

2018-2019 General Hunting Rules
Resource Enforcement and Compliance (REC) Section

1. Authorized Personnel and Restrictions.

- a. The following personnel are authorized to hunt aboard Camp Pendleton (CPEN) with the purchase of a hunting permit:
 1. Active duty military
 2. Retired military
 3. DOD civilian and retired DOD employees (see f below)
 4. Active Ready Reserve (ARR) members (see g below)
 5. Dependents with ID cards of authorized personnel
 6. Immediate family members (see h below)
 7. VIP (as authorized by Chief, ES or CPEN Command).
- b. Camp Pendleton hunters must be at least 12 years of age.
- c. Hunters must be at least 18 years old to hunt by themselves.
- d. The general public has not been allowed to hunt or have access to the hunting program since 9-11. This restriction continues.
- e. Authorized personnel are responsible for their immediate family members and may be required to accompany them while hunting.
- f. Retired DOD civilian employees shall have at least 20 years of federal service; completed their service within DOD upon retirement; be age 50 or above, collecting annuity benefits and able to show proof (letter or ID card) of retirement from DOD.
- g. ARR member will show a valid CAC card, be attending monthly drills, attend and meet annual commitments. A letter from your command may be required for proof of your status. May hunt small game, waterfowl and deer with an AO tag only. ARR cannot sponsor others.
- h. Authorized hunters and spouse hunting small game, upland game, or hunting deer with an AO tag can sponsor: grand-mother, grand father, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, and grand-children. Family members 18 years and above can hunt without sponsor.
- i. For waterfowl and G-10 deer archery, shotgun and rifle hunters: The primary authorized waterfowl and G-10 tag holder/hunter may sponsor only one person either their spouse, child, or grandchild.
- j. All hunters shall have and show their valid CA hunting license and appropriate stamps, tags, CPEN hunting permit, and any weapons, hunting equipment, game, or vehicles being used, upon demand.
- k. Only REC employees can provide access to REC programs.

2. Check-in and Check-out Procedures. Hunters must physically check-in prior to going to the field, and physically check-out after hunting at the Warden's Office Building (WOB) number 2648. No hunters will be sent to the field after 1500 (3pm) to ensure safety and also provide a quality hunting experience. Hunters may be required to relinquish their CA hunting license or Base Hunting Permit for the period of time they stay in the field. Hunters must enter assigned areas by the most direct route possible, and return by the most direct route possible. Hunters found in areas not assigned will be removed from the field and suspended. Hunters are responsible for knowing times for 'first and last shot' and 'required return time'. These times are posted daily at the WOB. Hunters must retain and show a fully-feathered wing or head (still attached) on birds taken until they return to their home.

3. Area Availability. Hunting on CPEN is limited to weekends and holidays, or other approved hunting days only. Areas not being used

for training may be made available for hunting, when authorized by G-3/5 (Operations & Training). Hunters can check the Camp Pendleton Game Warden Facebook site or contact the WOB on Friday afternoon to determine areas that are tentatively available for the weekend or holiday. This information can change at any time.

4. **Alcoholic Beverages.** Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited while hunting. No person under the influence of alcohol (or smelling of alcohol) will be allowed to hunt. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in the field is strictly prohibited. If persons smell of, or are observed consuming alcoholic beverages, or if alcohol containers are found in or near hunters, blinds or vehicles, this will result in your immediate removal and suspension of hunting party for a minimum of one year and loss of their CPEN recreational privileges.

5. **Weapons Registration.** All weapons (shotgun, rifle, archery, crossbow equipment, hunting knives, etc.) kept on base overnight for hunting, must be registered with the Provost Marshals Office (PMO), building #1523. PMO can be reached at 760-725-0819. PMO will register weapons from 0730 to 1530, Monday through Friday (except holidays).

6. **Area Boundaries.** Hunters are responsible for knowing and understanding area boundaries for which they are assigned. Hunters must stay within their assigned area. Area boundary aerial maps are available at the WOB and on the Facebook site. These maps provide a basic definition of each specific 'hunting-area' and may show other restrictions that may apply. A CPEN 'Military Installation Map' (MIM) is posted at the WOB for informational purposes. Hunters found scouting, driving through, parked, or hunting in a training area (or within closed areas) other than their assigned area, may be suspended from all hunting. Ask WOB personnel on questions with area boundaries.

a. Hunters entering a training area shall have a copy of the Environmental Operations map specific for that area and abide by any restrictions that is noted on the map.

7. **Violations/Suspensions/Seizures.** Failure to comply with all federal, state, local, Base and REC Section regulations can result in an automatic suspension of hunting privileges. Multiple suspensions can run consecutively or require revocation. Permanent revocation of hunting privileges may result from serious, multiple and/or repeat violations. Individuals notified of suspension of hunting privileges have a maximum of 72 hours to relinquish their hunting permits to the Chief Game Warden. Failure to relinquish the permit within 72 hours of notification will result in automatic suspension of all REC Section privileges for a minimum period of one year from the date of the violation. Applicable fines and punishment through the court systems may also apply. Wardens may seize equipment, game, and permits that relate to specific violations, as a part of their official duties.

