

2007-2008 Deer Archery Rules

1. Only Property Owners will be allowed to hunt within the specified hunting areas at Oak Run during the 2007-2008 season and the fee will be \$75.00. An Illinois hunting license and Illinois deer tag is needed to apply for an Oak Run permit to hunt. Also, each hunter must show proof of \$100,000 liability insurance.

2. A "sign in sheet" will be placed at the kiosk located at the North Boat Launch. Before going out to hunt, the hunter must sign in personally. This will serve as a guide for compliance of all requirements stipulated above in item 1. In addition to Oak Run security and staff, the hunters will police themselves. After each hunt, the hunter must "**sign out**" at the kiosk. If going out after hours to put up your stand, the bowhunter must sign in. A vehicle card must be displayed in the vehicle's window but no hunting equipment can be carried. The personal card, given along with the vehicle card, **MUST** be carried on the hunter while in the field.

3. Information will go on the sign-in sheets. This information is not voluntary. Please help the program and provide accurate information so that we can better understand and manage our deer herd.

4. All Illinois State Rules and Regulations must be followed. The 2007-2008 archery season will be from October 15th to January 15th. Hunting starts 1/2 hour before sunrise and ends 1/2 hour after sunset. Please remember that a hunter can not carry any type of sidearm while archery hunting.

5. All hunters will be required to attend a rules seminar at which the program will be presented. At the

meeting each member must demonstrate his or her ability with their equipment and pass a proficiency test. Each hunter will be required to sign a waiver and a statement attesting that he or she understands the rules and procedures of the program. **Deadline to register for the 2007-2008 season is October 1st. (Please contact the office for the date and time of the rules seminar.)**

6. All property owners are required to complete the bow hunter application and submit it with a yearly registration fee of \$75.00, which must accompany the application. Make checks payable to Oak Run POA. The Lake Manager/Security personnel will approve applications within the 15 day waiting period. (An additional \$15 fee will be charged for lost cards.)

7. Hunting from tree stands only! No ground stands allowed, No stalking, and No standing at the base of a tree. Hunters must wear a safety harness while hunting. There is a 25 yard maximum shot distance. This shot distance is a safety issue, and must be adhered to. Deer stands must be removed within two weeks of the end of archery season, and may not be put up until the annual hunting area map is established. Illegally set stands will be confiscated, and hunting privileges will be revoked. Stands must be labeled with authorized Oak Run tags and the name, address, and phone number of the owner. Padlocking of stands is encouraged. Any other markings will not be acceptable, and the stand will be confiscated. You will be allowed a **MAXIMUM** of 5 stands. All stand tags are complimentary.

8. In accordance with the archery hunt, every hunter must take one doe minimum first. If a hunter harvests a buck first, he/she will lose their privileges for the remainder of the year and the following year. This archery

program is not a trophy hunt but rather for population reduction. At Oak Run, a buck can **only** be taken after a doe. To take a second buck the hunter must first take a second doe. We feel that restriction of buck harvest will promote the taking of another doe.

9. Hunting is restricted to common areas only! No hunting areas will be located within 100 yards of any dwelling. Only areas highlighted on the map may be hunted. The map serves as a guide, and the responsibility lies on the hunter to maintain the 100 yard distances.

10. The purpose of the vehicle card is to permit parking of vehicles adjacent to the specified hunting areas.

11. Deer taken must be field dressed on common areas only. Deer straying onto private property must be removed to common area for field dressing. Hunters shall be required to retrieve a deer from private property and are responsible to make a reasonable effort to contact the property owner. If the owner objects, the owner then has the responsibility to remove the deer. Illinois law allows the deer to be quartered in the field prior to checking it in. This is not allowed in Oak Run. Deer must be removed **BEFORE** quartering.

12. State law mandates that archery season be closed during the two weekends in November and December in counties which allow shotgun hunting.

13. **Any rule violation will result in immediate revocation of permits and non-approval of applications for the following year.** The personnel in charge will have the authority to extend the denied hunter application depending on the severity of the incident.

14. Harvesting a buck in violation of this program may result in a fine of up to \$550.00.