

2018 Deer Hunting Rules
Resource Enforcement and Compliance Section

1. Seasons, Weapons, Dates, Times and Areas.

<u>SEASON</u>	<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>AREAS</u>
<u>PRE-RIFLE</u>				
Archery Only	Bow	1 or 8 Sept- 28 Oct 18	Weekends & holidays 0515-NLT 2000 Closed	Specific Areas
<u>GENERAL</u>				
Rifle	Rifle, Shotgun w/Slug	3 Nov - 25 Nov 18*	Weekends and holidays 0430-0700 Lottery 0900 Potluck 1000 Walk-ins 1500 NLT Must be in field 2000 NLT Warden access gate closed	Specific Areas

NOTES:

Deer Hunters. Also read the General Hunting Rules that are available at the Wardens Office Building (WOB) number 2648 for further details. Failure to comply with Base, State and federal rules and regulations can/will result in automatic suspension or revocation of privileges.

*Deer Rifle Season: The deer rifle season may be shortened or extended dependent upon hunter effort, take, game management, Fire Danger Rating (FDR), area availability, or for other unanticipated reasons.

Shotgun w/Slug in Special Permission Areas. If no bow hunters are checked into Special Permission Areas during the rifle season, shotgun w/slug hunters may be allowed to hunt those areas. Handguns and buckshot for shotguns are NOT authorized for taking deer.

Archers. Hunter orange is not required for archery hunters during archery only season hunting in exclusive areas. Hunter orange is required when the hunting area is not assigned exclusively to archery hunters. Archers will not possess firearms.

Duck Hunters. The waterfowl hunting season will start after the deer rifle season. Duck hunters will wear hunter orange when moving to and from water within training areas being used by small game hunters unless the waterfowl hunter has exclusive use of the specific area they are checked into.

Coyotes. Rifle deer hunters may also take coyotes while legally hunting deer. Handguns may be carried, but only used for the purpose of hunting coyotes, or to euthanize an injured animal taken legally. Care will be taken as to not spoil the hunting experience and opportunities of other hunters. Report all game taken upon check-out.

2. Quota and Deer Tag Type. CPEN is designated as the CA G-10 zone. Hunters may take only one deer during the season aboard Camp

Pendleton. Hunters can use an AO tag or G-10 either sex tag. No other tags will be accepted.

3. **Obtaining a Camp Pendleton Deer Tag.** Authorized CPEN hunters may purchase a G-10 tag. Hunters must possess a current State hunting license and a CPEN hunting permit first. Qualified hunters must be issued an authorization letter from the WOB to receive a G-10 tag. The WOB will start issuing the G-10 authorization letters on Friday, 10 August 2018. The hunter can then present the letter to the Main Exchange (Star Card Desk) by the front gate on, or after Friday, 10 August, 2018 to purchase and obtain a G-10 tag.

4. **Mandatory Pre-Hunt Safety Brief.** A mandatory orientation/safety brief for all deer rifle/shotgun/crossbow hunters will be conducted at the WOB prior to the rifle hunting season. Detailed lottery procedures will be explained along with information on safety, access and regulations.

a. Briefs are given at the wardens office bleachers behind (west of) building 2648. You need only attend one brief for the hunting year. Your name registration will take place after the briefs to confirm attendance. The briefs last approximately 1-hour each and are held each Saturday and Wednesday in October. Arrive early. Saturday briefs start at 10am and Wednesday briefs start at 5:30pm. You must attend this brief prior to hunting deer with firearms or crossbow.

b. Other safety briefs may be provided in November on a case by case basis for individuals who missed a brief due to deployment, or could not attend a brief due to work-related commitments, family emergencies, or on leave.

c. Lottery Area Preference Sheets (APS) can be completed and turned-in, in-person after you have attended the safety brief. Hunters cannot be placed within the lottery without first purchasing a California hunting license, base hunting permit and attending the safety brief.

5. **Selection Procedures / Area Preference Sheets** (as needed)

a. Rifle/shotgun/crossbow deer hunters must complete and turn in an APS NLT Wednesday COB prior to the deer hunting weekend if they wish to enter the deer rifle hunting lottery system for the upcoming weekend. You may change your APS, but you cannot duplicate your name or your party names on multiple APS or you/your parties APS will be canceled. Successful lottery participants must check in to hunt from 0430-0700. Lottery winners not showing up by 0700 forfeit deer hunting that day. Lottery winners can switch areas from 0800-0900 and from 1200-1500. No hunter can change areas after 1500.

b. Hunter names/parties will be entered into a database and an automated program will randomly assign the hunter(s) into the lottery. Lottery results will be posted on Facebook and/or at the WOB by approximately 1600 each Friday prior to each rifle-hunting weekend, using the party-leaders name.

c. Limited exceptions can be made to the lottery procedures. Some hunters cannot hunt specific dates due to work, leave, death in the family, etc. Requests for exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis. All attempts will be made to provide the hunter with

an enjoyable hunting experience while maintaining the integrity of the lottery system.

d. The last rotation and use of the lottery may end prior to the actual last day of the planned deer rifle season.

