

## Boone County Conservation District

### Archery Hunt Program Rules and Regulations

Highlighted information indicates a change from the previous year.

#### I. GENERAL

1. Any participant who violates any of the following RULES AND REGULATIONS or conducts themselves in an unethical manner may have their permit revoked.
2. No participant shall hunt without a permit which shall be issued on an annual basis.
3. To be eligible for a permit, every applicant must possess a valid Illinois Hunting License and an Illinois Deer Archery Permit.
4. No participant shall go on private property bordering a conservation area without permission from the adjoining landowner.
5. All State and Federal Game Codes must be followed.
6. Any participant under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
7. All participants must clearly display the Identification Card, supplied by the District on the dashboard of their vehicle and/or when requested by a District employee or Conservation Officer.
8. No participant shall be intoxicated, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages or drugs before or while hunting.
9. All participants must use the established parking lots or designated parking area. No parking along county or township roads.
10. The District reserves the right to suspend hunting at any time in any area for any reason.

#### II. ARCHERY HUNTING

11. All hunters must remain at least 75 feet off all gravel or paved roadways. Hunters must be at least 30 yards inside conservation district property boundaries. At Kinnikinnick – All hunters must remain at least 100 feet from any adjoining property, which typically means remaining on the interior side the equestrian trail.
12. Participants will be limited to one (1) portable tree stand or ground blind. If tree stand is left overnight it must be locked and it is your responsibility. All tree stands must be removed at the conclusion of the last archery hunt day.

13. No nails or spikes are to be driven into the trees. (No boot-type tree climbing aids are allowed.) Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Commercially made screw in type steps are *only* permitted at Distillery/Anderson Woods Conservation Areas.
14. All tree stands must have an ID tag (with BCCD stamped on it.) The tag must be able to be seen from the ground. Any tree stand not tagged with a BCCD issued tag will be in violation and removed.
15. All participants must use a safety belt or rope while in a tree.
16. Deer harvested on District property must be properly tagged before field dressing or moving..
17. Harvested deer must be reported to the BCCD by the hunter who harvested the deer. The following information is required: 1) sex of the deer 2) date & time deer was harvested 3) conservation area where deer was harvested.
18. All harvested deer **must** be tested by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Chronic Wasting Disease as long as the IDNR provides the testing at no cost to BCCD Archery Hunt Program participants.
19. Any participant wishing to track a wounded deer in an adjoining conservation area that is part of the BCCD archery program is allowed to do so.
20. Any participant wishing to track a wounded deer outside the approved conservation area must obtain permission from the private property owners.
21. No field dressing of deer on hiking trails, along roadways, or in parking lot. Do not cover entrails with leaves, grass, etc.
22. No participant may possess firearms while on district property.
23. At Distillery, Beaver Bluffs, O.O. Stimes, LIB, Piscasaw Fen Conservation Areas; No cutting of vegetation which has a stem diameter of larger than two inches. At Kinnikinnick, only minimal trimming of vegetation is allowed.
24. **Use of plastic flagging or spray paint to mark trails is prohibited.**
25. Each participant must qualify by hitting 4 of 5 shots at a 6 inch target at 20 yards (15 yards for non-mechanical bows) with *broadhead or mechanical tipped arrows*. Each participant is allowed 2 attempts to qualify per day with a maximum of 3 total attempts.
26. Qualified individuals **must** be present or have a representative present at the orientation meeting to be eligible for participation. The BCCD may, depending on the circumstances, allow qualified individuals to meet individually with BCCD personnel to satisfy this requirement.

27. Qualified participants may use a crossbow if that individual possesses the proper state document permitting that person's use of the device in archery hunting. Participants over the age of 62 are permitted to use a crossbow, per IDNR regulations.
28. Each participant must carry a safety whistle to be used in the event of a medical emergency and is exclusive for that purpose. Each participant hearing a whistle must respond immediately.
29. No use of ATV's allowed.

**Any participant who violates any of these Rules and Regulations will have their permit revoked. The District reserves the right not to issue a permit to any person, for hunting is a privilege, not a right.**