

2026 Fort Knox Civilian (Tier 3) Quota Gun Deer Hunt Application Procedures

All persons wishing to hunt or fish on the installation MUST create an iSportsman account and utilize that account to apply for lotteries, reserve, and check in/out of areas, as well as acquire the appropriate permits for the activity desired. A lottery will be conducted to select the number of civilian hunters that are supportable for the **first weekend ONLY** of the Quota Gun Deer Hunt: **21-22 November**. Hunters that wish to hunt 28-29 November and 12-13 December ONLY are NOT required to apply for a lottery and need only to purchase a 2026 Tier 3 General Gun Deer Permit (available beginning 15 October) via iSportsman and follow the 2026 Quota Gun Deer Hunting Guidelines. Civilian hunters that apply for and are **drawn for the 21-22 November weekend lottery** will be permitted to hunt that weekend, as well as 28-29 November and 12-13 December, if so desired. The list below identifies the dates and times applications must be submitted to be considered in the drawing. Once a hunter is drawn for the first weekend, they must log into their iSportsman account and purchase their 2026 21-22 Nov Tier 3 Gun Deer Permit. Areas will be selected and reserved within your iSportsman account on the Friday prior to the hunt no earlier than 1300 (1:00 pm EST).

There is a mandatory antlerless deer harvest for **Tier 3 Civilians ONLY** on the **21-22 November Quota Gun Hunt weekend**. This means that Tier 3 Civilian hunters must harvest one antlerless deer before they are legal to harvest a buck. This is an effort to promote herd health and balance harvest sex ratios. Hunters can remain in the field and continue to hunt after satisfying antlerless harvest requirements. Reporting the antlerless harvest to the mandatory check station may be completed at the conclusion of the hunt. Failure to comply with the required antlerless deer harvest prior to a buck harvest will result in suspension of hunting privileges and prosecution. More details can be found on the 2026 Quota Gun Deer Hunt Guidelines. If you are a Tier 3 Civilian hunter, and do not wish to participate in the mandatory antlerless deer harvest, then do not apply. Simply wait for the 2026 Tier 3 General Gun Deer Permit (available beginning 15 October), as there will be no mandatory antlerless deer harvest restrictions on the 2nd or 3rd Quota Gun Deer Hunts.

Quota Gun Deer Hunt Weekend Dates	Application Begins	Application Deadline	Fee
21-22 November	1 September 1000	15 September 0800	\$5

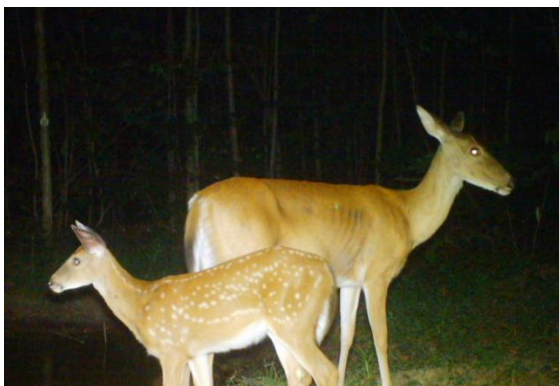
Process to apply for 21-22 November Quota Gun Deer Hunt weekend lottery:

1. Decide if you wish to hunt 21-22 November and find the application deadline in the table above.

2. Hunters may apply as a group of up to 5 hunters. If you wish to apply as a group the first person will select “yes” when asked if hunting in a group (creating a group). They will be given a group hunt code at checkout that will be used by the other hunters in that group when applying for that lottery. They will select “joining a group” when prompted and enter the provided group hunt code. Hunters that are under 16 years of age **MUST NOT** apply for the lottery. These hunters are required to be accompanied by an adult and do not count against the hunter occupancy in the lottery drawings.
3. Log into your account and apply during the timeframe listed above at ftknox.isportsman.net.
4. System generated emails will be sent regarding successful or unsuccessful lottery results for this drawing by 16 September. It is imperative that you ensure your default email address is correct to get the most timely information. Also, you can log into your iSportsman account to determine lottery result.
 - a. Successful result of lottery application – Carefully read the information provided or directions given in email or on your account. Follow instructions for reserving, checking into and out of areas daily as well as telechecking harvested animals as detailed in the 2026 Fort Knox Quota Gun Deer Hunting Guidelines.
 - b. Unsuccessful – If you wish to gun deer hunt on the 28-29 November and/or 12-13 December please purchase a general gun deer permit that will become available in your account 15 October and follow the 2026 Fort Knox Quota Gun Deer Hunting Guidelines.

Hunter Ethics

Know your target before committing a shot. This will help you avoid shooting button bucks, doe fawns, and spikes! It is beneficial on herd health to allow these individuals to reach maturity.



- Fawns are much smaller than most adult does
- Adult does have elongated facial structure and necks
- Fawns have a shortened and compacted body structure
- Fawns can lose their spots by the fall