

Boone County Conservation District 2021-2022

Archery and Firearm Quick Update Guide

1. Important dates

- a. Archery qualifying will be held at the Kishwaukee Valley Conservation Area, 9416 US Highway 20, Garden Prairie, IL. Saturday, May 8th 8am-2pm, Tuesday, May 11th 8am-4:30pm and Thursday May 13th 12pm-7pm. (please note changes in qualifying and fees below)
- b. Firearm lottery deadline- Monday, July 26th at 3:00pm.
- c. Firearm qualifying- Saturday and Sunday, August 28th and 29th 8am-3pm, Wednesday, September 1st 3pm-7pm, Thursday, September 2nd 3pm-7pm, Tuesday, September 7th 3pm-7pm. Inclement weather make-up day, Thursday, September 9th 3pm-7pm.
- d. Archery fees due-Wednesday, September 1st by 4:30 pm.
- e. Archery stand placement (sticker day)- Saturday, September 11th.
- f. Firearm fees due-Friday, October 1st by 4:30 pm.

2. Rule changes

- a. **New** – Penalties for rule violations:
 - a. Failure to have deer tested for CWD – suspension of all future hunting privileges. (this has been the rule for firearm hunting and is now applied to archery hunting).
 - b. Failure to report deer harvest to BCCD – suspension of all hunting privileges for one (1) year.
 - c. Failure to remove deer stand from Conservation Area by the stand removal date will result in the removal of the stand and a \$50 return fee. Hunters may consult with BCCD prior to the stand removal date to seek a waiver depending on the specific circumstance.
 - d. Violation of other BCCD hunting program requirements
- b. **New** - Archery qualifying- Starting in 2021 each participant will pay a \$5 qualification fee as well as a \$50.00 non-refundable* deposit, which will be collected at the qualification site. The \$5 fee helps defray the cost of having BCCD staff oversee the qualifications and the \$50 deposit will be applied to the annual hunting fee (see fee schedule below). *If a participant fails to qualify the \$50 deposit will not be collected.
- c. **New** - Participants choosing to use a cross bow will only be required to hit 3 out of 4 bolts in a 6" target at 20 yards.
- d. **New** - Site classifications- Sites are grouped into 3 different classifications. Each class has a different number of available hunting days.
 - a. **Class 1 site** (21 hunting days) sites open to hunting on select Friday-Sunday weekends throughout the archery season. Lib C/A, Ipsen Rd. C/A, Newburg

Village C/A, and Distillery Road C/A.

- b. **Class 2 site** (54 hunting days) sites open to hunting on select Friday-Sunday weekends until November 15th. Site open to hunting November 15th – January 16th except for firearm seasons. Kinnikkinnick Creek C/A, Piscasaw Fen C/A, County Line East C/A, Silberhorn C/A, Savanna Oaks C/A, Kishwaukee Valley C/A, Funderburg North C/A, and Funderburg south C/A.
 - c. **Class 3 site** (87 hunting days) sites open to hunting from October 1st-January 16th except for firearm seasons. Ballard Farm C/A, Rainbow Gardens C/A, Beaver Bluffs C/A, Luckey Woods C/A, and Sewell C/A.
- e. **New** - Fee Schedule: Beginning in 2021 there will be an increased fee for non-Boone County residents for archery hunting. **All fees are due by September 1st, 2021.**
- a. Class 1 site (21 hunting days)
 - i. Boone County Resident – adult = \$50
 - ii. Boone County Resident – youth = \$25
 - iii. Non-resident – adult = **\$75**
 - iv. Non-resident – youth = **\$30**
 - v. Program Participant Volunteers = Credited fee reduction
 - b. Class 2 site (54 hunting days)
 - i. Boone County Resident – adult = \$75
 - ii. Boone County Resident – youth = \$50
 - iii. Non-resident – adult = **\$110**
 - iv. Non-resident – youth = **\$60**
 - v. Program Participant Volunteers = Credited fee reduction
 - c. Class 3 site (87 hunting days)
 - i. Boone County Resident – adult = \$100
 - ii. Boone County Resident – youth = \$75
 - iii. Non-resident – adult = **\$150**
 - iv. Non-resident – youth = **\$90**
 - v. Program Participant Volunteers = Credited fee reduction

This document is only used to convey updated rules and information. All participants are required to read and understand all rules and regulations.