6. **Potluck.** Hunters not selected in the lottery may attend a pot-luck draw at 0900. Potluck hunters cannot change areas once assigned. Late arrivals will become walk-in hunters after pot-luck ends.

7. **Walk-ins.** Those hunters not selected in the lottery or potluck may participate on a walk-in basis at 10:00am, if areas are available. Walk-in hunters cannot change areas once assigned. The GWS will not place any hunters into the field after 1500.

8. **Check-in and Checkout Procedures.** All hunters must physically check-in prior to going to the field, and physically check out at the WOB upon completion of hunting. Hunters will physically check out with the REC staff if leaving the Base or going home. Lottery hunters must physically check-in between 0430 and 0700. Hunters who fail to check in by 0700 will lose their eligibility to hunt that day. Ending times for hunting and checking out at the WOB vary; check for details prior to leaving the WOB to make sure you return on time. Breaks from hunting are allowed for lunch not exceeding one (1) hour. If you leave your assigned area in excess of one-hour, you must return to the WOB and surrender that area. You shall drive on the most direct paved/dirt road access/egress routes to and from the area to the WOB.

9. **Deer Stands and Blinds.** Tree stands and freestanding blinds are authorized for use to hunt deer. The stand or blind cannot be attached to, or leaned against, buildings, vehicles, utility poles or other man-made objects. No holes can be dug to help support stands or blinds. Stands and blinds, and use of this equipment, must not damage trees or other vegetation. Use of lumber or hardware (nails, screws, etc.) to temporarily or permanently enhance deer stands is prohibited. Hunters are strongly encouraged to use an appropriate safety harness when hunting from a deer stand. Firearms will be unloaded when transported to and from a deer stand and the ground. Hunters must state their intent to use a stand or blind and its general location during the check-in process. This equipment will be made available to REC staff personnel for inspection upon request. Stands are authorized for daily use only and must be removed when the hunter leaves the field.

10. **Dogs.** Deer hunters are not permitted to have dogs with them in field or in their vehicle while deer hunting on Camp Pendleton.

11. **Downed Deer.** After a hunter downs a legal deer, immediately fill in all required fields of the G-10 or AO tag. The deer should be gutted in the field. Deer gut piles should be left at the least conspicuous place possible. All killed deer (minus entrails must be brought directly to the WOB for data collection and validation of the tag. Do not skin the deer or remove legs in the field. WOB Staff will validate deer tags prior to deer being removed from CPEN. Hunters are

responsible for reporting their deer kill harvest information to CA DFW, or as directed by DFW. Hunters are required to keep a portion of the validated tag attached to the antlers (or ear of an antlerless deer) during the open season and 15 days thereafter. Hunters accidentally taking an illegal deer must bring that deer to the WOB for data collection. Any illegal deer will be seized as required by law; the tag will also be seized; a suspension may be warranted and the hunter will be removed from the deer lottery for that season.

12. **Refrigerator Storage.** Hunters may temporarily store gutted and skinned deer carcasses, at their own risk, in the WOB walk-in refrigerator (if available and space permitting). Do not access the refrigerator without an employee present. Contact WOB staff for appropriate log entries before storing or removing carcasses. You will remove your deer from the refrigerator NLT 1700 on the Wednesday following the weekend the deer was taken (no exceptions). Deer will be disposed of if not picked up in a timely manner. Failure to pick-up your deer carcass on time or wasting deer meat will lead to suspension of hunting privileges and a citation. All deer must be properly tagged while in the refrigerator.

13. **Deer Sighting.** Hunters will carry binoculars to look for deer. Hunters will not use their mounted rifle-scopes as a substitute for binoculars. Hunters observed glassing areas with their mounted rifle-scope will be suspended from deer hunting. Be sure of your target at all times, and also what is behind it prior to discharging your weapon.

14. **Safety.**

a. All firearm hunters and helpers will wear hunter orange or an orange safety vest while hunting, except archers (unless they are within firearm hunting areas). Hunting vests will be worn as the outer most clothing and will be orange in color. A vest will cover the complete front and back upper torso area of the chest and back. Hunter orange shirts or jackets are authorized in place of vests, if no other outer clothing or backpack is worn over the orange shirt or jacket. WOB staff has final say as to how much/what is, or is not hunter orange.

b. Daytime temperatures can reach above 90 degrees. Hunters should carry plenty of water in the field and be aware of proper first aid treatment for heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

c. Smoking is only allowed inside and just next to your vehicle while in the training/hunting areas. You must be familiar with the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) system stipulated for that day. Your hunting privileges can be suspended or revoked if caught smoking away from your vehicle, while in the field or while hunting.

d. The use of trail cameras by sportsmen is prohibited.

e. The use of any type of flying drone is prohibited.

f. Each hunter shall have in his possession a copy of the environmental operations map and be familiar with its contents for the specific hunting area they are hunting.