

Appendix A
Ordinance #100-018

Town of Ledyard
Hunting Rules and Regulations

All hunting activity will be strictly regulated to ensure the safety of all recreationalists and to protect the natural resources of Ledyard.

- 1) Hunting permits for hunting deer (archery only) on certain designated parcels of Town owned land shall be issued via lottery system to any legal resident of the Town of Ledyard who has completed a CT Bowhunting Safety Course and can pass a qualifications check administered by the Town.
 - a) A legal resident is one who has a legal permanent physical address in Ledyard, normally a state issued ID (requiring notification of change of address within 48 hours). Residence must be verified by presenting a valid CT Drivers License. Residents currently serving in the military must show appropriate proof of residence within Ledyard if they do not have a CT Drivers License (utility bill with current mailing address, etc.).
 - b) Applicants must present a certificate from the State of Connecticut showing they have completed the State's Bowhunting Safety Course.
 - c) Lottery applications may be submitted in writing between May 1 and May 31 for the hunting season during the current calendar year only.
 - d) The lottery will be held in Town Hall prior to July 1. Applicants need not be present, and will be notified via email. Winning lottery entries are valid for the current hunting season only.
 - e) Winning lottery permits are not transferable.
 - f) Applicants winning the lottery must pass the qualifications test administered by the Town to prove minimum competency with a compound bow (shoot from an elevated stand at various ranges at a 3D target, minimum score 75%).
 - g) A maximum of 6 permits shall be issued for each property (total of 12). Winning lottery permission slips may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office with proper identification and valid CT archery hunting license.
- 2) All hunters will be required to secure written permission from the Town of Ledyard using official CT DEEP Private Land Permission forms found on the CT DEEP website before hunting on Town owned and regulated deer hunting property as specified herein. The Town will administer written permission slips through the Town Clerk's office beginning July 1 for hunters holding winning lottery entry slips.
- 3) Hunters must hold a current, valid CT hunting license for archery deer with tags, and shall comply with all CT DEEP hunting regulations.
- 4) At the time of permit issuance, individuals shall be required to complete and sign the town's Hunting Legal Release Form and Waiver of Liability which relieves the Town of all liability in the case of accident or injury. Individual hunters must have read and understood all applicable federal, state, and Town of Ledyard hunting regulations before being issued a permit.
- 5) Hunting shall be limited to the following Town of Ledyard owned properties and open space properties not owned by the Town of Ledyard, as recorded on the Deed of the Land Records or with written consent of the property owner.
 - a) Clark Farm (1025 Colonel Ledyard Highway) (Town Owned Property)
 - b) Founders Preserve Parcel (332 Colonel Ledyard Highway) (Avalonia Land Conservancy)
- 6) Hunting days and times will follow State regulations with the following exceptions:
 - a) Hunting is prohibited on Sundays.
 - b) Hunting will be closed on Columbus Day.
 - c) Hunting hours will follow State regulations. In addition, all hunting must end at 10:00 a.m. every Saturday during the hunting seasons.

- 7) Applicants for recreational use of town owned property shall not be assessed a tax or charged a fee, for the granting of such privilege.
- 8) Only archery deer hunting will be permitted, subject to the regulations herein. All other types of hunting on Town owned land is prohibited.

Regulated Deer Hunting Rules

- 1) The methods of taking deer are limited by archery equipment consisting of a long bow (straight limb, reflex, re-curve, and compound bow) of not less than forty (40) pounds pull, and broad-head arrows with at least two cutting edges seven eighths inches (7/8") or greater at the widest point, and shall comply with all CT regulations.
 - a) A bowstring release device where the bow is hand-held, hand-drawn, and finger-released is allowed.
 - b) Legal bows must meet the definition of a legal bow as defined in these regulations.
 - c) Crossbows are not permitted.
- 2) Firearms or other weapons are not allowed at any time for any purpose.
- 3) No hunter shall harass, injure, hunt, or take any other wildlife while hunting deer on Town property.
- 4) Bowhunting while under the influence of, or in possession of, alcohol or any controlled substance is prohibited.
- 5) No permanent tree stands or ground blinds allowed.
- 6) The use of nails, spikes, bolts, or devices that may damage trees is prohibited.
- 7) Portable commercial tree stands and/or ground blinds are encouraged for all deer hunting activity. All such equipment must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.
- 8) The Town of Ledyard will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment.
- 9) Any hunter utilizing a portable tree stand must wear a fall arresting, full safety harness when hunting from a stand. Light pruning of trees and branches less than 2 inches in diameter (except for CT protected species) is permitted.
- 10) All deer hunting activity must be conducted from a stationary position.
- 11) Organized deer drives are strictly prohibited.
- 12) No motor vehicles are allowed for use on the premises except for those specifically authorized for use by the handicapped or for parking in designated parking areas or roadside parking not otherwise prohibited by law. All motor vehicle use (except for parking) shall be authorized in writing on the consent form.
- 13) No dressing of game shall occur on the property. All waste material shall be removed from the property.
- 14) Hunters must carry written permission slips, licenses, and deer tags on their person while hunting, in accordance with State law.
- 15) All other deer laws and regulations enacted by the State of Connecticut will be in effect and must be followed by all deer hunters.

Amended and Adopted by Ledyard Town Council on: April 28, 2021

Linda C. Davis, Chairman