

# 2018 FORT KNOX YOUTH GUN DEER HUNTING GUIDELINES

*Note: Changes from 2017 are in italics.*

1. Youths under the age of 16 on 27 October 2018 will be eligible to participate in the Youth Gun Deer Hunt being held on 27-28 October 2018. **Individuals without a valid DoD ID, Common Access Card (CAC), or an Automated Installation Entry (AIE) Pass must first stop at the Visitor's Center located at the Chaffee Gate on Bullion Blvd. and register.**

**All firearms brought onto Fort Knox must be registered with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) prior to purchasing a hunting permit. All hunters 18 and over must present the weapons permit and a photo ID at Installation Access Control Points and when requested by law enforcement.** For more information, contact the Weapons Registration Office at (502) 624-7011 or 7019 or go to the [Weapons Registration webpage](#).

2. The following completed documents must be in your possession at all times while in the hunting areas:

- a. 2018 Kentucky State Junior Hunting License and Kentucky Junior Deer Permit (or Statewide Deer Permit), or a Kentucky Junior Sportsman License, for hunters age 12-15 (out-of-state hunters need a non-resident youth hunting license and deer permit)
- b. 2018 Fort Knox Youth Gun Deer Hunting Permit (paper or electronic copy acceptable)
- c. 2018 Fort Knox Harvest Log
- d. State-issued Hunter Education Certificate required for **all** adults and youths age 12-15. The one-time Kentucky hunter education exemption is acceptable for youth hunters, but the adult must possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate.
- e. All hunters 18 years of age and older must have photo ID.
- f. Copy of the Youth Gun Deer Hunting Area Map printed (or downloaded to a mobile device carried at all times) from iSportsman website for the area they are hunting.

3. Each youth hunter will use their iSportsman account to make hunting area reservations and check-in/out of their hunting area. All youths must display their Fort Knox Youth Gun Deer Hunting Permit in the windshield of the vehicle, along with the accompanying adult's iSportsman Scouting Permit, however, the adult should **NOT** be checked-in through iSportsman, only the youth. Accompanying adults must be 21 years of age or older and have the firearms to be used by their youth registered with Fort Knox DES. Hunters found out of their assigned hunting area will be cited and suspended.

4. Hunting area reservations for Tier 1 youth hunters can be made Friday for Saturday hunting at 0800, Tier 2 at 0900, and Tier 3 at 1300. Reservations can be made until 2359 (Eastern Time). A reservation will assure you a spot in a hunting area for the following day. If a reservation is not made, check-in the following morning beginning at 0400 is permitted if space is available. **ALL** hunters checked into an area on Saturday may reserve that same area they are checked into for Sunday from 0800 to 1300 on Saturday. If you want a different hunting area, you may reserve it on Saturday beginning **NO** earlier than 1300, depending upon availability. Hunt Control personnel will monitor the system during reservation times and hunters reserving an area prior to their assigned times by Tier will have reservations cancelled administratively. Attempting to reserve an area prior to assigned time will result in an administrative hold immediately being placed on the account and a suspension of privileges. Reservations must be checked into on the day of the hunt by 0759 or they expire. A hunter may still check into hunt later than 0759 if space is available.

5. Youths **MUST** check into their hunting area through iSportsman each day, prior to entering the hunting areas. Check-in will begin at 0400 and *no more than two (2) check-ins per day are permitted*. Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until 20 minutes after sunset. All hunters must be checked-out of their hunting area through iSportsman **AND BE PHYSICALLY OUT OF THEIR AREA** by the time indicated on iSportsman at check-in, without exception. Failure to check out on time is grounds for immediate suspension of hunting privileges. Area Guides will be present in each area in the event of an emergency or to help with deer retrieval, but check-in/out with them is not necessary, with the exception of Hunting Areas with range gates, in these areas you must physically check in and out with your Area Guide by the checkout time at the location identified on the youth hunt map to verify you are out of the area so that gates can be secured. The gates to these areas will open in the mornings by 0530.

6. **Bag Limits:** The bag limit for the youth hunt is **one** either sex deer per youth hunter. There is no antler size restriction on these dates for youth hunters. **All deer harvested at Fort Knox must be checked-in through the**

**KDFWR's Telecheck System ([www.fw.ky.gov](http://www.fw.ky.gov) or 1-800-245-4263) by midnight on the day it is harvested. Harvest must also be reported at check-out in the iSportsman system. The confirmation number obtained from the KDFWR Telecheck System must be recorded on the Fort Knox Harvest Log.** Hunters will not kill deer for other persons in their hunting party. Deer harvested on Fort Knox are bonus animals and are in addition to the Kentucky deer bag limits. There is no limit on the number of coyotes or feral hogs that may be taken.

