

# Rules and Regulation Changes for 2013



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2013 Hunting Season

## 2013-2014 Opening Days

- Archery .....September 28, 2013
- Muzzleloader.....October 19, 2013
- Modern Gun.....November 9, 2013

# Carcass Importation Restrictions



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“Unlawful for hunters to import, transport or possess in Arkansas any portion of a cervid carcass other than the items listed below from outside the boundaries of Arkansas. Excludes those deer taken from within the Mississippi River levees in TN and MS.”

- Antlers and/or antlers attached to clean skull plates or cleaned skulls
- Meat with bones removed
- Cleaned teeth
- Finished taxidermy products
- Hides and tanned products

# Regulation Changes

- Minimum archery draw weight has decreased to 35 pounds.
- Legal archery tackle now excludes arrowheads containing firearm ammunition.
- Slight modification to the boundaries of deer zones 11 & 13.

Added Private Lands Antlerless Only Modern Gun Hunt to deer zone 3.

Minimum archery draw weight – Commission received a request from the Arkansas Bowhunters Association to modify the poundage from 40 to 35. This change had no biological significance.

Legal archery tackle – new equipment is hitting the market that contains firearm ammunition in the arrowheads. This equipment has safety concerns as well as violates the spirit of archery tackle.

# Regulation Changes

Boundaries of 11 & 13 – slight change around the Hot Springs area.

- Does may be harvested during entire muzzleloader and modern gun season in deer zone 11.
- Deer bag limits have changed on several WMAs throughout the state.
- Adult mentors may not possess firearms during the special youth modern gun deer hunts.

Zone 11 change – previous years have been restricted to zone doe quota permits, then doe days. This is the next step that needs to be taken in the total deer herd management concept for zone 11.

The bag limits on several WMAs have changed. Many were in attempt to match the WMA with the surrounding WMA. Hunters will need to check their upcoming hunting guidebook for more information.

Adult mentors – the youth hunt is designed strictly for the youth. We have received many reports of mentoring adults possessing firearms to harvest feral hogs, predators, etc. while the accompanying youth is attempting to deer hunt. These hunts should be limited to youth only.

# Sweet 16 WMAs

## 12/15 Rule

- Dr, Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc
- Harold E. Alexander Spring River
- Hope Upland
- McIlroy Madison County
- Mike Freeze Wattensaw
- Scott Henderson Gulf Mountain
- Shirey Bay Rainey Brake

Moro Big Pine Natural Area

## 15/18 Rule

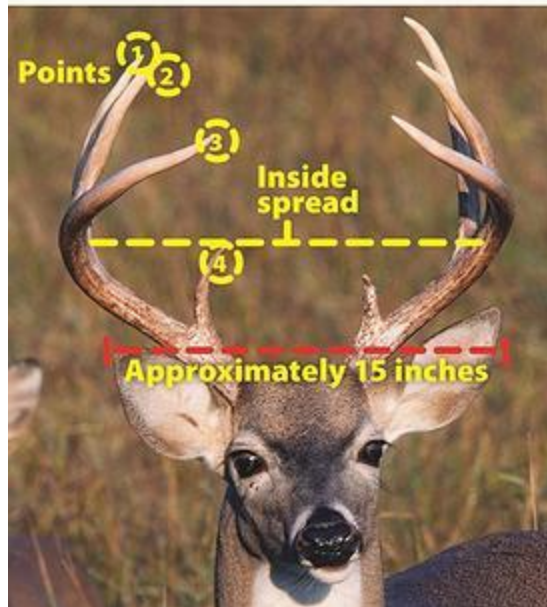
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- Bayou Meto
- Dave Donaldson Black River
- Ed Gordon Point Remove
- Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area East Unit
- Henry Gray Hurricane Lake
- Rick Evans Grandview Prarie
- Sheffield Nelson Dagmar
- Trusten Holder

The Commission approved modification of antler restrictions on all of the Sweet 16 WMAs. This antler restriction is designed to move the majority of the buck harvest into a 3.5 and older age class.

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## Sweet 16 Antler Restrictions



These photos provide a little instruction on judging inside spread and main beam length.

# Reminder...

It is illegal to catch or trap deer of any age. However, deer that were captured prior to July 1, 2012 may be retained until their death.

Pet deer may not be sold, transferred, or released into the wild.

Pet deer must be kept in compliance with fencing requirements and sexes separated.

Important to remind everyone of the deer pet restrictions. This regulation came about because of several people holding pet deer in inhumane and filthy conditions. Also, we have received reports of people being attacked by pet deer, especially bucks.