

HUNTING SAFETY RULES

- 1) **You must hold a current gun license, and a membership to an approved gun or hunting club, that has a personal and public liability insurance included in its membership, such as Sorting Shooter Association of Australia or Australian Deer Association.**
- 2) You must be able to hit a target of 15cm in diameter 3 times at 100m. A proficiency test on arrival at the hunting camp will make sure your rifle is still zeroed correctly and capable of passing the requirement.
- 3) Never have a cartridge in chamber unless ready to shoot at animal or target
- 4) Never aim barrel, weather loaded, unloaded or bolt open at another person, or in a manner that could put another person in jeopardy
- 5) If rifle is cocked to shoot at animal or aimed at target and but is not fired, **make sure the chamber of rifle or shotgun is emptied** before continuing with hunt or leaving the shooting position.
- 6) In vehicles or at camp, rifles and guns must have the chamber open and clear of cartridges or shells.
- 7) In vehicles, rifles and guns must be carried with the barrel facing down at all times with no cartridges or bullets in the chamber.
- 8) Always identify the target before loading the rifle or gun.
- 9) Never shoot at an animal or target if you cannot determine a safe backdrop, ensuring when the bullet is exiting the animal or if it misses the animal, it will hit the ground soon thereafter and not travel on, potentially causing damage to bodily harm or damage to property.
- 10) When walking with rifle shouldered, barrel must point up.
- 11) If walking in a group and your rifle or gun is not shouldered, make sure the barrel is never pointing at other members of group.
- 12) Make sure you do not fire gun or rifle from a position behind another person. If you are behind someone, **uncock your gun or rifle**, move yourself into a position in front of that person or get them to move behind you.
- 13) If someone is shooting and you need to move and change positions, it is your responsibility to stay behind the shooter
- 14) If shooting at running game, you must be within 120m and confident of your ability. If an animal is wounded and needs a follow up shot, than a shot longer than 120m is permitted.
- 15) If you wound an animal and blood is found, but the animal is lost, you will be liable for the cost of that animal. So only shoot if you are confident with the shot.
- 16) If you are using a hunt guide, discuss with him at the beginning of the hunt, whether they should follow up your shot with their own, to help secure the animal. If you decide for the guide to shoot, then you still have to give the command at the time. Before the guide can shoot, he has to get himself into a safe position to do so. Even if the guide shoots, and the animal is still lost, and blood is found, you remain liable for the cost of the deer.
- 17) If you hit and loose and animal while hunting on your own, clearly mark the spot you were shooting from, and the spot you found some blood, so a search can be conducted later. Do not try to hide the fact you hit a deer and it got away, or you misjudged its size and don't want to pay for it. Birds will give away the position of a dead animal very quickly and the guide will know who has shot it, from the area it is in and the state of the animal.
- 18) When using a knife at the hunt, you do so at your own risk. Always cut away from yourself and keep others at a safe distance. Be aware if someone is using a knife around you and stay in a safe position, out of the knife's direction of cutting.
- 19) No Handguns are allowed at the hunting properties.
- 20) When approaching a shoot animal, from a safe vantage point, make sure the animal is dead, if not, finish it off with another round into a vital area such as heart, neck or head. Do not attempt to wrestle the animal with a knife. Antlers and horns can inflict injuries and even be fatal.
- 21) Your gun or rifle must be in a safe and sound state. It is your responsibility to have a safe load and safe equipment at the hunting properties.
- 22) Inform the guide immediately of any problems your gun or rifle develops during the hunt.
- 23) If hunting on your own, make sure you understand exactly where you are meant to be hunting, and what you should do in the case of getting lost or injured during that hunt. If you have difficulties with directions and basic orientation, inform the guide so he can take the appropriate precautions.
- 24) If you have any health issues that may restrict your ability to get about, such as heart problem, emphysema, epilepsy etc, it is your responsibility to inform the guide of such things, so we can try to accommodate your requirements.

HUNTING CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) No smoking in the huts.
- 2) The bush is a beautiful place, please leave it the way you found it, and take your rubbish back to the bin at the hunting camp.
- 3) You are expected to get along with others in the camp. Be accepting of others, try not to brag, be patient, courteous and helpful, regardless of whether you are a beginner or experienced.
- 4) If issues arise, try to resolve them peacefully. If you cannot, inform the guide and he will help where possible.
- 5) Take care of other people's equipment. Any damage you incur will have to be paid for.
- 6) Inspect any items loaned to you before you take them, and inform the guide of any problems, as you are liable for any loss or damage, from the time you signed out an item until the time it is signed in again.
- 7) To make it easier for the guides, help out a bit in and around the hut. For instance, sweep out the hut or veranda, keep the shower clean, or give it a quick wipe down as you finish. Keep the rooms tidy and wash your dishes.
- 8) No excessive drinking while at the property, as there are guns and rifles around. If you get intoxicated you will not be allowed to hunt within 12 hours of your last drink or maybe even asked to leave the hunting camp once sober. Two or three drinks of alcohol are allowed per day, after the hunt. 3 Light beers per day plus any amount of soft drink is provided.
- 9) Help yourself to snacks at all times, but remember to share with others.
- 10) Meals are cooked as soon as possible, but sometimes the guide is busy coping or with other tasks that might take a while. So be patient, or help out.
- 11) Let the guide know of your fitness level so he can adjust the hunting to suit you.
- 12) The guide will not be held responsible if any animal you choose to shoot is not up to your expectations.
- 13) If you conduct yourself in a manner that is obnoxious to others or cannot follow the code of conduct as set out above, or are in breach of firearm safety rules, the guide in charge has the right to terminate your hunt and you will be liable for the costs you have incurred up to that stage.
- 14) Most important of all, enjoy yourself, and remember, it is not about how big your trophy is, but about what you make of the experience.

INDEMNITY

I,(name) declare I have read, understood and accept the "safety rules" and "code of conduct" as set out above and will accept the consequences if I do not follow them.

I declare I have a current gun license, ID number..... and there is no reason, legal or medical, why I should not hunt.

I am proficient with the handling of weapons and have an understanding of firearms safety.

I understand I am conducting an outdoors sport which involves traversing unpredictable terrain, weapons that could inflict deadly injuries, and riding in vehicles that are crossing unpredictable terrain and in doing so could get injured at any time and do so at my own risk. If I drive any vehicles, whether my own, the hunting outfits, the property owners or any other on the properties or on the road, I do so at my own risk. I hold a current drivers license.

At no time is the hunting outfit "Down Under Taxidermy and Hunting ", its staff or the property owners where hunts are conducted liable for injuries that occur during the hunt, including travelling to and from the properties. I declare I do not have any health problems that would create a risk to my health other than the ones I have outlined below:

Health Problems:.....

*Target attached from proficiency test

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 Client Signature Date

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 Witness Signature Date

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 Print full Name

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 Print full Name

Client Address:

Client phone: