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Town of Delafield Deer Management/Archery/Crossbow Hunter Rules for 2023-24 season

There are 2 programs involved in our efforts to control the deer population in this area.

NOTE: Hunters that were approved for ANY previous year's program will be required to complete a new application (A1) (C1) for the 2023-24 season.

Hunting from Private Land by **Landowners or by hunters with permission to hunt on private land**. We will provide DNR nuisance antlerless tags to those requesting them via email to (deermanagement@townofdelafeld.org). All new and returning hunters for the program for 2023-24 need to complete application **A1** and submit to the email address below.

Individual hunters may use the Town of Delafield **Sanctioned Stands** located throughout the area. New and returning hunters should complete application **C1**. All hunters will be emailed details on how to sign up for the town sanctioned stands and the locations at the end of August, 2023.

Return all applications via email to deermanagement@townofdelafeld.org

For approved landowners and hunters that will hunt on private property we will email you a tag that you can print out for use. Those hunting from the Town Sanctioned Stands will find the tags clipped to the stands.

- The program is designed for you to harvest antlerless deer using the Town/DNR issued nuisance tags. Per DNR Rule, nuisance tags can only be used for antlerless deer.
- **NO TURKEY HUNTING** while using Town Sanctioned Stands
- Bucks may **ONLY** be harvested using your own state issued Archery/Crossbow Buck tags. If you harvest a Buck without using your own tag, you may be subject to DNR processing for fines and/or forfeiture. Additionally, with this type of violation, you will be removed from the program; unfortunately, because this program is under scrutiny of the community, we have a **ONE STRIKE RULE, NO EXCEPTIONS**.
 - o **NOTE:** There will not be a CWD testing requirement for deer that are not brought to the food pantry. If hunters wish to have their deer CWD tested they may still do so through the normal hunter CWD testing provided by the DNR.
 - ***One of the closest CWD sites is located at Whale Tales Archery in Dousman, WI**

You must report all harvests via email to deermanagement@townofdelafeld.org You must report ALL of the following information when you harvest a deer;

- Date
 - Name of Hunter who harvested the deer & DNR Number
 - Tag Number (Your own tag number for your buck, OR the Nuisance Tag Number used)
 - Stand Number or Private Address where deer was harvested
 - Time of harvest
 - Sex (fawn, doe, spike, buck)
 - o Harvest reports to the state and to the deer management volunteers must be made within 24 hours. Sorry, but this means that hunters harvesting a deer in this program must report the harvest twice. Once to the town, at deermanagement@townofdelafeld.org and then to the state DNR like normal
1. Additional tags may be requested by landowners and private property hunters once a tag is filled.
 2. Unused nuisance tags must be returned to the Delafield Town Hall upon request.

ALL HUNTERS WAIVER INFORMATION

3. You agree to abide by all Town ordinances and DNR regulation pertaining to hunting in the Town of Delafield. You acknowledge that you have reviewed the 2023-24 Deer Harvest Regulations from the DNR, and you will abide by all regulations and restrictions. You must report to the Town of Delafield Deer Management Coordinator (deermanagement@townofdelafield.org) the results of your hunt as outlined herein. Under penalty of law, you swear that the information provided in this application is true & correct to the best of your knowledge & belief. You agree to the waiver of liability. You confirm that you have completed a WI DNR approved hunter safety course. The DNR online course will fulfill this requirement. Additionally, if hunting from a TOWN Sanctioned Stand, you must wear blaze orange or pink on your way to and from these stands. You do not need to wear blaze orange or pink while on stand, except during any gun season. (Wearing blaze orange or pink applies the same as the requirement for bow hunting during any of the gun deer seasons in 2023. (It is the hunter's responsibility to know the law).action for yourself, your executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

(A) You WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to you including traveling to and from this activity: and/or their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents; (B) INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise. You understand while participating in this activity you may be photographed. You agree to allow your photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the activity holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns. **The Accident Waiver/Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. You HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY/ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH HUNTING AS PART OF THIS DEER MANAGERMENT PROGRAM, including by way of example**

and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault. You certify that you are physically fit, have sufficiently prepared, trained and completed the WI DNR approved hunter education program for participation in this activity and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. You certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude your participation in this activity. You acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the activity in which you may participate, and that it will govern your actions and responsibilities at said activity. In consideration of your application and permitting you to participate in this activity, you hereby take FULL responsibility for your actions.

This section applies to those hunters that will hunt from the Town of Delafield Sanctioned Stands.

