

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

06.02 Certain Firearms And Ammunition Prohibited During Modern Gun Deer Seasons

- A. It is unlawful to hunt deer during statewide modern gun deer seasons with:
1. Prohibited alternative firearms (Code [06.03](#));
 2. Any .410 shotguns using ammunition other than slugs;
 3. Any shotguns using shot smaller than No. 4 buckshot;
 4. Handguns with either:
 - i. Barrels shorter than 4 inches,
 - ii. Conventional straight-walled calibers less than .57, or
 - iii. Bottleneck-case calibers less than .22;
 5. Rifles or handguns using rimfire cartridges in compliance with Code [06.11](#);
 6. Any centerfire rifle smaller than .22 caliber; or
 7. Air Rifles, except big bore air rifles that meet all of the following requirements:
 - i. A minimum of .40 caliber;
 - ii. Produce a minimum of 400 foot pounds of muzzle energy;
 - iii. Are charged via an external tank; and
 - iv. Propels a single, expandable slug.
- B. It also is unlawful for any person to hunt deer during modern gun deer seasons in Deer Zones 4 or 5 with any firearms other than the following:
1. Shotguns (.410 or larger) with slugs only;
 2. Legal alternative firearms (Code [06.03](#));
 3. Handguns having barrels no less than 4 inches in length and chambered specifically for straight-wall centerfire cartridge cases and hunting with lead and, lead alloy, soft-nose and/or hollow-point bullets no less than .30 caliber; or
 4. Big bore air rifles that meet all of the following requirements:
 - i. A minimum of .40 caliber;
 - ii. Produce a minimum of 400 foot pounds of muzzle energy;
 - iii. Are charged via an external tank; and
 - iv. Propel a single, expandable slug.
 5. Rifles chambered specifically for straight-wall centerfire cartridge cases and hunting with lead and lead alloy, soft-nose and/or hollow-point bullets no less than .30 caliber.
- C. Archery, muzzleloader, or modern gun may be used during the private land antlerless modern gun deer hunt, hunter orange will still be required, and only 1 weapon of choice is allowed.

EXCEPTION:

During Modern gun season only: Longbows, compound bows or crossbows capable of firing or holding ready-to-fire more than one arrow or bolt simultaneously or in succession without the string being re-cocked between shots.

PENALTY: Class 1