



FORT CLARK SPRINGS ASSOCIATION, INC. 2017/2018 HUNTING RULES & REGULATIONS

Welcome to Fort Clark Springs! Thank you for joining us this season. Please read these guidelines carefully and initial where appropriate. You will be asked to sign the last page.

Please check if you are a member of Fort Clark Springs Association. _____

• **All Hunting on FCSA property is in accordance with FCSA Rules & Regulations regarding hunting. Fort Clark Springs Association (FCSA) will hereafter be noted as the “Property Owner.”**

- The FCSA Executive Director, or designated agent, will act as the Hunting Supervisor.
- No one is allowed to hunt on FCSA property without the permission of the property owner. The property owner (FCSA) allows hunting to take place on FCSA property through the following Rules & Regulations. Anyone found to be hunting on FCSA property without the property owner’s consent, or outside the parameter of these Rules & Regulations, will be considered POACHING and will be subject to any and all penalties, fines, and/or legal action, as deemed necessary.
- FCSA Hunting Rules & Regulations and deer harvest availability are subject to change at any time, depending upon the recommendations of Texas Parks & Wildlife, the FCSA Wildlife Management Team or at the discretion of the Property Owner.

• **It is the responsibility of the Hunter & his or her guests to know the following Rules & Regulations before hunting.**

- The Property Owner will set the Hunting Dates.
- All FCSA members must be in ‘Good Standing’ before they are allowed to hunt.
- Hunters are not allowed to wander the grounds, walk to and from a place of residence, rental property or motel with weapons in visible sight.

PLEASE INITIAL THE BELOW:

_____ Payment in full at time of registration is required.

_____ FCSA does not guarantee that any hunter the harvest of any animal.

Refunds / Rescheduling / Transfers / “No Call-No Shows”

We are committed to serving you to the best of our ability; while providing competitive prices for the hunt! Please help us keep our costs down by choosing your dates wisely and committing to your dates!

- **100% of hunting fees must be paid at the time of booking.**
- Cancellations occurring within 10 days of initial registration will be refunded 100% of their fee.
- Rescheduling will be based on availability of new date requested.
- If a cancellation is made after 10 days of initial registration, the entire \$150.00 hunt fee is forfeited.
- “No Call – No Shows” will NOT be given a refund.
- If you make arrangements with an alternate hunter to fill your space, it is up to you to collect, recover, or exchange fees. FCSA will not participate in this type of transfer, but you are welcome to try to fill your spot in the event that you cannot make your hunt.

Fee’s, Penalties and/or Fines

- All Fees, Penalties and/or Fines are at the discretion of the property owner (Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc.), or designated agent. Violations of State or Federal Game Laws will be enforced by State Game Wardens.
- Member rate per day is \$100.00 (1st & 2nd doe, White-tailed or Axis).
Non-Member rate per day is \$150.00 (1st & 2nd doe, White-tailed or Axis).
Member rate per additional doe is \$50.00 (White-tailed or Axis).
Non-Member rate per additional doe is \$100.00 (White-tailed or Axis).

- **Any Whitetail Deer shot or killed that are less than 3 1/2 years of age will incur a \$300.00 penalty fine.**

Additional Fees & Information

- **FCSA enforces a Wounded Animal Policy. If any animal is shot (wounded or killed), then all Rules, Fee’s, Penalties and/or Fines will apply.** Example: If you shoot and draw blood (wounded or killed), but you do not recover the animal, all Rules, Fee’s, Penalties and/or Fines still apply.

- **Trophy hunting will take place in blinds only.** There will be no guided trophy hunts.
- **Trophy White-tailed Buck** – \$500.00 (Any size of horns above and outside of the ears.)
- **Trophy Axis Buck** - \$1,500.00 (All Axis bucks 28 plus inch longest main beam, antlerless bucks and 150 lbs. or better, or any size velvet horned deer will apply).
- **Axis Buck** - \$1000.00 (All Axis bucks from 16 plus inch to 28 inch longest main beam, hard horned antlers only will apply).
- **Axis Buck** - \$500.00 (All Axis buck's from 7 to 16 inch longest main beam, hard horned antlers only will apply).
- **Axis Buck** – 0 to 6 inch longest main beam, hard horned antlers only will apply, there will be no extra charge. This will counted the same as a doe.
- **White-tailed Cull Bucks** – **Free-** 6 points or less, both set of horns must be protruding above the ears and inside of the ears. This is judged by the ears being in the alert position. **Cull Buck's must meet or exceed 3 ½ years of age or incur a penalty fee of \$300.00.**
- **Not a 'Cull Buck':** White-tailed Bucks with horns below the ears (as judged by the ears being in the alert position) will be subject to any and all additional fees, penalties and/or fines.
- **Not a 'Cull Buck':** White-tailed Bucks with one horn (or horns) protruding above the ears and one horn (or horns) protruding below the ears will be subject to any and all additional fees, penalties and/ or fines.
- **Not a 'Cull Buck':** Half horned (wreck) White-tailed Bucks. Bucks (other than spikes) that have half of their horns (wreck), but the other half is missing due to them being knocked off for whatever reason.
- All White-tailed Bucks that are not considered 'Cull' Bucks are considered to be Trophy Deer and subject to all applicable Trophy fee's, penalties and/or fine's.
- **Axis and White-tailed Deer are not allowed to be hunted at night.**
- **Turkey** – No Additional Charge. Bag Limits are as required by Texas Game Law.
- **Javelina** – No Additional Charge. Bag Limits are as required by Texas Game Law.
- **Feral Hogs** - No Additional Charge or Bag Limits.

