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## **TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER CONTROLLED DEER HUNT RULES 2017/2018**

**This is a Township-approved deer cull program; only deer may be hunted and harvested.**

1. All New Jersey Fish & Wildlife rules and regulations and laws apply to this deer hunt. In instances where Hanover Township Rules are more restrictive, all hunters will abide by the Township Rules.
2. No hunter shall have a notched arrow or loaded weapon while walking to and from their deer stand.
3. Any hunter found violating any of the rules may be subject to having their hunting privileges with the Township of Hanover revoked. Additionally, the Chief of Police or his designee may revoke any hunting privileges at any time, for good cause.
4. Hunters must have a valid Deer Management Hunting Permit from the Township of Hanover, a valid New Jersey hunting license, a discharge permit, and where applicable a valid zone permit issued by New Jersey Fish & Wildlife. All these documents must be in their possession while hunting.
5. Hunting on Sundays is prohibited on Township property.
6. Hunters shall hold the Township of Hanover harmless from all suits, judgments, costs, fees, actions, attorney's fees, and claims of like nature by signing a written release.
7. Hunters shall have a sportsman liability insurance policy acceptable to the Township.
8. Hunters are permitted only on Township properties designated on their Township of Hanover Deer Management Hunting Permit. This permit does not grant any permission to hunt any other Township property. The Township of Hanover may stop hunting on Township properties at any time.
9. The Police Chief or his designee will advise on parking areas for hunters and provide an identifying placard which shall be placed on the inside dash of the vehicle, viewable from the outside of the vehicle while hunting.

10. Only bows and arrows, including crossbows are authorized to be used; guns and shotguns are prohibited.
11. No driving/pushing of deer.
12. All hunting is to be done from an elevated, portable stand. Platform (floor of stand) will be a minimum of 12' above the ground. Absolutely no ground hunting is permitted. All stands must be marked with the name and address of its owner.
13. After a deer is harvested, the hunter must remove all parts of the deer from Township property. All harvested deer shall be checked in at a designated New Jersey check station. Deer are not to be gutted on Township property.
14. Every effort will be made to locate injured deer.
15. In the event a deer is wounded and runs to adjacent property, the hunter shall seek permission from the adjacent property owner. In the event the permission is denied, the hunter shall withdraw immediately, report the location of the wounded deer to the Police Department as soon as practical, and consider the matter closed.
16. All hunters shall report at the end of the hunting season the amount of deer they harvested on Township Property on a form provided in your deer cull program packet. *The report will include temporarily turning in all NJ Division of Fish and Game metal deer tags for each deer harvested during the season(s) for which the permit was issued.*
17. All stands are to be removed within four (4) weeks of season's end.