

Public Notice: Deer Hunting – Antler Point Restriction Proposal Meeting & Vote

This is a public notice of a potential new deer hunting regulation which you, as a stakeholder, have the opportunity to weigh in on.

USAG West Point is proposing the implementation of an antler restriction where only bucks displaying at least one antler with at least three, one inch points may be harvested. This regulation would be implemented across all hunting areas and seasons, indefinitely. Some hunters in selected categories will be exempt from this rule. Change to the antlerless harvest is not under consideration at this time.

As the above will have a significant impact upon how the West Point hunting community will take deer in the future, the Garrison is hosting two town hall type meetings, lasting approximately 1 hour each, where the matter can be discussed and participants vote for or against the proposal. The matter will then be brought to the Garrison Commander for resolution.

Suggested Language:

All antlered deer harvested from USAG West Point must display no less than three, one inch points (to include the brow-tines if present) on at least one antler. This regulation shall be in effect for all NYS Big Game Seasons (Early, Regular, and Late). Exempted from this policy shall be those in the Junior, Cadet, or Senior Customer Types, and those hunters with a 40% or greater Service Disability as demonstrated through DoD issued ID. All other NYS or local regulations and bag limits apply. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of hunting privileges on the Garrison for one calendar year from the date of infraction.

Requirements: Voting must be done in person, and ballots will only be given to those stakeholders holding an iSportsman account. Individuals eligible to vote on this proposal will include those individuals belonging to one the following Customer Types: Active Duty Military, West Point Civilian, Dependent (Age 16 & Up), Retiree (Under Age 65), Cadet, 100% Service Disabled Veteran, Senior (Ages 65 and Up), and Junior Hunter (Age 12 to 15). ID is required to receive your ballot. All new registration applications for iSportsman must be submitted for vetting no later than 25 September. All vetting procedures apply.

Dates / Times of Meetings: 30 Sept at 18:00, and 3 Oct at 18:00

Location: The ODIA Building, BLDG 639