

**ALTON WOODRIVER SPORTMEN`S CLUB**  
**DEER RULES**

- 1.** Each of the firearm seasons will start with the initial draw among the eligible adult hunters.
  - Draw will be held 90 minutes before shooting time.
  - If there are any remaining stands after the initial draw then there will be a secondary draw for those who did not qualify for the initial draw. (See rule #3)
  - If there is a stand available after the secondary draw we will draw stands for junior members 16 and over.
  
- 2.** If in the event we have more deer hunters than stands, the following procedures will be followed.
  - All hunters will be designated by their names being drawn at random.
  - The person chosen will have 1 minute to decide on the stand they would like. So on so forth.
  
- 3.** Any hunter that has taken a deer is subject to participate in the secondary draw.
  
- 4.** Deer stand vacated by a hunter because he or she filled their tag or quits hunting will be subject to be taken by a fellow hunter. A hunter wishing to move up to the vacated stand must sign the board to the stand he or she wishes to occupy and must be in that stand within the hour he or she writes their name. If more than one hunter wishes to occupy the available stand they will draw between them only.
  
- 5.** If you have wounded a deer you are able to track it between 10am-2pm or after dark.
  
- 6.** Names of hunters and stands must be posted on the blackboard when drawing or claiming a stand and must be erased when vacating the stand.
  
- 7.** Each hunter may leave the stand for 1 hour and/or rest break. After 2 hours your stand will be declared vacant if you have not returned to it.
  
- 8.** All hunters must comply with Illinois state laws. Tags and hunting license must be presented before you can register for draw.
  
- 9.** Deer driving is prohibited.
  
- 10.** Firearm hunters must hunt from their designated stand. If you are physically unable to climb in the stand you can hunt from the base of the tree.

- 11.** Junior members under the age of 16 must hunt with parent or legal guardian.
  - Junior members over the age of 16 can participate in the junior draw.
- 12.** The number of deer taken by each member shall be limited to 2. Only one buck can be taken prior to first season.
  - A junior member gets one free deer under their parent or legal guardian.
  - Bucks only are allowed to be taken after second gun season.
- 13.** All deer hunters using a permanent or portable tree stand must be secured with a safety device.
- 14.** Portable deer stands will be limited to 2 per person. Portable stands may not be put up before September 1 prior to the current hunting season and must be taken down before March 1 the following year. Stands need to be labeled by owner.
- 15.** A junior member reaching the age of 21 after July 1 deadline, provided they upgrade to adult membership status and have paid their adult dues has the option to:
  - Pay the appropriate dues; or,
  - Pay no dues and finish out the end of the year as a junior member.
- 16.** New members wishing to deer hunt must pay \$275.00. The fee will be \$75.00 if you are a waterfowl member.
- 17.** Eligible hunters will be limited to those listed on the previous year`s deer hunting eligibility list. This limitation is imposed in the interest of safety, preservation, of the deer herd and limited number of suitable areas for quality deer hunting. In order for a junior member to move up to adult eligible status for deer hunting, their parent or legal guardian must be on the deer eligibility list or the junior member must be on it themselves.
- 18.** Any eligible hunter that does not put in the required work time will lose his or her hunting eligibility for that year.
  - Must complete at least 2 work days or can pay \$100 per day for their work days.
  - Junior members age 16 or over are subject to required work days.
- 19.** The deer committee will in the interest of safety, preservation of the deer herd, and the limited number of suitable areas to provide adequate space for quality deer hunting will set the quota for how many deer hunters we can take on that year.
  - Any member wishing to upgrade to deer hunting must tell the deer committee by July1.
  - Only hunters that apply by the July 1 deadline will be considered.
- 20.** All work must be completed on or before 1 month before the start of bow season. Stands that do not comply with the standards set by the deer committee the member responsible will lose hunting privileges unless he or she pays a \$200 fee for not working.
- 21.** Bow hunting is prohibited starting on the Monday before the weekend prior to Thanksgiving week and the Monday after the weekend that is after Thanksgiving through the end of second gun season. During this time, all foot and ATV, UTV traffic (Except for traffic related to waterfowl hunting) is prohibited in the bottoms.

22. #3 trail will be shut down starting bow season to all traffic besides foot. You can take your ATV OR UTV to retrieve a deer in compliance with the deer rules on retrieving a deer.
23. All bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side, youth and seniors are exempt from this rule.
24. Firearm practice shooting will be from 1pm to 2pm during duck season.
25. Any adult member may “adopt” a junior member or junior family member for the entire deer season. The junior member must be an eligible junior member of an adult deer hunter.
  - Adoptions must be designated by the July Sny meeting.

**Violators of these rules will be referred to the board of directors for disciplinary action.**