



# City of Pittsburgh Archery Program

## *2023-2024 Rules and Procedures*

Participants must follow all Pennsylvania game laws, including but not limited to; safety zones, seasons and bag limits, and hunter requirements.

In addition, the following rules and procedures will be followed:

1. Participants must undergo a background check, wildlife violation check, and archery proficiency test before being accepted into the program.
2. Program staff, law enforcement, Pittsburgh Parks staff, and city officials have the right to challenge participants at any time. Participants must provide credentials whenever challenged by these individuals. Any reports of a violation will be investigated by program staff and determination will be made if a violation has occurred.
3. Archery proficiency testing will consist of three shots at three targets of unknown distance using arrows with broadheads or practice broadheads. Field tips will not be permitted. Each shot must land inside vitals area of each target.
4. Participants will be assigned a designated area and will not hunt in any other areas of the assigned park or any other city park. A map will be provided to each participant.
5. Safety zone rules apply to all areas. Each participant will be given a map of known safety zones, however, they are responsible for following all safety zones. All Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations must be abided by.
6. Participants will make a thorough and reasonable effort to follow up on all shots and recover any injured deer. Participants must gain permission to recover any deer not found within the property of the park they are hunting. Any lost deer must be reported within 24 hours to program staff.
7. Participants may only harvest white-tailed deer that they are in possession of tags for.
  - a. The first deer harvested must be antlerless and must be reported through the website before any additional deer may be harvested.
  - b. The first deer harvested must also be donated to a food-sharing program such as Hunters Sharing the Harvest. A receipt of donation will be required. Any additional deer harvested may be donated but is not required.
  - c. Participants who harvest more than 2 deer from their area in a season will be given preference in subsequent seasons.
8. Participants may not harvest any game other than white-tailed Deer.
9. Participants will not field dress on city property.
10. Participants must make a reasonable and thorough effort to recover any arrows or parts of arrows after a shot.

11. Participants may have up to 2 tree stands in their area at any given time. Stands must be non-damaging to trees and must be properly tagged with the participant's information per PGC standards or the participant's program ID number. Any tree stands found not properly tagged, in excess of two, or on the property two weeks prior to or after seasons will be confiscated and viewed as a violation.
12. Participants may use 2 game cameras at a time in their designated areas only. Cameras must be non-damaging to trees and must be properly tagged with the participant's information or the participant's program ID number. Any camera found not properly tagged, in excess of two, or on the property two weeks prior to or after seasons will be confiscated and viewed as a violation. Distribution or sharing of any non-wildlife photos or videos taken in the parks will be viewed as a violation.
13. Participants must report via the website, any harvests. In addition, participants must keep a log of hunts. Dates, start and end time each day, harvests, and any other pertinent information. This may also be accomplished through the website. This log must be turned in at the end of each year.
14. Participants must hunt solo. A secondary individual may help remove a harvested deer from the woods.
15. Entry into the program is not transferrable.
16. Participants may not video record their hunts.
17. Participants will maintain strict confidentiality. Participants will not post, share, or send pictures, videos, or information related to the Program, including but not limited to harvests, except with other participants, Program staff, law enforcement, Pittsburgh Parks staff, and city officials and only to the extent strictly necessary for this program.
18. Participants may not use bait.
19. Participants must hold at least one (1) 2B antlerless tag.

By signing this document, I agree to all rules and procedures of this program. I understand that any game law violation or violation of these rules and procedures will result in immediate expulsion from the program and bar me from applying for future programs within the city.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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Hunting CID number

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Phone Number

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Email address

The City of Pittsburgh is committed to providing programs that are free from discrimination. Hunter selection is not influenced or affected by race, age, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, or any other legally protected status.