

Milton Hershey School Hunting Rules and Regulations

July 2022

1. Hunt Program Eligibility:

All full-time MHS employees and retired full-time MHS employees with a minimum of ten (10) years of service are eligible to participate in Hunting on Milton Hershey School/Hershey Trust property. MHS full-time employees are defined in Policy 3.01 Classifications of Employment.

- a. Hunting on MHS/ Trust property is exclusively limited to whitetail deer. No other game is to be harvested without exclusive permission from the program manager.
- b. Non-Hunting dependents may accompany Hunt Program Participants during their hunt, but are prohibited from hunting unless a Junior Hunter.
- c. Dependents of Active Hunt Program Participants, who hold a Pennsylvania Junior Hunting License may hunt on MHS/Trust property if they are accompanied by their Parent/Legal Guardian who has a valid Pennsylvania Hunting License and is in possession of an armband.
- d. Dependents must hunt stationary and within arm's reach of their Parent/Guardian.
- e. During these hunting experiences, Parent/Guardian and Dependent may not collectively possess more than one lawful hunting device, and the Parent/Guardian must carry the hunting device to and from the hunting location.
- f. Once a hunt area is assigned to a participant, scouting is to only take place in your assigned area unless invited by other participants to assist in their areas.
- g. While an employee is on a leave of absence or long-term Disability (LTD), they are unable to participate in the hunting program. Once the leave or LTD status has ended, hunting privileges may be restored.

2. Licensure Requirements:

Hunters must provide a current Customer Identification Number (CID) and hold a current Pennsylvania hunting license to obtain an armband. Hunters must wear a colored armband, visible on arm or back while hunting, to identify them as a MHS hunter and prevent unauthorized hunters from hunting MHS/Trust property.

- a. Should the issued armband be lost or not returned, please contact the MHS Hunt Administrator.
- b. Hunters must obtain a minimum of one valid antlerless license from the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 5B.

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3. Vehicle Operations:

Hunters must display the issued vehicle tag on the front dash/window of the vehicle at all times while hunting MHS/Trust property.

- a. Vehicles must park outside chained off areas. Chains must not be removed.
- b. There will be no driving or spotting in fields, dirt lanes, or tenant lanes.

4. Allowable Tackle:

Only Shotgun, Archery, or Muzzleloader hunting is permitted on MHS/Trust property.

- a. Archery only hunting will be allowed in Cocoa Avenue Farmland, Hershey Center for Applied Research and Farmland, Hughey Tract, Dearden North and Vista
- b. Archery hunters are required to harvest two antlerless deer for every antler buck.
- c. Only inline muzzleloaders with scopes using pelletized powder and sabots will be permitted for use on the property during the hunting season.
- d. Only shotguns equipped with scopes, rifled barrels, and sabots will be allowed for use during the hunting season.
- e. No trapping is allowed on MHS/Trust property.

5. Deer Herd Hunting Safety:

Due to safety issues, forced movement and/or deer drives are prohibited on MHS/Trust property.

6. Tree Stands:

Hunters using any permanently fixed tree stands must have a MHS placard affixed to the stand in a location that is visible when viewed from the ground. The MHS placards will be provided with the armband.

- a. Deer stand locations must be reviewed and approved by the hunt manager. GPS location of the stand shall be provided to Mike Koegler prior to hunting.
- b. Stands left in the field during the off season must be maintained and/or removed by the owner. Stands abandoned by individuals will forfeit their right in future participation in the Hunt Program.

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7. Hunting Recordkeeping:

Deer hunters will be required to maintain a deer hunting log located on the Milton Hershey School Wildlife Management Program website (<https://hunt.mhs-pa.org>).

8. Revocation of Hunting Privileges:

Eligibility to participate in the MHS Hunting Program may be revoked for the following violations:

- a. Any violation of the Pennsylvania Game Commission Laws. Known violations will be reported immediately to the appropriate authorities.
- b. Hunters must harvest at least one female deer every three years. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in removal from the hunt program
- c. All MHS hunters are required to hunt property a minimum of 5 full days and harvest one deer at least every other year
- d. Hunting without a current MHS armband.
- e. Unauthorized hunter(s) hunting with a permitted hunter. Hunters not permitted to hunt on MHS/Trust property will be subject to immediate prosecution.
- f. Transferring a MHS armband to another hunter.
- g. Not adhering to the above rules and regulations.
- h. Hunting in restricted or off-limit areas.
- i. Hunting in an unsafe manner.
- j. Causing undue property damage or littering.

9. Rules and Regulations Acknowledgement:

Hunters must sign a copy of the Milton Hershey School Rules & Regulations each year in the signature block of the hunt application indicating they understand the above.