7. When a deer is harvested, you must immediately record the sex, date, time, number of points (1 inch or longer), antler spread 12 inches or greater (True/False), and Hunting Area on the Fort Knox Harvest Log before the animal is moved. A carcass tag is required if a harvested deer leaves the hunter's possession for any reason. A carcass tag can be handwritten and must include the hunter's name and phone number.

8. ALL participants are required to **wear a solid, unbroken blaze orange hat and vest, jacket, or coveralls** at all times while in the hunting areas. Ground blinds may be used, but **must** have a blaze orange patch, a minimum of 12 inches by 12 inches (144 square inches), affixed to **all** sides of the blind.

9. **Legal Hunting Equipment:** 12, 16, or 20 gauge shotguns (**slugs only**), muzzleloading rifles (.38 caliber minimum and .58 caliber maximum), or muzzleloading shotguns with a single projectile slug. Muzzleloader powder charges are limited to a maximum of 100 grains, with no restrictions on priming method. Smokeless powder is prohibited for use in muzzleloaders. Adults **may not** carry firearms during the youth hunt. **Rifles, handguns, and over and under shotgun/rifle combinations are prohibited.**

10. You may have no more than **10 slugs or 10 balls and equivalent black powder** in your possession per hunting day. If you have 10 slugs or muzzleloader bullets on your person and 10 more in your vehicle, you have violated the Fort Knox regulation by having 20 slugs or muzzleloader bullets in your possession. Magazined shotguns will be plugged to hold a **maximum of three slugs**, failure to have shotguns plugged will be grounds for suspension.

11. All guns will be separate from ammunition, unloaded (muzzleloaders deprimed), and fully encased while being transported (*including off-road vehicles*). Guns will be unloaded and **actions open when not in use or at a vehicle**. There will be no hunting within 100 yards of an improved road (asphalt or rock based), structure, checkpoint, or airstrip (HAs 6, 13, 35, and 89). No person shall discharge any firearm, bow, or crossbow upon, over, or across any improved roadway or airstrip. Muzzleloaders that are loaded with powder and ball, but not primed, are considered unloaded.

12. Adults **must** be in a position to take immediate control of a youth's firearm at all times and no more than two youth hunters may hunt with one adult.

13. Only portable tree stands are permitted. Screw-in steps, spikes, and nails that injure trees are prohibited. All stands **and blinds** left unattended in the hunting areas for over 24 hours must be clearly marked with hunter's name and phone number. **All hunters are required to use a safety harness when utilizing a tree stand at Fort Knox.**

14. Youths or adults with a Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit may utilize an off-road vehicle (ORV) to participate in the Fort Knox Youth Gun Deer Hunt. However, the **ONLY** person authorized on the vehicle is the person named on the Vehicle Method Exemption Permit and helmets are required for vehicles not equipped with seat belts and rollcages. A youth hunter accompanied by an adult with a Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit is **not** authorized to ride on the vehicle. **A copy of the Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit must be displayed in the driver's side windshield of the vehicle.** There will be no riding around the hunting area; violators will be removed from the installation.

15. Baiting wildlife, such as placing grains, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables, hay, or any other food materials, whether natural or manufactured, that may lure, entice or attract wildlife, or the possession of such items in the hunting areas is prohibited.

16. Do not tamper with duds or any other objects and report duds to the Hunt Control Office. Watch for open wells and don't cross any streams during high water periods. No open fires allowed, except for an emergency. All hunters are **required** to possess a map of their area printed from the iSportsman website and a **flashlight** while hunting. A compass and/or GPS are highly recommended.

17. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or any intoxicant in the hunting areas or hunting under the influence of any intoxicant is **strictly prohibited**. Glass containers of any type are prohibited in the hunting areas.

18. Privately-owned vehicles are not authorized on unimproved roads, trails, or firebreaks in the hunting areas. Do not park in front of gates or block access to buildings and leave gates as you found them. Hunters must park in or adjacent to their hunting area, accessing hunting area through a non-hunting area or off-limits area is prohibited (e.g., on-post housing). No parking beyond the baseline on Ashley Range (HA 52), Kennedy and Scott Mountain Ranges (HA 54), or McKie Range (HA 59). All rivers within Fort Knox are off limits. All vehicles will be driven by the most direct, authorized route to and from the hunting area; cruising the training complex is not permitted.