

**Newman Catholic Schools
Rudolph Environmental Center
Deer Hunting Regulations**

10-01-2019

I. General Rules – Ethics - Reminders

A. **State deer bow hunting laws and regulations apply. This will be a bow or cross bow only hunt.** In addition, because the Rudolph Environmental Center (REC) is in the Village of Weston, all hunters will follow Article III Hunting of the web version of the Village of Weston Code of Ordinances. In accordance with the most current official “Village of Weston Non-restrictive Hunting Zone Maps” created July 2015 or its successor, this will be a bow or cross bow only hunt.

The Village of Weston Non-restrictive Hunting Zone Maps can be found at this link:
<https://westonwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2048/Village-Hunting-Map?bidId=>

Article III Hunting of the the web version of the Village of Weston Code of Ordinances can be found at this link:

<https://westonwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/45/10---Animals?bidId>

B. All hunters will apply strict adherence to ethical hunting standards, including safety, clean kill, respecting property rights of neighbors and the REC, and leave no trace recreation.

C. Baiting is not allowed in Marathon County.

D. Blaze orange guidelines must be followed during any statewide gun deer hunt, even while bow hunting.

II. Pre-Hunt

A. Hunter selection & timing

1. Newman Catholic Schools (NCS) will allow members of the Rudolph Family, NCS Faculty and Staff, and one NCS auction winner and guest to hunt.

2. Youth hunters (17 or younger) must be accompanied by an adult mentor who must have hunting experience, valid hunting license, and be at least 21 years old.

3. No more than 2 hunters, not including mentors, will be allowed to hunt at a time.

4. Hunters will have only one weekend to hunt and may bring a guest.

5. No hunting will take place on Halloween day or eve or when the Village of Weston Trick-or Treat takes place.

B. REC Pre-hunt Visit

1. Prior to the hunt, hunters must be given a tour of the property so that all property lines are understood. It is recommended that hunters have a smart phone with GPS app similar to On X Hunts. This app has paid features including the ability to see property lines and owners' names. This will aid in seeking permission should there be a need to track deer off of the REC property.
2. Stand selection will be made during this REC visit. Factors to consider will be proximity to adjacent properties, shooting angle and lanes, and tree value.
 - a) All hunting will take place from an elevated climbing tree stand to insure that all shots are angled downward.
 - b) Damage to trees must be kept to a minimum. Wounds in trees have the potential to lead to an infection.
 - c) No screws or bolts may be screwed into trees (ie. steps or bow hangers). This is managed forest and any hardware could be hazardous to people and equipment during future harvest of the tree.
3. Climbing stands may be placed at the base of the tree within one week, no earlier than Saturday morning prior to the hunt weekend.
4. Scouting may be done within one week prior to the hunt during daylight hours and therefore may not include shining deer.

C. Pre hunt ID and paperwork

1. All hunters must complete a Diocese of LaCrosse and NCS hold-harmless/indemnification form.
2. All hunter DNR numbers will be recorded and tags verified by NCS.
3. Two NCS hunting permits will be given to each hunter. Hunters must have those at the REC for *scouting and hunting* proof-of-permission for neighbors and law enforcement officers.

III. Hunt

A. Neighbor notification – NCS has worked hard to cultivate an open discussion and relationship with REC neighbors regarding hunting. Several neighbors are opposed to hunting. It is critical to the future of hunting as part of a holistic forest management program at the REC that all hunters respect property rights of neighbors.

1. Park the vehicle in the REC driveway outside of the gate with the windshield facing out. Additional vehicles must be parked inside the gate. No parking on roadways.
2. Hang one NCS Hunting Permit on the rearview mirror so that it is visible to anyone on Mallard Court.
3. Hang the other NCS Hunting Permit on the "Sledding Hill" trails sign so that it is visible to anyone who enters the REC from the south hill trail.

IV. Harvest

- A. The 2018 REC bow hunt will harvest no more than 3 deer, only one of which may be a buck. All hunters are encouraged to shoot does in order to help to control the local population.
- B. Tracking of a wounded deer must begin within one hour of the shot.
- C. If the deer leaves the REC property, hunters must ask and receive permission of property owners before entering their property.
- D. Unrecovered wounded deer should be reported to Steve Schmidt, REC coordinator at 715-301-0121. Please text if between 8pm and 7am.
- E. Deer must be field dressed on the REC property.
- F. Gut piles should be left at least 100 feet off of wood chipped trails and 100 feet inside of the REC property line.

V. Post Hunt

- A. Remove the NCS Hunting permit from the sledding hill following each day of hunting.
- B. In addition to the state reporting requirements, all harvested deer must be reported to sschmidt@snapshotscience.org or 715-301-0121 within 48 hours of recovery. Please report the same details required of state reporting, ie. Sex, time of kill, etc.
- C. Hunting stands must be removed from the REC before sunset of the Tuesday following the weekend hunt.
- D. Please return all hunting permits to NCS Central Office the week after the hunt.

Thank you for helping NCS manage the deer population. Have a safe and enjoyable hunt!