

# **N.W.C.S.A. PHEASANT HUNTING RULES**

To be able to hunt on N.W.C.S.A. land, all members must:

1.) **Have a valid CT hunting license,** 2.) **Go through the club's Hunter Safety Orientation Walk-thru** to familiarize themselves with the layout of hunting areas and rules, 3.) **Carry current club written hunting permission slip** for the current season on official DEEP forms.

Upon meeting the above requirements, the member will get a new I.D. card indicating that they have hunting privileges. **I.D. card must be worn while hunting on property.** Pheasant hunting is allowed on Saturdays from 8am until sunset and Mondays from 8am until noon, beginning on the opening day of the state pheasant hunting season. All ranges are closed while pheasant hunting is in progress on property on normally scheduled stocking days. Pheasant hunting under the preserve status permit is open 7 days a week September 15<sup>th</sup> through March 31st. Pheasant hunting is only allowed 7 days a week at Wilson's field and Domato's field.

- Only 2 birds per day per hunter, of any combination. There is no season limit.
- Non-members are not allowed to hunt on N.W.C.S.A. property but may observe.
- All CT state hunting laws shall apply while hunting on N.W.C.S.A. property.
- Eye protection shall be worn while hunting in the field.
- "Hunter orange" hats shall be worn along with the state required 400 sq. inches above the waist.
- No more than 16 pheasant hunters will be allowed in the field at one time. Hunting order will be determined by log sign in order.
- No more than 6 hunters per group. Groups shall keep a "safe" distance from each other. **NO CROWDING!**
- There are 2 bird stockings. After the first stocking hunters will be allowed to go into the field at 8AM. Before the second stocking, the Stocking Crew will sound an air horn at 9:30am to indicate that hunters will STOP hunting and leave the fields **immediately**. Any hunter that did not go out on the first stocking will have first priority to hunt on the second stocking.
- Liberation of personally purchased birds is allowed but must be coordinated through game chair.
- Only #6 & #7 ½ shot is allowed for pheasant hunting. This is for safety reasons. **No exceptions!** There shall be no ground shooting of birds. Hunters **MUST** see "Blue Sky" behind bird before shooting.
- All hunters shall report any unsafe hunting conditions immediately to the Game Chairman and fill out an "Incident Report" which are located in club house.
- **All dogs shall be controlled by their handlers at all times. Any hunter with an uncontrolled dog will be asked to leash his dog and discontinue hunting.**
- **Hunter Etiquette:** If a hunter/dog is working a bird and flushes that bird. It is *that* hunter's bird to shoot until the bird is out of *his* shooting range. Please be considerate of other hunters and their dogs. □ Dog handlers shall have their dogs *Honor* other hunter's dogs points.
- All birds taken on property shall be: Logged in the pheasant harvest log with type and sex of bird and tagged (if going to another hunting area) with a club tag with hunters name and date written on them (tags are in box near sign in log) and affix tag to leg of bird before leaving N.W.C.S.A. property.

**\*\*There will be a special stocking on Thanksgiving Day morning and the ranges will be closed from 8am until noon. In addition, the following Friday the ranges will be closed for bird hunting from 8am until noon. After which the ranges will reopen for the rest of the day.**

**\*\*Hunting will start at 8am and continue until 12noon. All hunters shall be out of field by 12 noon after which the ranges will be opened for shooting. If there are any questions, please contact the Game Chairman.**



## NWCSA Rules Regarding Rifle and Revolver Hunting on Club Property

Under current club hunting rules, it is permissible for a club member to hunt small game during the appropriate seasons, with rimfire (.22 and .17 caliber) rifles and handguns. Hunters will follow State of CT laws and regulations found in the current year Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide as to seasons, game and types of firearms able to be used.

NWCSA Officers and Directors have decided to expand hunting opportunity on club land by allowing use of centerfire rifle and revolvers for hunting coyotes, fox and deer during the private land rifle/shotgun/revolver season. Hunting on club grounds will be in accordance with State of CT laws and regulations governing rifle and revolver hunting on private land greater than 10 acres. Some of the regulations include:

- Hunters must carry a current CT hunting license and current club written permission for the current season on official DEEP forms.
- Revolver hunters must also have a Revolver Deer Endorsement with their license, as well as a state/town permit to carry a handgun.
- Hunters are required to wear at least 400 square inches of fluorescent orange clothing above the waist and visible from all sides. An orange hat, in addition to a coat or vest, is strongly recommended. Exemptions are noted in CT hunting regulations.
- It is prohibited to hunt or shoot within 500 feet of an occupied building, or a building storing flammable material.
- Season dates, bag limits, hunting hours and legal rifle caliber (deer, minimum 6mm/.243 caliber) or revolver caliber (deer, minimum .357 caliber) must be adhered to per the current CT hunting regulations.
- Hunting for deer on club property is limited to a blind or tree-stand. No stalking-hunting is permitted; your hunting blind/stand location must be identified with your name tag on the large map in the clubhouse when you go out in the field.

Please be sure to review and abide by ALL specific CT hunting regulations to ensure compliance with state laws. Hunters must sign in and out at the club house, and note their hunting location on the large “Club Grounds map” before going out. Remember, Safety is our highest priority; know your target and what’s beyond!