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(B) Applicants applying for this license must be West Virginia residents and at least 12 years of age.

(C) Class P licenses are nontransferable.

(D) Bona fide resident West Virginia landowners, their resident children, and bona fide resident tenants may hunt on their own land within the boar hunting area without a Class P License.

(E) Wild boar may be legally taken with bow and arrow or any weapon using ammunition legal for taking of deer.

(F) A field tag must be completed and attached to the animal within one (1) hour or in any case prior to its removal from the site where it was killed.

(G) All boar killed must be taken to one of the official boar checking stations within 24 hours. Only personnel from the Wildlife Resources Division will be permitted to examine and tag the boar.

(H) The use of dogs during any phase of hunting is prohibited.

(I) No person shall hunt wild boar between  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after sunset and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise.

(J) The use of baits is prohibited.

(K) There will be concurrent hunting with shotguns only during the wild boar season in the boar hunting area.

#### Section 6. Hunting Bag and Possession Limits

6.01. Deer - One per day, 3 per calendar year. One deer may be taken by bow during archery season; one by bow or gun during the bucks-

8 after third day.

6.11. Red or Gray Fox (Combined) - Twenty-five per day and 25 per season.

6.12. Bobcat - Two per day and two per season.

6.13. Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck or Groundhog, Weasel - No daily or season limit.

6.14. Mourning Doves, Ducks, Geese, Woodcock, Snipe, Gallinules, Virginia, and Sora Rails - Filed separately in accordance with Federal Guidelines.

6.15. Wild Boar - One per day, one per season.

#### Section 7. General Bow and Arrow Hunting Regulations

7.01. A long bow or compound bow may be substituted for a gun during any season for which firearms are legal except during the muzzleloading season.

7.02. Unlawful to hunt on Sunday with a bow except for legal aquatic life.

7.03. For bow and arrow fishing, a resident is required to have a fishing license; a nonresident is required to have a nonresident bow or gun hunting license or nonresident bow-only hunting license.

7.04. Unlawful to have bow in woods during closed season on game animals and non-migratory game birds.

only season (or one by muzzleloader if one has not already been taken during the bucks-only season); and one by either bow or gun during the special antlerless season.

6.02. Black Bear - Only one adult bear by means of gun or bow.

6.03. Wild Turkey - Two turkeys per year only one of which may be taken in fall season. No person may legally take more than two turkeys per calendar year. Two bearded turkeys may be taken in the spring or one bearded turkey in the spring and one of either sex in the fall. In the spring only one bird may be taken per day.

6.04. Raccoon - the bag limit during any 11-hour period beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m. is two raccoons for one person or group of persons as a party and 20 per season.

6.05. Squirrels - Gray, Black, Albino, and Fox - Six in aggregate of all species per day. Possession limit is 24 after third day.

6.06. Ruffed Grouse (native pheasant) - Four per day. Possession limit is 16 after third day.

6.07. Bobwhite Quail - Seven per day, 21 in possession after second day.

6.08. Ring-necked Pheasant - Two per day, two per season.

6.09. Cottontail Rabbit - Five per day, possession limit 20 after third day.

6.10. Snowshoe or Varying Hare - Two per day, possession limit

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after kill is made and before it is skinned or transported beyond the boundaries of any county adjacent to that in which the kill is made.

5.02. Concurrent Hunting During Deer Firearms Season:

(A) All hunting, except for deer, shall be prohibited during the first 3 days of bucks-only deer season in all counties having a bucks-only deer season, provided that hunting for waterfowl shall be permitted on lakes, rivers, and waterways during the open waterfowl season.

(B) Small game hunting permitted beginning the fourth day after the opening date of the bucks-only season.

(C) Shot smaller than #4 and slugs may be carried with a shotgun prior to killing a deer during the concurrent hunting period.

(D) A combination rifle-shotgun (over-under, etc.) is legal for deer hunting and during the concurrent small game period.

(E) After killing a legal deer, a successful hunter shall not be afield with any type gun with solid ball ammunition or, if using a combination rifle-shotgun he shall not have rifle ammunition in his possession.

(F) It shall be unlawful to hunt small game with any centerfire rifle or rifle larger than .22 caliber rimfire, or shotguns using solid ball ammunition in counties not open to firearm deer hunting.

(G) No small game hunting during antlerless deer season in counties or parts of counties having an antlerless deer season.

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(C) Only deer having one or both antlers 3 inches or more in length above the hair will be legal game during the bucks-only hunting season.

(D) No person shall hunt deer with a shotgun using ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball, nor with any rifle using rimfire ammunition of less than .25 caliber. However, this section shall not prohibit any person legally licensed to hunt with a .22 caliber pistol or revolver from humanely killing any deer that has been lawfully wounded or downed by a firearm.

(E) Any rifle using center-fire ammunition or muzzleloading rifle .44 caliber or larger is legal for deer hunting.

(F) No person shall hunt deer between  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after sunset and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise, or kill or wound any deer while the deer is in any stream, lake, or pond.

(G) The carcass of each deer, bear, wild boar, and turkey shall be delivered by the person killing said animal to a conservation officer or an official checking station for checking and retagging within 24 hours

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4.07. It shall be illegal to discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from aircraft, motor-driven watercraft, motor vehicle, any land conveyance or from or across any public road.

Section 5. Hunting Seasons

5.01. Deer Firearms Season - Bucks only - First Monday preceding Thanksgiving for 13 consecutive days in the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Mercer, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood.

No bucks-only firearm deer season in McDowell, Logan, Wyoming and Mingo Counties.

(A) No person may legally take under any condition more than 3 deer per calendar year--one by bow during the archery season; one by gun or bow during the bucks-only season; or one by muzzleloader if not taken by gun during the regular firearms season; and one by either bow or gun during the special antlerless season.

(B) After a person has killed a legal deer by either bow or firearm during the regular bow or firearms season, he may not participate further