



RULES & REGULATIONS

Hunting at Downers Grove Sportsman's Club



If you have any questions about the Rules & Regulations, please contact the Hunting Chairman.

Club Hunting Rules

1. Only senior members, their spouses and their children (20 years old and younger) may hunt.
NOTE: The exception will be special events approved by the Board of Directors.
2. All hunters must comply with all laws governing FOID cards and game laws pertaining to licensing/stamp requirements. All members of program must follow all game laws along with the special club rules.
3. All hunters must sign in and out on the daily hunting roster located in the pole barn.
4. No hunters should be in the field before shooting hours (*with the exception of deer and waterfowl hunters who can enter the field 1 hour before shooting time.*)
5. No game is to be brought into the clubhouse for any reason!
6. No dogs are to be brought into the clubhouse for any reason!
7. Do not enter or hunt in any field with a standing crop.
8. During Deer season, from **October 1st thru January 15th**, no vehicles are allowed in the fields beyond the parking area.

EXCEPTION: To retrieve your deer or when the Duck and Goose hunters are setting out their decoys.

- a. **Deer Retrieval** - When retrieving deer after the morning hunt make sure all hunters are out of their stands before you go out to retrieve your deer. Once you are sure that all of the hunters are out of their stands you may go and retrieve your deer.
 - b. **Setting up Deer Stands** - Hunters have until **September 30th** to set up their deer stands.
 - c. **Duck & Goose Hunter Decoy Setup** - Drive your car to your hunting area, drop off your decoys, bring your car back to the parking area and then you may go back to your hunting area to set out your decoys.
 - d. **Dove Season** - No vehicles are permitted in the fields while there are dove hunters in the fields. Please ensure you check the sign-in sheet to verify whether or not dove hunters are out in the field.
9. No hunting west of the road going to the pond when the club is open for shooting.

Upland Hunting Rules

1. All hunters must have a current Illinois hunting license.
2. All hunters must wear a blaze orange hat and blaze orange upper outer garment.
3. Hunters not participating in the Preserve Release Program will follow all state laws concerning season dates and limits.
4. All birds harvested must be reported on the daily hunting roster in the pole barn.
5. All birds harvested must have a leg band attached before leaving club grounds.

6. There will be no bird hunting during the Firearms Gun season (either 1st season or 2nd season deer hunting).
7. All Upland Bird hunters will start their hunt at 9:00 am. Upland Bird hunters will hunt only the CRP fields until after the first Shotgun season and then they can hunt anywhere.
8. All pheasants shot from **September 1st thru April 15th** will cost \$10.00 per bird. When pheasant hunting at the club, you may harvest whatever may come up (i.e., 2 roosters, 2 hens or one of each), but you may only take the state limit of 2 birds on any day that you hunt.

Waterfowl Hunting Rules

1. All hunters must sign in and out of the daily roster in the pole barn.
2. When hunting along the river do not shoot over the I&M path.
3. There will be no Waterfowl hunting (Duck or Goose) until after the first Shotgun Deer season.

Deer Hunting Rules

1. You may only take 3 deer from the club ground. This means for both Bow season and Gun season combined together. **NOTE: 3 deer per voting member only.**
2. All hunters must sign in and out on the daily hunting roster in the pole barn. Hunters must mark stand location on the board in the pole barn. When using the stand hang your membership badge on the board.
3. Portable tree stands only! This includes climbing, lock on and ladder. All stands must be marked with owner's name. Ground blinds may be used only during Archery season.
4. Hunters must have a Grundy County permit to hunt during Firearm Deer season.
5. All hunters must sit in their stands where they place them. Once the hunting season begins on **October 1st**, you cannot move your stand for either Archery or Shotgun (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). If you don't have a stand set, you may ask the person if you may sit in his stand if he won't be using it. The owner of the stand has to be in his stand **BEFORE** 6:00 am in the morning or another member can use it after that for the morning hunt. If the owner of the stand isn't in his stand by 4:00 pm during Daylight Savings Time and 2:00 pm after Daylight Savings Time another member can use the stand for the afternoon hunt.
6. There will be no hunting from Nettle School Road west of the clubhouse and north of the clubhouse and east to the dirt road going to the pond while the club is open for shooting.
7. If you hunt south of Old Stage Road do not shoot at the I&M path.
8. There will be no bird hunting during Firearm Gun season (either 1st or 2nd deer hunting season). Make sure of the dates for the deer season before you go out.
9. All bow hunters must attend a bow hunters meeting in **September**.
10. All deer hunters for the Firearm Deer season must attend the meeting in **October**.

Preserve Hunting Rules

To release birds:

1. The Hunting Chairman will release birds periodically for the members throughout the Pheasant hunting season.
2. Members releasing their own birds may only release Quail or Chukars at the club. When you release your birds, you must leave a receipt from the breeder for the Hunting Chairman's records. When releasing your own birds, you may only harvest what you release.

