

CFB BORDEN  
WILD TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Hunting within the CFB Borden training area is authorized on condition of the following regulations:
  - a. Licences. Hunters shall ensure they have in their possession all mandatory hunting documents and licenses;
  - b. Attire. Orange is not required when hunting turkey;
  - c. Ammunitions and Pyrotechnics. Hunters finding any type of training ammunitions or pyrotechnics are not to remove the item from the training area. They are to report the item location to Range Control (RC) Ops Centre;
  - d. Alcohol/Cannabis Consumption. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or cannabis is strictly prohibited;
  - e. Canines. No dogs are permitted in training areas;
  - f. Reporting Harvests. Anything harvested on the Range Training Area (RTA) shall be reported to RC the same day it was harvested; and
  - g. Permitted Firearms. Air or pellet guns, archery, and shotguns (including muzzle loading) not larger than 12 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge, using shot size of 4,5,6 or 7. No centerfire or rimfire rifles/guns are permitted in the RTA. During the spring turkey hunt the archery only areas (A, B1 & B2) remain archery only. If teams would like to hunt the non-archery only areas with archery, they may do so providing every member on their team also uses archery. Under no circumstances will there be both archery and gun hunting taking place in the same area at the same time. During the spring turkey hunt on Sundays no gun hunting is allowed anywhere however you may still hunt with archery as per normal.

RANGE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

2. Hunters shall comply with the following IOT access the RTA:
  - a. Reporting to RC. Every hunter shall individually report to the RC Ops Centre at the start of each day (or when changing areas) to register and sign for keys to training area gates and vehicle passes;
  - b. Area Assignments. Teams shall only hunt within the boundaries of the one area they are assigned to. Spring Turkey hunting is split into AM (2hr15min before sunrise – 12:00) and PM (13:00-19:00). AM hunters shall return to RC and sign back in before 12:00 and PM hunters will not be permitted to sign out until after 13:00. AM hunters shall not enter RC earlier than 2hr15min before sunrise and PM hunters shall not enter RC earlier than 12:45 allowing a 15min window for hunters to decide amongst

themselves what areas their team will be taking. Being first in line does not mean that hunter receives the first pick. Hunters are expected to decide the area allocation amongst themselves in a mature manner, arguing in RC will not be tolerated and everyone involved will have a week of hunting privileges suspended;

- c. Training Area Gates. When accessing the RTA, members shall enter through the gate closest to their assigned area. Training area gates are only to be accessed by use of gate keys and not by jumping fences or gates. It is every hunter's responsibility to ensure that gates are immediately locked and remain locked after entering or exiting the RTA. Failure to immediately lock RTA gates will result in an immediate 30-day suspension from the BBRGC;
- d. Vehicles and Area Passes. Training area passes must be displayed in every vehicle windshield. Vehicles left outside training area gates that are spotted by RC Patrollers will be reported as suspected trespassers to the MPs;
- e. Briefing and Qualification. All hunters shall attend a mandatory annual hunter safety briefing and show proficiency during an annual shooting qualification, with the firearms(s) to be used for the hunt;
- f. Concurrent Hunting Events. During the CDH and spring turkey hunt, no other hunting is permitted. During the deer archery hunt, the only other hunting that is permitted is fall turkey during the month of October however archery deer hunting takes priority. Turkey hunters can not be in the same area as deer hunters unless they are turkey hunting in a registered tree stand/blind. This means turkey hunters that are not hunting in a registered tree stand/blind may be asked to change areas at any time; and
- g. Changing Areas. At RC's discretion, hunters may change the area they are hunting in to a different one that is open providing the entire team moves to the new area.

### OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

3. Areas that are placed out of bounds for hunting are:
  - a. Area G (Blackdown), the drop zones in F, FOB A in I-1, FOB B in I-2, Paintball Range in B2, Outdoor Archery Range in C1, Recovery Site in F and the landfill area in D2;
  - b. All areas depicted on the range training area map in red or within the danger area template (area DA7);
  - c. Hunters are restricted to the boundaries of the one and only area assigned to them by RC, Tree Stand Directors or Hunting Directors. RC always has final authority in area assignments and may change permissions at anytime; and
  - d. In any situation where a hunter is walking or driving in the RTA and sees CAF members conducting training, they shall not drive/walk through or past them. They shall immediately turn around and take the fastest route away from the training.

## LOADING AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

4. The following regulations apply for the loading and discharge of firearms:
  - a. It is unauthorized to carry a loaded firearm or discharge a firearm within 8m/26ft (or across) of all city/RTA roads, buildings/structures of any kind or the training area boundary fence;
  - b. It is unauthorized to carry a loaded firearm or discharge a firearm within 300m for shotgun and 100m for archery of the Env Canada, Rogers and Bell towers in area J. The Gas Gun Range and the Recovery Site in area F as well as the Fire Fighter Training Area (FFTA on map, adjacent to F), Outdoor Archery Range in C1, the landfill area in D2, and the Paintball Range in area B2;
  - c. All firearms (including air or pellet guns) shall be encased, and arrows shall not be notched outside of legal hunting hours (ref para 7. c.);
  - d. Hunters shall not shoot at animals in any situation where the firearm is aimed above the hunter's shoulder (parallel to the ground). Hunters shall not aim towards the boundary of their assigned area (into another area or outside the RTA); and
  - e. Hunters shall always take note of their surroundings, potential targets **and beyond**. Firearms shall never be discharged without **absolute certainty** that the projectile will not contact or ricochet into something the hunter did not intend to shoot.

## COMMUNICATION WITH RANGE CONTROL

5. Hunters shall always carry a cellphone on their person, and it shall remain on for the entire duration of their time in the RTA. The number shall be verified with RC when signing in and RC must have the ability to contact all hunters at any time. Failure to maintain communication will result in the hunter being escorted out of the RTA.

## RECOVERY OF LOST TURKEY

6. The following regulations apply for the recovery of lost turkey:
  - a. Outside Hunting Areas. If the bird flew into any danger area template or outside the hunters designated area, the hunter/team are not authorized to follow the trail to retrieve the bird. The hunter shall immediately contact RC to coordinate assistance or get permission to proceed; and
  - b. Last Light. Should the turkey be lost at last light, hunters shall immediately contact range control and notify them of the situation. RC will allow the hunter to continue their recovery with timings at RC's discretion. Hunters shall ensure they are capable of communication with RC after sunset.

## HUNTING TIMINGS

7. The following regulations apply when travelling to and from hunting areas:
  - a. Morning. A total of 2 hours travel time prior to sunrise is allotted to proceed from RC to hunting areas;
  - b. Evening. When returning from the RTA, 1 hour after legal hunting hours is allowed to return to RC for all areas except for areas J1 & J2 which is allowed 1 ½ hours;
  - c. Legal Hunting Hours. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset for all species/seasons except for spring turkey which is ½ hour before sunrise to 19:00; and
  - d. Roosting. Teams or hunters wishing to roost a wild turkey may be authorized by RC only at the end of the day after reporting to RC as per para 7b. They must fill out all mandatory reports and confirm that the area is clear prior to proceeding back to the training area without firearms. When roosting, timings to return to RC are at RC's discretion.

## HUNTING COORDINATION

8. The only persons authorized to coordinate hunting scheduling, requirements, regulations, or lodge complaints with RC are the Hunting Director and the president of the BBRGC.

## VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS

9. It is **everyone's** responsibility to report safety infractions. If for any safety related reason, a hunter is not comfortable hunting with another member, they shall immediately provide a written statement to the hunting directors. Anyone caught violating the BBRGC Hunting Regulations, provincial laws/regulations or safety brief policies will receive an immediate 30-day suspension from the BBRGC and their membership will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for either temporary or permanent revocation with no refund.

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