8. **Weapons Safety.** It is illegal to place on, carry, or possess a loaded weapon (chambered round) in any vehicle, its conveyance, or its attachments. Weapons must be unloaded with mechanical safety engaged

if hunters are not ready to shoot in the field. Always visually and physically check weapons prior to transporting/storing them. No hunter will notch or fit the end of an arrow to a bow or bolt to a crossbow string in a ready to fire position while in/on any vehicle. All firearms must be stored unloaded and within a soft or hard case while transporting firearms in a vehicle. All ammunition shall be stored separately from all firearms.

9. **Scouting**. Hunters may scout available hunting areas (space permitting). All hunting regulations and rules apply.

10. **Hunter Helpers (assist a hunter but does not hunt)**. No General Public helpers are allowed within the hunting program. Authorized helpers must stay with their sponsor and will NOT carry a weapon. If a helper carries/uses a weapon, the helper and all members of the hunting party will be suspended. A helper must also physically check-in and check-out and are required to wear hunter orange vests (except for archery/waterfowl hunters in archery/waterfowl areas).

11. **Litter**. Hunters are responsible for the general cleanliness of their assigned areas or blinds, regardless of the condition at the beginning of the hunting day. Hunters that litter or leave their area or blind without policing the area for litter may be suspended. Hunters are also required to retrieve their expended shells.

12. **Displaying of Vehicle Pass**. Hunters must properly display their WOB issued vehicle pass on their dash-board at all times when using REC programs and while driving or parked within training areas.

13. **Weapons/Ammunition and Equipment**

a. **Authorized Weapons/Ammunition/Equipment**.

1. During the deer season while hunting deer, only rifles (.223+), shotguns (with slugs), crossbows and archery equipment conforming to CDFG regulations may be used.

2. A center-fire handgun with a minimum 4-inch barrel length may be carried in the field, but only used for the purpose of hunting coyotes, or to euthanize an injured animal taken legally (except archery deer hunters because no firearms are authorized).

3. Only archery (not crossbow) and shotgun equipment may be used in Special Permission Areas during appropriate seasons.

4. Shotgun deer hunters can only use slug-round shotgun ammunition for deer hunting.

5. Shotgun hunters cannot possess more than three shells within their shotgun. Not more than two shells shall fit in the magazine of the weapon. Follow CA/federal laws when plugging shotguns.

6. Waterfowl hunters cannot possess (on person) or place within their immediate hunting area, lead shot while in the field.

7. Only single shot weapons are authorized (i.e. ... one trigger-pull, one round down range) and no burst switch on weapon.

8. A rifle (.17 caliber or larger) may be used to take rabbit and squirrel, and a rifle (.223 caliber or larger using center-

fire cartridges with a soft-nose or expanding projectile) shall be used to take coyotes and deer.

9. Electronic call devices are only authorized for coyotes.

10. No manual tie/lure or similar type devices are allowed.

11. Baiting (food), or use of a bait (salt or other products) used to attract animals, is prohibited.

12. No electronic or manually controlled decoys allowed.

13. Hunting with lead is only authorized while hunting with a shotgun and while hunting dove and quail. Hunting all other species is now lead free. No lead ammunition shall be used as a part of the hunting program for any species starting in July 2019.

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

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

b. Unauthorized Weapons/Shooting.

1. No burst type weapons can be used.

2. No military issued weapons are authorized for hunting.

3. Hunting weapons must meet CA, CA F&W and CA DOJ requirements and not have a folding stock.

4. Muzzle loading, black powder and percussion type weapons are not permitted for hunting on base due to potential fire hazards.

5. Clean kills with a shotgun are seldom made at ranges in excess of 35-45 yards. "Sky blasting" at 50+ yards spoils the hunting for everyone and results in an increase in crippled birds and game.

6. Long shots or sky blasting is prohibited.

7. No pellet, BB, or air type weapons are authorized.

8. The REC staff has final say as to what weapon is allowed, or is safe for use on Camp Pendleton.

14. Special Permission Areas. The following areas are 'shotgun and/ or archery only: Bravo-3, Juliet, Mike, November, Santa Margarita River-1 (SMR-1) from above Stuart Mesa Road (grid line 64) upstream to below Rifle Range road (with archery area extending further upstream in the basin only to grid line 67), SMR-2 east of Basilone Road (grid 86.5) upstream to the India area boundary, Christianitos Creek (CC) south of grid line 01 and north of grid line 99 and east to the west banks of the river basin (if used), and parts of Oscar 1-2 areas (refer to WOB maps). The REC Section may add, change, or remove areas or boundaries to meet mission or safety objectives. Bravo-3 may be used for rifle hunting if other areas become unavailable, or during the deer rifle season, as needed by the REC.