1. Hunters that were approved and participated in last year's program are NOT automatically approved for the 2023-24 season. All hunters will be issued a new registration number. Only approved licensed deer bow hunters can hunt on town sanctioned bow stands. We do have several two-person or tower stands for youth hunters to hunt with adults.
2. Bow or Crossbow hunting only from Town Sanctioned Stands, no guns!
3. You must complete the application (A1) (C1) and return to deermanagement@townofdelafield.org
4. You must watch the instructional training before submitting your application (C1). The YouTube link is on the application form.
5. Once an application is approved, we will assign a six-digit number to the hunter. The hunter must display this number on their back tag and in the dash of their car. (at least 1 inch letter size) That way we can identify a hunter that may be violating the rules. Hunters must provide their vehicle license plate number on the application. Vehicles parked at designated areas that do not display this 6-digit code may be towed at owner's expense.
6. For safety reasons. Hunters must wear blaze orange or pink on the way to and from all stands.
7. Once approved, hunters will be given a link to the special online reservation system to sign up for days, times and locations.
8. Hunters may have only 3 open reservations at any one time. Once a hunt is in process, or complete, you may sign up for another reservation.
9. Hunters MAY cancel their reservation/s within 24 hours of their hunt. Any cancellation after 24 hours or less of your hunt, without hunting the stand, may count as a minor infraction. THREE minor infractions in the program, will constitute a ONE STRIKE and you will be eliminated from the program.

10. The locations of each stand are listed in the reservation system.

- All stands have a tree strap and eyelet for connecting a full-body safety harness to the tree. While the use of harnesses is not required, it is **STRONGLY** encouraged. Town of Delafield nor its representatives **ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE** for any injury of any sort due to use/non-use of safety straps or harnesses while participating in this program.
- **Hunters should go to/from stands only. NO WANDERING, LOOKING IN WINDOWS, EXPLORING OTHER STAND LOCATIONS, OR OTHERWISE INVESTIGATING PROPERTIES. ANYONE CAUGHT DOING THIS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM.**
 - **NOTE: This does NOT include looking for wounded deer while assisting another hunter to retrieve their harvest. We encourage any/all hunters to help fellow hunters if/when necessary.**
- Hunters using manual bicycles, or electric bicycles to/from stand locations **MAY ONLY ride them on paved surfaces.** NO bikes of any kind may be ridden on any dirt, grass, rock, mulch, leaf, needled, or other natural surface. If you ride your bike, you may walk it to your stand location, or you may wish to lock the bike up to a tree, fence, or other permanent structure prior to finalizing your approach to your stand. The TOWN, and its representatives are **NOT RESPONSIBLE** for any lost, stolen, damaged, or other missing equipment.
- A number of stand sites are a significant walk from the designated parking area/s and hunters are encouraged to have a cart or other means of getting your deer out to your vehicle, if you make a harvest. Additionally, you should be physically fit to make said walk to/from your stand. Again, the TOWN is not responsible for any health-related issues as a result of participating in this program.

11. Hunters must print off the reservation form from the online reservation system and carry this with them on the hunt, or have visual proof of reservation via cell phone or tablet.

12. Once you harvest a deer, PLEASE keep to the following rules;

- If your deer does not drop within site and goes towards another hunter's location, please refrain from going after the animal until after hunting hours are completed for that day, or until later in the morning after your fellow hunter has left their stand, so that you do not ruin someone else's hunt.
- **GUT PILES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A BUCKET OR OTHER MEANS TO TAKE GUTS/ENTRAILS WITH YOU.**

13. You must receive permission from the landowner to retrieve any deer harvested from a Town sanctioned stand that travels to other adjacent private properties.

- This is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to track this information down.
 - There are a number of quality Smart Apps like; Hunstand or OnX Hunt where you can find this information.

14. We encourage hunters not to pass on ANY antlerless deer, regardless of size. The goal of the program is to reduce the herd. We want to use all the nuisance tags awarded to us by the DNR. If you do not want the deer because of the size of the animal, simply donate the deer to the DNR Harvest for the Hungry Program, or find a friend that wants it.

15. You may only hunt from the elevated stands and shoot toward the ground. Shooting on your way to/from the stand is dangerous and could also interfere with another person's hunt.

16. By completing an application for the 2023-24 season you agree to these rules and the waiver.

17. You agree that ANY violation of these rules may eliminate you from this program.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS PROGRAM IS A VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM ON LANDS THAT ARE NOT OURS. IF WE DO NOT CONDUCT OURSELVES PROPERLY, THIS PROGRAM MAY BE TAKEN AWAY AT ANY TIME.

BE SAFE, HAVE FUN, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

*Hunters hunting on Private Land should review all rules listed and abide by any of the rules that are applicable.

SIGNED

DATE