

WARD LAKE

2016 – 2017 Deer Hunting Regulations

The membership will be provided with three picture lists from the camera survey: **Protected Bucks**, **Trophy Buck** Shoot List, and **Management Buck** Shoot List.

Protected Buck Criteria:

1. **6 bucks** have been put on the **Protected Buck List** for the 2016 – 2017 hunting season. These bucks are **NOT to be shot** under any circumstance regardless of age, points, health conditions, or B&C score. Harvesting a deer from the **Protected Buck List** will result in the membership losing all deer hunting privileges at Ward Lake for the remainder of the current season and also for the entire 2017 -2018 hunting season. Additionally the membership will not get to keep the antlers and the club will retain possession of them.
2. Every membership is required to harvest at least 1 Doe if they deer hunt at all, and they must kill an additional Doe for each buck they harvest.
3. Each membership is allowed to harvest one legal trophy buck.
4. **Trophy Bucks Eligible for Harvest:**
 - a. Any 4.5 year old with **8 mainframe points Only**, that scores 125" gross B&C or greater.
 - b. Any 5.5+ year old buck that scores 140" gross B&C or greater that is NOT on the Protected Buck List.
 - c. Any buck on the **Trophy Buck Shoot List**.
5. The harvest of an illegal Trophy Buck will result in the membership losing the privilege to harvest any more bucks for the remainder of the current season and for all of the 2017 -2018 season.
6. All broken tines and broken main beams will be counted as true points and measurements will be taken to match the unbroken side in order to determine the final B&C score for the deer.
7. If a child or grandchild of a member that is 15 years of age or younger kills a buck with 8 main frame points or less that does not qualify under the trophy buck criteria or management buck criteria, that membership will not be penalized if it is the child's first ever buck harvest.
8. All harvested deer must be brought to the skinning rack where they will be weighed, picture taken, jawbone removed and bucks measured before being taken off the club property. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Chris Doss, Marc Dulaney, Steve Hanlon, Tom Hill, or John Sherard will carry out these tasks.
9. During the entire deer season (10/1/16 thru 1/31/17), the Connell, Caretaker, Dam, Green Gate Road, and the Pump Road to the big right turn are open for traffic. **All other roads are closed**, except to remove game or move stands. Please remember to be courteous of other hunters and refrain from driving roads before 10:00am and after 2:00pm. In the afternoons, please do not drive out before legal shooting time is over (30 minutes after sunset) unless it's an emergency. Please don't block roads with vehicles.
10. Every Hunter must fill out an observation book. Please see Chris Doss to get these and return to him or Tom Hill after hunting season is over.
11. Lures, baits, salt licks, mineral blocks, and feeders are **NOT ALLOWED**.

All disputes or questionable issues that may arise will be discussed by the co-managers and the deer committee along with the consulting wildlife biologist to determine the best course of action.