15. Vehicles/Roads/Travel.

a. Sedan, motorcycle, bicycle, and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) use is prohibited. Only legally registered and insured vehicles/POV that are considered high clearance (SUV's, jeeps, trucks) are permitted in training/hunting area on designated dirt and hard surface roads. POVs are NOT permitted on firebreaks or jeep trails where no roads exist.

b. It is the responsibility of the hunter to be able to distinguish between a dirt access road and a firebreak or trail. If unsure, hunters should consult with WOB staff prior to entering their

hunting area or not access that area. Hunters must have proper safety equipment in their vehicles and be aware of current road conditions.

c. Hunters, whose vehicle has broken down, or stuck, must call the WOB first at 760-725-3360. For towing assistance call the Base approved tow company 'Tow Wizard' directly at 760-757-0975 so the off-base wrecker can remove your vehicle from the hunting area. WOB personnel are prohibited from towing vehicles.

d. Hunters must park their vehicle within or immediately adjacent to the area they are assigned to hunt. Those hunters planning to park in one area and walk into another area must obtain permission from WOB personnel prior to going to the field. Failure to receive an alternate parking spot can result in a suspension of privileges.

e. Other travel considerations will be made on a case-by case basis at the discretion and advance coordination with the REC Chief.

16. **Impact Areas/Ranges.** Hunters will not enter impact areas or ranges designated on the CPEN MIM (i.e. ... Zulu, Whiskey, Quebec, Ranges) and other areas limiting access. Impact areas and ranges are off-limits at all times unless authorized in advance. Hunting in Yankee is north of Jardine Canyon road. Any ordnance shells and material found in any area will not be handled or disturbed for any reason. Report found ordnance immediately to WOB staff.

17. **Changing Areas**

a. Once small game, archery, and waterfowl hunters have physically checked-in at the WOB and are sent to the field they may telephone the WOB after 9am to change areas.

b. Rifle/shotgun deer hunters must physically return to the WOB to change areas or when changing the species they are hunting.

18. **Hunting Dogs and Training.**

a. Hunters may train/practice with their dogs between 1 July 2018 and 27 January 2019, provided such birds are not killed, captured, or injured and no instrument (weapon) capable of killing, capturing, or injuring the animal will be possessed by the trainer or other persons.

b. No domestic, or other birds/game will be released on Base.

c. Only authorized manufactured training devices may be used during the training as authorized by the REC Section.

d. Hunters must physically check-in at the WOB for guidance on times and areas. Dog owners will comply with the Base leash regulations when they are not within their assigned training area.

e. Hunters cannot use dogs small game hunting within a deer hunting area during deer season; No more than two dogs may be used.

f. Dogs must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times and cannot interfere with other hunters in the field.

g. Hunters must follow leash laws and dogs must be leashed when not being used for hunting within training areas.

h. Hunting dogs shall only train or be used for hunting/retrieval of squirrel, rabbit, dove, quail, pigeon, and waterfowl on CPEN.

19. **Safety.**

a. Hunters are required to wear a hunter orange vest. Most hunters wear a safety vest. Exceptions are waterfowl and archery deer hunters while hunting in a non co-use area.

b. A hunter orange shirt or safety vest must cover the front and back portion of the upper torso. Other clothing shall not cover the orange so the orange color is visible to other recreational users.

c. REC staff has final say as to what is or is not hunter orange and how much torso area is covered.

d. Waterfowl and archery deer hunters are not required to wear an orange safety vest when they have exclusive use of the hunting area and no other type of hunting is allowed in their assigned area.

e. Children ages 12 through 17 must be accompanied by an adult who has authorized hunting privileges. These children can only carry a weapon as authorized by law and who have obtained a hunting permit. The adult sponsor is responsible for all actions of sponsored hunters.

f. Fixed rifle scopes will not be used for 'glassing' an area.

g. Target plinking is strictly prohibited.

h. Hunters must always be aware of their surroundings, especially the area between or behind the game they are shooting.

i. Leave all unexploded ordnance alone and report it to the WOB.

j. Smoking is not authorized while hunting in the field, except within vehicles.

k. Do not block roads or access to equipment, poles, structures or out-buildings and park off of roads and away from these structures.

l. Park in established parking areas or next to roads where there is bare earth only.

m. Weapons cannot be discharged within 150 yards, along or across any main (paved) or secondary (primary) dirt roads, near buildings, out-buildings, or other structures. This is a safety or buffer zone.

n. Violations of 'hunter-ethic' values and poor judgement can result in suspension of hunting privileges.

o. 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.