands and property, remove rubbish and respect landholder conditions.
- Obtaining permission from private landowners prior to hunt.
- Avoid aggressive or confrontational behavior — in the field or online.
- Treat members, volunteers, landholders, officials and the public with courtesy; no bullying, harassment or discrimination.

## 5. PROTECT VDHA'S REPUTATION

- Behave responsibly at events and online, and not claim to speak for VDHA unless authorised.
- Use club property and funds only for proper club purposes.
- Not bring duck hunting or the VDHA into disrepute.

**Member Declaration** I confirm that I have read and understood the above VDHA Member Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it. I understand that breaches may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or cancellation of my membership in accordance with the VDHA constitution.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Type:  New member  Renewal