

## NORTH STONINGTON/VOLUNTOWN DEER HUNTING

REV. 4/12/25

1. Deer hunting is allowed in the following seasons;  
Private Land – Archery, Shotgun/Rifle/Revolver, and Muzzleloader
2. Private Land Consent Forms should be completely filled out prior to being signed by any of the authorized Club Executive Board members or Committee Chairmen. These forms can be signed by either the Club President, the Vice President, and any of the Stonington Wildlife/Habitat, Game Committee, North Stonington Grounds or North Stonington House/Barn chairmen.
3. Hunting by family members (Eligible family members are the spouse, and children, grandchildren, and stepchildren who are under 18 years old) is allowed. Family members must have their own, signed Private Land Consent forms and can only hunt when accompanied by the related Club member. A Club member may accompany only one Family member at a time. The Club member is responsible for the actions of their family members.
4. The bag limit on the Voluntown/North Stonington property is no more than two deer (one deer of either sex and one antlerless deer) per member per calendar year. Deer taken by Family members apply to the member's annual Club bag limit on the Voluntown/North Stonington property.
5. Adult Family members must hunt within 100 yards of the related Club member to allow easy verbal communication. Family members holding a Connecticut Junior Hunting License must hunt in the immediate vicinity of the related Club member to allow full supervision at all times.
6. The construction and/or use of permanent tree stands or putting nails or spikes in trees are prohibited on Club property.
8. All deer hunting, including youth hunts will be conducted in full compliance with Connecticut Hunting Laws and Regulations. In addition, firearms hunters must wear an orange hat, and archery deer hunters must wear hunter orange while moving to and from their tree stands.
9. Deer hunters hunting at the Voluntown/North Stonington property must sign in and out in the Deer Hunting log book.
10. Portable tree stands and ground blinds may be installed after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Portable tree stands and ground blinds may be installed prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> with verbal permission from the Game Committee Chairman. All portable tree stands and ground blinds must be clearly marked (visible from the ground) with the owner's name, membership number and the month and year they were installed. Hunters using tree stands must use a fall arrest system (e.g. a full-body harness) manufactured to Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA) standards. Hunters use tree stands at their own risk. All tree stands and ground blinds must be removed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Members are encouraged to thoroughly inspect their tree stands and repair/replace any worn or rusted parts prior to installing them each season.
11. The use of artificial attractants (i.e. bait) is not allowed during the deer hunting seasons. Artificial attractants include but are not limited to:
  - a. Minerals or chemicals that are intended to be eaten by deer (e.g., salt licks) and,
  - b. Artificial or natural foods scattered, distributed or deposited (e.g., hay, grain, fruit, nuts) that may be eaten by deer.The use of bait is allowed outside the deer and spring turkey hunting seasons as a means to attract wildlife for scouting purposes (e.g. to a trail camera site). Bait used for this purpose must be totally consumed or removed prior to the deer or spring turkey hunting seasons.
12. Practice safe hunting at all times. Positively identify your target and what lies beyond. Take only safe and ethical shots. Don't take shots at deer that are sky lined at the tops of ridges. There is no way to tell where that bullet will land. Don't take shots at running deer. You won't be able to determine if other hunters are nearby or in your line of fire, and you are much more likely to wound the deer than to make a quick ethical kill. Don't load or unload your firearm in the parking lot and always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
13. Members are allowed to put personal trail cameras on Club property. Members trail cameras must have their member number on it where it's easy to read and using a permanent marker (like a Sharpie).