

2026 WEST POINT REGULATION 215-5 UPDATE NOTICE

In May 2026, West Point updated *West Point Regulation 215-5 – USAG West Point Outdoor Recreation Activities*, which governs endorsed recreational activity policies, responsibilities and procedures as well as fish and wildlife resource protection at West Point. As such, it regulates permitted hunting, trapping, fishing, boating and other activities at West Point. With its first update in 15 years, *West Point Regulation 215-5 (2026)* supersedes *USMA Regulation 215-5 (2011)*. Updates include:

- **Ch.1, Sec. II – Responsibilities** (p. 5-7); This section preserves the respective administrative roles for MWR, DPW, DES, and DPTMS program managers. There are minor updates due to New York State and local West Point programmatic and enforcement changes since the last version of this regulation such as the fish/game website launch, CLEO unit creation, etc.
- **Ch. 1, Sec. III – General Policies** (p. 8-14): This section expands on general policies applicable to all activities. It divides the old, basic general policy section into a new, more comprehensive section composed of updated programmatic, safety, implement, check-in/out, access, vehicle/etc. use, guest, local permit/fee, federal/state license, and season/bag limit subsections.
- **Ch. 2 – Small Game Hunting** (p. 14-16): After *Ch.1, Sec III* general policy updates, a simpler small game general policy subsection focuses on pheasant hunting. Other subsections are mostly preserved with key post-website and other updates including furbearers, waterfowl (e.g. blinds, under-power hunting, etc.), and spring turkey (e.g. blaze orange, on Post hours, etc.).
- **Ch. 3 – Big Game Hunting** (p. 16-18): After detailed *Ch.1, Sec III* general policy updates, key updates to big game general policy, archery, firearms, DMP program, lottery, and muzzleloader subsections include long-adopted post-website updates, harvest, archery blaze orange (also *Ch.1, Sec III, p.9*) and tree stand rules and codifies long-adopted crossbow and youth rules.
- **Ch. 4 – Fishing** (p.18-20): The fishing areas subsection updates include new recreation and training waters listing and public Long Pond fishing use (notice coming soon). The fishing general policy subsection updates include an ice fishing check-in mandate and aquatic invasive species control. Stocking, reporting, and other subsections were preserved.
- **Ch. 5 – Trapping** (p. 21-22): After detailed *Ch.1, Sec III* general policy updates, the trapping general policy subsection is mostly preserved but simplified and consolidated. Key differences include post-website updates, greater focus on best management practices and registration, simplified alignment with state regulations, and slight changes to program area terms.
- **Ch. 6, Sec I – Boating** (p. 22-23): Boating is now given its own section separate from fishing. In the boating procedures and policies subsection, powerboat registration and rental procedures, jet ski ban, permits, safety and aquatic invasive species control are discussed. The boating areas subsection remains preserved with new Lusk Reservoir watercraft rules.

Ch. 6 (p.24-26) also discusses camping, hiking, ATV/ROV/etc. use, biking, swimming, and riding. Ch. 7 (p. 26) details enforcement procedures/policy. Appendices A-E (p. 30-42) list references, eligibility priorities, offenses and administrative actions, aquatic invasive species control and phone numbers.

This regulation will continue to be supplemented by annual and special season notices, as needed. All other federal, New York State, and local rules and regulations apply to all activities. Users can find the new West Point Regulation 215-5 [HERE](#) and on the West Point iSportsman site's Regulations Page.