- **Predator Animals** such as **Coyote, Bobcat, Fox** are free of charge and have no bag limits.
- FCSA is home to the Federally Protected **Blue Indigo Snake**. All Federal laws apply; No one is allowed to kill, harm, harass or try to catch or obtain possession of this snake. Violators will be prosecuted.
- If a hunter shoots an animal that cannot be paid for, it becomes the property of Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. and all additional hunts will be forfeited without refund. Any penalties, fines or other legal action will be at the discretion of the property owner.
- Hunters are not allowed to tamper, alter, damage or destroy any FCSA property including vehicles, hunting equipment, blinds or feeders. Individuals caught doing so will constitute a breach of this contract and all penalties and/or fines (criminal charges) will apply, as set forth by the property owner.
- The hunting experience while on Fort Clark Springs is quite unique and will be considered as Residential Hunting. Fort Clark Springs is approximately 2700 acres of low fenced property, all animals are free-range. While hunting you may hear noises of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Gunfire from the FCSA gun range is also possible. Aircraft noise by planes landing, flying out, or circling the sky above the Fort may also be heard. The deer and other animals residing on FCSA property live and thrive in an urban residential environment and are used to the everyday sounds and interactions of people and pedestrian traffic.

CHECK-IN LOCATION & TIMES

- All hunters must check in at the FCSA Old Motor Pool Building for briefing. Morning hunt check-in time is at 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Afternoon hunt check-in time is at 3:00 p.m. and at sundown, or a proper time, as set by the Fort Clark Hunt Team Leader.

Late arrivals may not be seated.
- All hunters must sign a Liability Release, Authorization of Medical Treatment & Hunting Rules & Regulations before they are able to hunt. All paper work must be handed in prior to the hunt.
- A drawing before each day's hunt will determine hunter placement in the ground blinds.
- **Rifle Hunters** will be allowed to drive their vehicle to a designated parking area and then walk to their designated blind. Hunting or wandering outside of the blind is not permitted.

- **Bow Hunters** will be carried out to their designated blinds by Fort Clark Hunt Team.
- All weapons will be unloaded (no rounds in the chamber) with ‘safety on’ placing weapons (barrel) in a safe direction away from other individuals when traveling to and from the designated hunting blinds.
- **Hunting / Shooting is only allowed in FCSA prescribed blinds and/or ladder stands within the designated hunting areas, as proscribed by Fort Clark Springs Association. “Spot and Stalk” or shooting from vehicles is not allowed.**
- Hunting is only allowed in FCSA designated blinds and/or ladder stands. Anyone caught hunting outside of these areas permitted FCSA Rules & Regulations will not be allowed to continue hunting for the rest of the season and/or future hunts on FCSA property.
- At approximately 10 a.m., all hunters will leave their designated blinds and check back in with FCSA Hunt Team at different designated locations; as assigned by the FCSA Hunt Team. At this time, the hunter(s) will declare and register the animal(s) that have been harvested during the morning hunt. Also at this time, all Whitetail Deer will be registered and tagged by FCSA Hunt Team personnel. MLDP Tags will be provided. Hunters will not tag any Whitetail Deer.
- Afternoon hunt check-in time is at 3:00 p.m. and at sundown or a proper time as set by the FCSA Hunt Team. All hunters will leave their designated blinds and repeat the “Check-In” process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Any hunter(s) who does not follow the FCSA Hunting Rules & Regulations or fails to declare or register any harvested animal by any means, will be subject to immediate action by FCSA.
 - All hunters must shoot in the direction given (from the blind directly to feeder) when they are assigned a blind. No shooting across or outside of blind boundaries will be tolerated. No target practicing or unauthorized shooting is allowed. No shooting skyward (upward) or through/into trees or treetops will be permitted.
 - Hunter will NOT tag White-tailed deer with their own deer tags. MLDP Tags will be provided by the FCSA Hunt Team.
 - All hunting will only take place in blinds and in areas that are designated by the FCSA Hunt Team.
 - An Adult must accompany persons under the age of 16.
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- All ground blinds will be equipped with two chairs. Any additional chairs will be the responsibility of the hunter. If more than one individual is hunting out of the same blind, each individual will be paying as an individual hunter.
 - Hunters will be allowed to only hunt with the weapon (Rifle or Bow/Crossbow) they scheduled to hunt with; changing weapons during a hunt will be at the discretion of the FCSA Hunt Team Leader.
 - FCSA will enforce Texas Hunters' Education requirements: Every Hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunters' Education Training course. Proof of Certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.
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- **Bow Hunters will only be allowed to hunt in elevated tree stands (Ladder Stands only) under the following guidelines:**

