

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association
HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - 2016

General Rules and Regulations

1.) The rules and regulations as set forth by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will be followed at all times.

2.) Additional rules and regulations as approved by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) will be followed at all times while hunting on NMLRA properties.

Permit Application

Each person desiring to hunt on NMLRA property, including non-paying youth, must apply in person at the office of the NMLRA during normal business hours or by US Mail, and obtain a permit prior to hunting on NMLRA property.

Permits must be properly displayed in the vehicle and on the person, as well as on any blinds while participating in hunting activities on NMLRA property.

Permits issued will be of a distinguishable color (color to change every year) laminated and displayed on the outer clothing of the person participating in hunting activities.

A permit will also be issued for display in the vehicle on the dashboard or hanging from the inside mirror. There will be one permit for each person present in that hunting party visible in the vehicle.

A permit will also be issued for one blind and must be securely attached to the blind. (See blind rules)

Application and Administration fees

Each permit will be accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the NMLRA in the amount of \$10. There is no fee for individuals up to and including the age of 17. This permit is good for one year from the date of purchase and covers any hunting seasons.

NMLRA hunting permits must be accompanied by an Indiana hunting license and any special hunt tags (deer, turkey) as required by IDNR.

Permit application fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Waiver of Liability

Each applicant must include a signed waiver of liability with their application, which is provided in the application packet.

Each application packet will include a permit application, waiver of liability form, and maps designating areas on the NMLRA property where hunting is allowed.

Eligibility Requirements

Every person who participates in' hunting activities on NMLRA property must be it member in good standing of the NMLRA, this includes children, spouses, and significant others. This also includes those who accompany a properly permitted hunter on the NMLRA property.

Hunter Safety

The NMLRA requires that all hunters born after January 1, 1960 must provide proof that they have satisfactorily completed a hunter safety course prior to applying for a permit.

It is strongly recommended that all hunters complete a hunter safety course regardless of age as a method of setting a good example for younger members of the NMLRA.

Hunter's education classes are available as scheduled in the NMLRA education building, through your local IDNR conservation agency, your local sporting goods store, or online courses are available at www.hunter-ed.com. The course must meet approval requirements as set forth by IDNR.

Seasons

Hunting seasons on the NMLRA property will be the same as set forth by IDNR. Hunters are responsible for being informed of season dates as published in the IDNR hunting and fishing guides, published annually. .

Bag limits

Small game and turkey bag limits will be the same as set forth by IDNR.

Deer bag limit: The Deer Bag limit will be set by the NMLRA Board of Directors by the end of the September, 2016 shoot.

The NMLRA Board of Directors will review all bag limits every 3 (three) years to insure proper management of the NMLRA's natural resources.

Hunting Stands and Blinds

No elevated stands are permitted on NMLRA property. Also no nails, spikes or hardware shall be driven into trees.

Blinds policy will follow IDNR rules with the exception that blinds may ONLY be set up 24 (twenty-four) hours before hunting begins and must be removed at check-out. Blinds may not be left on the property after the hunter returns to his/her place of residence. Example: A weekend hunter, hunting Saturday and Sunday, may put a blind up on Friday and must take it down on Sunday. Hunters may not leave blind up for a later return trip to the property.

Natural ground blinds may be used on NMLRA property. Natural ground blinds may be constructed only of natural materials readily available. No cutting of trees or brush to construct a ground blind is allowed.

Blinds found in violation on the NMLRA property will be removed by the staff of the NMLRA. All blinds on the NMLRA property must be properly permitted and labeled.

Vehicles

No motorized vehicles of any kind may be used for hunting activities on the NMLRA property. Only exception to this are vehicles that are used to transport properly permitted individuals who are handicapped and the vehicle must display a valid handicap permit. This is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice ruling, effective March 15, 2011.

No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed off an improved road or access on NMLRA property.

Legal Firearms

Only legal MUZZLE LOADING firearms as defined by IDNR are allowed for hunting on NMLRA property. This includes traditional and inline muzzle loaders that meet all state requirements for hunting.

Legal Archery Equipment

Traditional style longbows re-curve bows and crossbows may be used on NMLRA property. Compound bows of any type or any bow or cross bow that provides a mechanical advantage, i.e.; wheels, pulleys or cams are not allowed on NMLRA property for hunting purposes.

Arrows or bolts used must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by IDNR.

Registration

Hunters are required to sign in at the camp shack upon arrival to property. Hunters must sign out when done hunting and returning to their place of residence. Hunters must report to NMLRA the number of deer or turkey they take during their stay. Failure to do so will result in loss of hunting privileges.

The hunter must sign out if they intend to leave the property for more than a 12-hour period.

Example: A weekend hunter, hunting on Saturday and Sunday, must sign in as soon as he/she arrives on the property and must sign out on Sunday when he/she leaves. The hunter does not have to sign out if going out for dinner.

The NMLRA reserves the right to close certain hunting areas for scheduled events or other

safety concerns.

Notices of closed hunting areas will be posted at the camp shack. Hunters on extended stay should check the camp shack often to be aware of changes during their stay.

It is the hunter's responsibility to be aware of individuals or groups shooting on ranges outside of scheduled NMLRA events.

Code of Conduct

All individuals hunting on NMLRA property are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct as specified in the NMLRA's by-laws.

It is the hunter's responsibility to protect our rights and resources by reporting any violations of this policy to the office at the earliest opportunity during normal business hours.

Any violations of IDNR hunting regulations should be reported immediately to an Indiana Conservation Officer at 1-800-TIP-DNR.

Enforcement

Any member in violation of the Rules and Regulations set forth by the NMLRA Board of Directors will immediately have all hunting privileges on NMLRA property suspended until review and action can be taken by the NMLRA Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Penalties may include a reprimand, suspension of hunting privileges for a determined period of time, and may include other penalties up to and including expulsion from the NMLRA.

Actions taken by the Board of Directors may be appealed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.