- **Ladder Stands.**

- It is the responsibility of the Bow Hunter to bring his or her own equipment (stand). The proper safety equipment will be required to be worn at all times by Bow Hunters while they are hunting in elevated tree/ladder stands of any type.
- FCSA Hunt Team personnel will tell the Bow Hunter where he or she is allowed to place the stand.
- The stand may be put up the day before the Bow Hunter's scheduled hunt and must be taken down and removed at the end of the hunt day.
- It is the hunter's responsibility that their hunting equipment is in excellent working condition prior to hunting. It is also the hunter's responsibility to come prepared for the hunt – this includes both equipment and proper clothing.
- Rifle blinds – Distance from blind-to-feeder is approximately 50 to 100 yds.
- Bow blinds – Average distance from blind-to-feeder is approximately 20 to 30 yds.
- FCSA Hunt Team personnel will maintain hunting blinds & feeders. Hunters will be allowed to bring and distribute their own corn or attractants while hunting.
- Hunters are allowed to use rattling horns and/or mouth or hand held devices to lure deer or turkey while they are hunting.
- There will be no smoking, alcoholic beverages, animals (pets) or littering allowed while hunting.

- **Do not attempt to track or wonder around looking for wounded animals without FCSA Hunt Team personnel being present.**
- **Cleaning and processing of the animal(s) is the responsibility of the hunter.** The hunter may ask a FCSA Volunteer to help with the processing or cleaning of his animal, but it will be at the desecration of the Volunteer. The FCSA Volunteer is not obligated to help the hunter. The Volunteer may ask for compensation for their assistance. This transaction is solely between the Hunter and the Volunteer. FCSA is not responsible for any actions or transactions or agreements thereof.
- FCSA will make a cleaning area available for the hunters.
- **Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.**
- The Hunting Supervisor should be notified prior to any hunt of any medical, physical or mental condition of a hunter that may inhibit, impair or put anyone in jeopardy or danger while on Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. property.

Everyone's safety & wellbeing is FCSA # 1 priority. FCSA reserves the right to deny any individual the availability to hunt. This includes, but is not limited to individuals who are intoxicated, not of sound mind, violating state or federal law, violating FCSA Rules & Regulations, argumentative or aggressive individual's not wanting to follow the property owner's rules, or for any reason the Hunting Team Supervisor feels it necessary for the wellbeing and safety of others.

Any hunter who violates any portion of this contract will constitute a breach of contract and will be subject to the contract's immediate termination. Depending on the circumstances of the breach of contract; the hunter may be subject to any such penalties and/or fines as set forth by the property owner. The hunter will not be allowed to further hunt on FCSA property and any and all additional hunts will be forfeited without refund.

For the hunting season of 2017-2018, Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. will allow only FCSA registered hunters names' to be placed in a drawing for aN Axis Trophy Hunt. The guidelines are as follows:

- **Hunter must have hunted at FCSA during the 2017-2018 hunting season.**
- **Only the registered hunter is allowed to put their name in the drawing (valid upon paid receipt).**
- **If the registered hunter is paying for other individuals to hunt, it will be at the discretion of the paying registered hunter which names are put into the drawing.**
- **Multiple hunts – Name will be entered into drawing per hunt.**
- **Cancellations or refunds will disqualify the hunter from the drawing.**
- **Violations of State Game Laws or FCSA Rules, as written above, will disqualify the hunter from the drawing.**

- The drawing for the free Axis Trophy Hunt will be on the last hunting day of the season.
- The winning Trophy Hunt will take place at the discretion of the property owner.
- The winning Trophy Hunt will take place during the following year's hunting season.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by these FCSA Hunting Rules & Regulations.

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____